



# Olive Phillips Kindergarten.

## Presidents' Report - Karen Munn & Alison Stansby

On behalf of the Committee of Management and Teachers we would like to welcome all families of Olive Phillips. A special warm welcome to those families that are new to OPK, we know that your child will enjoy their time at the kinder during these very important years.

We welcome back our wonderful teachers Angela Barr, Emma Smith, Christine DeFontenay and Liz Dendrinis. A special congratulations to Emma who got married on Saturday 6 March.

We now have a full Committee of Management as follows (colour-coded by their child's group):

<b>Co-President</b>	<b>Karen Munn</b>
<b>Co-President</b>	<b>Alison Stansby</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Janice Brown</b>
<b>Payroll Officer</b>	<b>Nadine McFadries</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Rebecca Wattam</b>
<b>Assisant Secretary</b>	<b>D'Arne Finnis</b>
<b>Enrolment Officer</b>	<b>Katie Wade</b>
<b>Council Liaison Officer</b>	<b>Marita Quirk</b>
<b>Administration Officer</b>	<b>Amy Roberts</b>
<b>Social Officer</b>	<b>Tobey Morley</b>
<b>Vision Co-Ordinator</b>	<b>Marcie McDowell</b>
<b>Funds Acquisition Officer</b>	<b>Jill Blackman/Angie Crofts</b>
<b>Policy Officer</b>	<b>Sarah Barton</b>
<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>Claudia Fischer/Alison Weldin</b>

Thank you to all those who have volunteered their time to be on the Committee in 2011, the kinder certainly can't run without you. We have already had one committee meeting with outstanding attendance and enthusiasm.

The Committee are always happy to help wherever possible to make your family's experience at the Kindergarten enjoyable and rewarding. If we don't know the answer right away (we're all learning on the job!) then we'll do our best to get things sorted out ASAP. As a first port of call for non-teaching/educational related items, please do use your wonderful Class Reps. They will track down the appropriate committee member if necessary or just simply get you an answer you would like.

**Green Group - Michele McNamara**

**Blue Group - Ingeborg Pratt**

**Red Group - Merryn Powell**

On behalf of the Committee of Management we hope you and your family have a fantastic year at OPK.

Kind Regards  
**Karen Munn**  
0404 018 445

**Alison Stansby**  
0448 234 002.



## Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday 30 March:  
Parent Discovery Night**
- **Saturday 2 April:  
Kindergarten Open Day**
- **Friday 17 June:  
Winter Solstice**
- **Sunday 7 August:  
OPK Art Exhibition**

**LAST DAY OF TERM 1:  
FRIDAY 8 APRIL**

**START DATE OF TERM 2:  
WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL**

## Green Group Get-Together

Green Group had its first get together for the year, a Get-to-Know-You Picnic Lunch, on Friday 18 March in the park behind the kinder.

The weather held out even though it was a little on the cool side and there was a good turnout of people. Kids and parents all had a good time.

Next function will be a night out somewhere local. Watch this space!

Green Group Class Rep

Michele McNamara

## Safety Reminder

- All children must be picked up from the carpet area/group area. Teachers will let the child know when they can leave with the right person.
- Older siblings cannot take children out of the centre.
- Younger siblings must be supervised in the kindergarten - especially before and after sessions.
- Term 1 & Term 4 require all children to be sunsmart - wearing sunscreen and hats with wide brims (please no caps).
- Your child's footwear should be appropriate for climbing and outdoor activity - thongs and crocs are not considered suitable.
- Please observe the Entry and Exit signs in the OPK car park.
- If you are unsure about the new laws for child restraints, you must visit

[www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/childrestraints/](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/childrestraints/)

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**MERRYN'S MEGA MOVING HOUSE  
GARAGE SALE**

**THIS SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
7 AM START  
SPICER STREET, BEAUMARIS**

**LOTS AND LOTS OF KIDS STUFF**



## Class Raps 2011



Green Group - Michele McNamara



Red Group - Merryyn Powell



Blue Group - Ingeborg Pratt



**\$20 for 2 Courses  
Lunch Special**

Available Fri - Sun lunch

Includes:

Bruschetta of the Day

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Any choice of pasta, risotto or salad

With a glass of wine or soft drink

Bookings essential - Call 9589 2627

6 Keys street, Beaumaris 3193

[www.sixkeys.com.au](http://www.sixkeys.com.au)



## Notices

### **Maintenance**

As no-one has volunteered to co-ordinate maintenance in 2011, we have had to employ an external gardening maintenance company who will work on a monthly basis. In order to cover their costs, the \$50 maintenance levy will not be refunded to families at the end of the year.

