

Edition 3: June 2011

# Olive Phillips Kindergarten

## Presidents' Report - Karen Munn & Alison Stansby

Well who can believe that we are at the end of Term 2 - it seems like yesterday that the children were settling in to kindergarten life. They all seem very settled and happy and I know my daughter is loving playing and making new friends from week to week together with playing in the sandpit, the cubby house, making anything she possibly can from boxes, milk cartons, ribbons etc and just loving the whole OPK experience. Every morning when she wakes up, the first think she says is "do I go to kinder today?" It is certainly a credit to our wonderful teaching staff as they do a fabulous job.

We had a lovely evening on Friday 17 June at the Winter Solstice and the kinder children together with siblings simply loved the experience of being at kinder at night time and a big thank you must go to Tobey and David for organising the night and to all those parents who made delicious soups for us all to share. We look forward to the upcoming Art Exhibition scheduled for Sunday 7 August. Invitations will be sent out shortly.

The new garden beds are being built this coming weekend so when the children return in Term 3 together with the teaching staff, they will have lots of fun planting flowers/herbs/vegetables and watching them grow. Thanks to Jill Blackman and Angie Gilchrist for organising this to go ahead.

By now everyone hopefully has ordered the kinder photos through the direct link sent from Little World Photography and please note that all payments are made direct to the photographer and not the kinder. Deliveries will however be made to the kinder shortly. We hope you all have a lovely break over the holiday period and look forward to seeing everyone back fit and healthy on Monday 18 July.

Kind Regards

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## Very Generous Donation by Stella Clarke

We are extremely fortunate again this year to have had a beautiful piece of artwork donated to our kindergarten. It is called "Summer Storm at Half Moon" and is painted by Stella Clarke, a parent at the kindergarten. It can be purchased at the silent auction on the day of the art exhibition. The painting is on display inside the kindergarten and further information will be sent out shortly regarding the reserve price. All proceeds will go towards the proposed children's art studio. Please take the time to look at Stella's website: [www.suburban312.com.au](http://www.suburban312.com.au) - click artists/ Stella Clarke.



## Green Group

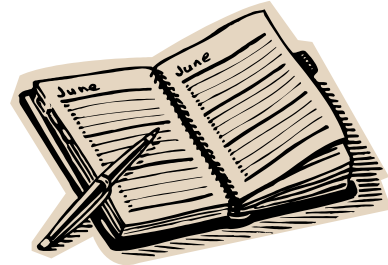
First Green Group Parents Get Together Dinner for 2011 was held on 12<sup>th</sup> May at Six Keys Restaurant. A great night was had by all! Watch this space for details of further events in Term 3.

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## Refrigerator needed for kinder kitchen

The current fridge in our kitchen is pretty old and is starting to show signs of rust so we were wondering if anyone may have any contacts of where we could obtain a second hand fridge in excellent condition at a reduced rate. We do require a freezer section as well. All enquiries can be sent to Karen Munn on [munnkaren@hotmail.com](mailto:munnkaren@hotmail.com)

## Upcoming Dates



Red Group Excursion to National Gallery of Victoria, Federation Square: **Tuesday 19th July,**

Blue Group Excursion to National Gallery of Victoria, Federation Square: **Thursday 21st July**

OPK Art Exhibition: **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

## Please note

PARTY INVITATIONS must be distributed to children's homes and not via the kindergarten

## Whooping Cough Vaccine

As you may be aware, whooping cough can be deadly, especially for babies under six months old. Whooping cough infection rates are still at very high levels in Victoria. The main way babies catch whooping cough is from infected parents and siblings. In response to high levels of infection, the Department of Health has extended its offer of a free whooping cough vaccine to **parents of newborn babies** and **partners of pregnant women** until 30 June 2012. For more information please contact the Department of Health Immunisation Section on 1300 882 008.