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ALBANY CREEK KINDERGARTEN – COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Keep up to date and share
our wonderful kindy with
our local community.

Find us on Facebook at:
Albany Creek Kindergarten

Grants

Please continue to keep a
lookout for any grants we
might be eligible to apply
for.

Successful grants have
paid for significant
improvements & resources
for the kindy.

Dates for the diary

- 15th, 22nd & 29th October - Triple P Positive Parenting Seminar
- 2nd November - Save the date 'End of year celebration' at Chipmunks*
- 4th November - Bush care

*Please see below for further details

Please note the Albany Creek Library will be closed from 12 November - 16 December for refurbishment

Friday 2nd November

5pm – 7pm

Where: Chipmunks, Everton Park

Cost: \$5/child or \$10/family

BYO: food & drink





Was a huge success with over 100 people in attendance!

"Thank you Kath – you did such an amazing job and it was a wonderful night! Can't wait until next year!"

Of course the night would not have been possible without the fantastic work of Kath, her helpers and our local business community who generously donated all of our prizes!

To those who attended, **THANK YOU!!!** We had lots of fun testing our knowledge, buying answers, participating in the games & raffles, trying to out-bid one another in the silent auctions and forming new friendships.

We raised an **OUTSTANDING \$4,333!**



Congratulations to all the winners of our Father's Day Raffle, including the mum from the green group who was winner of 1st prize – three night's accommodation at "Yidney Rocks Fraser Island"! Our Father's Day raffle raised an **incredible \$726** – thank you to everyone who bought tickets!

A huge thank you to all our sponsors, for supporting both of these amazing events!



Please support the businesses that so generously support our Kindy!

Personalised tea towels

The children and teachers have been busy creating beautiful artworks for our 2018 kindergarten tea towel. The artworks have been sent to the supplier and we are currently waiting on the "image" for our tea towel to be generated.

Stay tuned...you will be receiving more information on how to order your tea towel in your parent pocket soon!





Don't forget, when ordering with "Stuck On You" (labels, bags, stationery and more!) to enter the fundraising code for Albany Creek Kindy (**erniestreet**). Any rewards from "Stuck on You" contribute towards valuable resources for our Kindy.

Director's Report: September, 2018.

We have had a very busy and fulfilling term. Since our last newsletter all groups had the opportunity to participate in a Book Week experience with our local librarians from Albany Creek Library. The children were able to find out about book week, look at some of the nominated and award-winning books and listen to some of the stories (Bw Exploring and EYLF Learning outcome 5). During book week, we also participated in the "Premier's reading challenge". Throughout the week each group of children were involved in 20-60 shared literacy experiences at Kindergarten and at home.

Individual classes continue to extend on the children's interests to create positive learning outcomes. Mrs Wilson's class developed a strong interest in dinosaurs and explored this in great detail. The group used books, craft, music, construction play and much more to express both new and prior learning. It was a great opportunity to build mathematical skills as we used non-fiction books to measure and compare the sizes of dinosaurs- Did you know the Brontosaurus would have to wrap its body around our entire classroom to fit in? More recently the group have been looking at Emergency services and other occupations. This interest evolved from a friend telling us about visiting the local Fire station and a Police station being built in the block area.

Both of Mrs Bull's groups have continued to explore different ways of telling stories by making their own puppets and using story blocks to build a story. They have added words to paintings and also used magnets to make up stories. With the Premier's Reading challenge, it opened discussions about our favourite stories. Outside, both groups have been keen to "go camping". They have done nature hunts and dinosaur fossil expeditions as well. The Yellow group have also discussed recipes and their favourite foods. As a result, they cooked vegetable soup and are looking forward to making sushi.

The Young Kindergarten children have been experiencing different textures such as clay, mercury dough and slime. They have been enjoying watching the silkworms grow, which are now big enough to handle. The group continue to enjoy sharing stories on outdoor experiences. It was lots of fun showing the Dads the Kindergarten and dancing the Hokey Pokey with them.

Miss Russell's class have been involved in many science investigations. Each week they have had a new concept to explore in the experiments. The children have been doing very well at hypothesising the outcomes. They have also been involved in different cooking experiences while working on their basic numeracy, pre-literacy and reading foundation skills and understanding time. The class are looking forward to their upcoming excursions to further extend the learning that is occurring within the program. The highlight of the term so far has been the Father's mini Olympics, in which they competed for their teams with their Dads in a variety of relay races.

Thank you does not seem to cover the amount of time and effort that was put into organising our Trivia

Night. From all accounts the evening was full of fun, entertainment, strategy and hard work. We are currently going through some quotes to make major renovations to our playground over the next few years and our aim is to use most of the funds raised from the trivia night to achieve one stage in the near future.

Our Father's and special guests got to spend time within the classroom as each group celebrated Father's Day/ Open nights. There was a morning mini Olympics and many evenings at Kindergarten.

We continue to be grateful for the great support we have had from families at the recent working bee. The results of this community effort were fantastic and we eagerly await the judging of the Albany Creek Garden Clubs' Biannual Garden Competition at the end of the term.

Thank you to all families who completed the Family Survey and this will soon be analysed and used for future planning.

During August and September all groups have participated in Fire Evacuation Drills. On Tuesday 4th September we ran our Open Morning in conjunction with "C and K open week". We had a small number of families come and have a look, but all seemed to enjoy their experience.

Educators have continued with professional development and the sharing of ideas with each other. All staff have now updated their CPR, Asthma and Anaphylaxis training for the year and three staff completed their full first aid training this month (which is completed every three years).

During the pupil free days for the Green, Blue and Yellow Group educators went through some of the latest information around assessment and rating for the updated National Quality Standards. Educators looked at ways to continue to meet an Exceeding rating and adapted new templates and reflected on current practices to ensure continuous improvement.

We wish everyone a safe and relaxing school holiday break and look forward to the excitement of term 4.

Janelle Bull and Tracey Wilson, Co-Directors.

Fun ways to encourage your child to brush their teeth



- Build good oral hygiene habits early
- Talk with children about why teeth need to be cleaned
- 'Model' brushing - lead by example "lets brush our teeth together"
- Let children choose their own toothbrush
- Incorporate brushing teeth with a song or get some help with online videos

For more information visit www.raisingchildren.net.au



Child protection is everyone's business

Parents play a part in protecting and caring for children and young people in their community.

Parenting can be challenging.... NAPCAN recommends for parents:

- Link with services that support you
- Discover what helps reduce your stress
- Play with your children
- Take time out when feeling stressed – look after yourself
- Make plans for enjoyable family time
- Talk about safety with your children
- Access parenting courses
- Celebrate your children and their achievements, values and interests
- Get involved in your community – join groups where your child can meet people and have fun.

For more information visit www.napcan.org.au

For those families who may be able to gain support through the NDIS rollout-this information may be valuable to you!

New participants booklets have been released.

- Book 1: Understanding the NDIS
- Book 2: Planning
- Book 3: Using your NDIS Plan

Assess to these can be found on the [NDIS website](http://www.ndis.gov.au)

Please contact engagement.qld.south@ndis.gov.au for any enquiries.

[A New Food Allergy Resource](#)

A new [food allergen portal](#) has been created to assist early education and care services and schools manage food allergies. The portal links services to best practice food allergen resources, training opportunities and key messages. Services may like to share this resource with parents who have children with food allergies.

Needing help with parenting or don't know where to go for advice about developmental concerns or Prep readiness.....Try...

- ParentTV (log into our free subscription)
- www.qld.gov.au/families/babies/advice/pages/resources
- <http://raisingchildren.net.au/>