The kinder will still however require bits and pieces of other maintenance where the teachers will ask for volunteers to help out. This assistance will be greatly appreciated in order to keep the kinder in tip-top shape

### **Communication**

The absolute best way to stay abreast of current issues and happenings is to remember to check your child's information pocket located near the front door. Also check the noticeboard in the bag room regularly for correspondence and committee minutes.

Thank you to all those families who supplied their email addresses to receive the newsletter electronically rather than by hard copy. It's great to be part of paperless society and support the sustainability of our environment -  
THINK BEFORE YOU PRINT!!!

For ease of availability, all of our newsletters are posted on our website  
[www.olivephillipskindergarten.com.au](http://www.olivephillipskindergarten.com.au)

If you did not choose to receive the newsletter electronically but would like to be added to the mailing list, please let your teacher know - and don't forget to give them your email address.



### **Uniform**

If you would like to purchase an OPK uniform (t-shirt, windcheater or hat), the order forms are located on the notice board next to the fees box. Please complete the order form and place it (with your payment) in the fees box. When your order has been filled it will be sent home with your child.

### **Collecting your child**

A gentle reminder to collect your child on time! As you are aware there are following groups commencing most days. After some session's teachers attend network meetings, staff meetings, in-services, and professional development. They also need to continue programming planning and organising the learning environment.

### **Your Help is Needed**

In the next few months we will build 3 sleeper retaining walls for the kinder's herb/vegie garden. We are looking for kinder families who can help with this project in any way - sourcing materials, assisting with construction and installation or logistics etc. If you can help us out please email Jill Blackman (Ash's mum from Blue Group) at [jill.blackman@med.monash.edu.au](mailto:jill.blackman@med.monash.edu.au).

2. The committee is currently exploring all funding options for the kinder's new and exciting projects. We were wondering whether anyone can put us in contact with a Rotary member to discuss possible grants. If you know of anyone please contact Angie Crofts (Sophie's mum from Blue Group) at [agilla@aapt.net.au](mailto:agilla@aapt.net.au).



### Welcome BBQ

The BBQ was held on the 20 February on a wet and windy Sunday morning thank-you to all the families that attended. A big thank you to David & Tobey for all their hard work and yummy sausages.



Tobey and David Morley





## Special Guests at OPK

Big thanks to the staff at OPK to giving the children the opportunity to see chicks hatch from eggs. Inspired by it, the children produced some very feathery art work.



## Emma's Wedding Present

Thank you to all those families who recently contributed to the wedding gift for Emma. You were all very generous and we collected just over \$300. It was decided that we would let the newlyweds chose a gift for themselves and so Myer vouchers were bought for them and presented to Emma at her last kinder session before the wedding.

Now that Emma has returned from her honeymoon, we hope that Emma and Duncan can enjoy spending the vouchers and find a gift that they will treasure forever.

Kind regards  
Karen Munn and Ali Stansby  
Co-Presidents  
Olive Phillips Kindergarten



## Summary of a Statement by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Victoria regarding the Risk of Illnesses Due To Mosquito Borne Viruses

### Main Points

In light of the recent floods in Victoria, there has been an increase in the population of mosquitoes and there is a risk that illnesses due to mosquito borne viruses will start to occur.

It is timely to revisit some general advice about protecting children and young people from mosquitoes, particularly in flood affected areas.

### Actions Required

#### Prevention

There are 2 broad guidelines for prevention:

Avoid getting bitten by mosquitoes by limiting outdoor activities at dawn and dusk where possible.

Mosquito control around the home, school or early childhood service:

Reduce available breeding areas for mosquitoes, particularly still, shallow water (e.g. in pot plants, car tyres, etc) where possible.

Check insect screens on windows and doors.

Eliminate mosquitoes found inside buildings.



## **Health advice**

What to look out for and what to do:

It is important that school and children's services staff are alert to the possibility of an illness as a result of a mosquito bite in students or children. A child may show signs of a high temperature, feeling unwell or lethargic and may also experience nausea, vomiting and dizziness.

Advise the parent or guardian that they should take the child to a general practitioner for further advice and care.

For further information see the following Department of Health websites:

Mosquito control around the home

(<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ideas/diseases/mosbites>)

Vector borne (by insects) diseases

([http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ideas/diseases/gr\\_vector](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ideas/diseases/gr_vector))

Avoid getting bitten by mosquitoes

([http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ideas/diseases/avoid\\_bitten](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ideas/diseases/avoid_bitten))

Ross River virus and Barmah Forest virus - the facts

([http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ideas/diseases/rrv\\_facts](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ideas/diseases/rrv_facts))

Murray Valley encephalitis fact sheet

(<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ideas/diseases/murray-valley-encephalitis>)