

# Mansfield Kindergarten May 2019

## Fundraising News!

A BIG congratulations to Kellie, Tayte and other Committee members who helped make our Comedy Night fundraiser so successful. We raised just over \$5,000 for our kindergarten!

Huge thanks also, to everyone who donated to our Silent Auction. What a great community we live in.

## **Education Week at Mansfield Kindergarten 20th – 24<sup>th</sup> May**

To celebrate education week we invite all parents to drop into their child's session/s during the week. The theme this year is "Celebrating Careers". We have a number of parents coming in to talk to the children about their jobs/careers. If you are interested in participating, please see your teacher. We also have Mansfield Primary School preps coming to visit us during the week and read some stories to our children. Our 4-year-olds are also visiting the library.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### This Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Curriculum

### Day NO KINDER

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May Committee Meeting – all welcome!

Monday 21, Tuesday 22, Thursday 23 – Mansfield Primary School preps visit.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Library excursion Red and Green Groups – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May Blue Group

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Curriculum Day **NO KINDER**

Wednesday 5, Tues. & Wed 11/12, Tues. & Wed 18/19, Tues 25/26 Lauriston students Community Service at kinder.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June Committee Meeting – all welcome!

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Last day of Term 2 for 4-year-old kinder. Early finish at 1.30

### Little Kinder Photo Days –

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June



## Reminders

Parking for Earth Kinder is located at the Information Centre. We have had a number of parents parking near our site. This is unsafe for our children. Please allow enough time to park and walk down to our site.

**Please ensure your child is equipped with gloves, a beanie and thick socks for these cold mornings. Gumboots are not warm, so sturdy boots are more suitable. We play outside no matter what the temperature is!!!!**

**A friendly reminder to ALL families to be punctual to pick up your children. No child enjoys being the last one left at kinder wondering what has happened to their parent or carer. As per our policy, LATE FEES WILL BE CHARGED.**

**Our double gates at the entrance to kinder keep our children safe. Please don't hold the gates open while chatting or waiting for friends to come in.**

**Don't forget to put Mansfield Kindergarten as your 'points recipient' at Marks IGA Supermarket. Thank you!**

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## Inquiry-based learning...

Young children love to ask questions. It's one of the ways in which they make sense of the world and their place in it. Questions are also a powerful tool for educators to promote children's thinking and learning. When children are able to pose questions and investigate answers, they feel in charge of their own learning. Mansfield Kindergarten uses inquiry-based approaches to learning so that we harness this spirit of investigation. Creating an interesting, engaging and meaningful curriculum we use children's interests and questions as a starting point for effective learning. For young children, the most effective learning happens when they have repeated opportunities to use materials and resources to develop understandings of new concepts and ideas. One of the best aspects of inquiry-based approaches is that they often lead to extended, ongoing investigations. When children reflect on what they have done previously, plan for what they are going to do in the future, and have the opportunity to discuss, rethink and change their plans as they go, their learning and thinking becomes far more complex.