

Just in case you missed
this ...



2020 Committee

Dear Parents,

As most of you know, Mansfield Kindergarten is run and managed by a Committee of Management (parents with way too much spare time... or not) in conjunction with our fine staff.

The 2019 Committee has had a hugely rewarding year with repeated grant success (on ya, Sonja), increased staffing and programs, financial and administrative improvements and first-rate fundraising. Unfortunately, many of our current committee members will be moving on at the end of the year as their children progress to school.

Whilst there is still a good chunk of 2019 left, the end of the year is fast approaching. Now is the time to think about joining the Committee in 2020. We invite you to talk to any of the staff or current committee members or come along to our monthly meetings to find out a bit more. You can make a valuable contribution regardless of your skills and experience. Aside from that, it is just good, wholesome fun.

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President

Mansfield Kindergarten

Mansfield Kindergarten August 2019



The Flying Bookworm Company visits...

Each year, our kindergarten is fortunate enough to enjoy a visit from a children's theatre company called The Flying Bookworm Company. They perform short plays based on well-known children's stories (this year included The Great Big Enormous Turnip and The Three Billy Goats Gruff) and involve the children in their performance. The re-enactment of well-known stories assists children to become effective communicators, express ideas and make meaning. Children's rich spoken language, as well as their gestures and actions, underpin the development of basic literacy and numeracy concepts. On top of all this, the children had a ball!!! Thank you, fund-raisers, for making these incursions possible.



What's happening in 3- year- old kinder?

Our 3-year-olds have been busy learning all about road safety – in our block corner we have cars, road signs, maps and traffic lights for imaginative and role play activities. Educators are focussing on 'Stop, Look, Listen and Think' and holding hands while crossing the road. The children are also learning about different shapes and colour recognition.



French in our classrooms...did you know that each week our French teacher, Anja spends time with our four-year-olds conversing in French? This term, we have explored colours, body parts, numbers and animals. Last week our children explored healthy eating, specifically fruit. They made a *supermarché* – supermarket, cut up fruit to make kebabs, and then bought and sold the sticks, all in French!

Early Years Learning Tip

Communities and social development

It is the warm and thoughtful relationships that children have with their families and communities that support their social development. They learn how to respect themselves, others, animals and the environment by watching how the important people in their lives manage these same interactions. When the family and community around them accept and embrace difference, uniqueness and the people and world at large, children will too.



IMPORTANT DATES

August 19th – Children’s Book Week -theme “Reading is my Secret Power”. Children dress up on Monday 19th (Blue group and 3 year old kinder), Tuesday 20th (Green and Red groups) and Wednesday 21st (3 year old kinder)

August 21st 10.30am-
Mansfield Primary School visit for Book Week

August 20th – Committee Meeting at kinder – 7.00pm all welcome

September 17th – Committee Meeting at kinder – 7.00pm all welcome.

September 19th and 20th – Barry Peters children’s musician incursion for Red, Green and Blue Groups

Friday September 20th – Last day of Term 3 Blue Group finish at 1.30pm