



# Puckapunyal Kinder Newsletter

November 2014

## President's Message

by Kirsty Wilson

*Hi my name is Kirsty Wilson and I am the new President of the Puckapunyal Kindergarten. Our family moved to Puckapunyal in January of this year from Brisbane and will be posting out December 2016. We have 2 children joining the Kinder next year in 3 and 4 year old rooms, and I look forward to meeting with all the Parents, Children, Staff and greater community over the next 12 months or so.*

*The committee has so many great things planned for Kinder in 2015 and are looking forward to meeting all the new enrolments for 2015 and will be faring well to some families leaving at the end of this*

*term. Please feel free to contact me any time should the need arise and I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and the countdown to Christmas.*

*Don't forget we are always looking for general committee members too!*

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### TRIVIA NIGHT NEWS:

The trivia night was a huge success thanks to the preceding fundraising committee. The money raised is going towards upgrading the irrigation and turf and the kindergarten.

## 3 year old Kinder

This term we have been preparing by transitioning into the 4yo room. We have been participating in activities, to meet the new teachers and to see what big kinder is all about.

We have been concentrating on independence and responsibility this term. All year we have been practicing packing our own bags, remembering our belongings, looking after toys and equipment, putting our shoes and socks on with no or little assistance, knowing our bodies and when we need to use

bathroom, if we are hot to take our jumpers off or if we are hungry or thirsty to communicate with educators. We have been busy with name recognition and for some writing our names.

This term we are busy practicing our concert songs and we will be preparing for Christmas and our end of year party celebrations.



## 4 year old kinder

This Term we have been learning what it will be like at big school by transitioning into Puckapunyal primary. We have been conducting a lot of co-operative play and negotiating with one another.

We have also been focusing on spring. The children have made a flower, blossom trees, snakes, butterflies and then bees and a bee hive. The children have also been very

busy doing their 2 pieces of artwork for the art show and learning their songs and getting ready for the end of year concert.

We are also starting to say goodbye to those children who are posting out and wishing them well for their new adventure!

## MEET YOUR NEW COMMITTEE!!

**President, Kirsty Wilson:**

I am married to John and have four children, Jack 12, Isabelle 3, Isla 2 and Olivia 1. We moved to Puckapunyal in January of this year from Brisbane. I am excited to be your new president.

**Vice President, Melanie Johnstone:**

I have lived in Puckapunyal for two years, posting here from Townsville in 2013. I have two sons, Isaac (6) in Foundation at Puckapunyal PS and Alex (4) in 3-year-old Kinder. I am studying to be a teacher and am actively involved in the local community. This will be my second year on the Kinder Committee.

**Secretary, Alison Bartle:**

Hi Pucka Kinder community! My name is Alison Bartle and my family have been in Pucka for almost 2 years. My husband Dan, works at AKG and I am currently a stay at home mum. I have 2 beautiful children, Jackson is in Prep/Foundation at Puckapunyal and Millie will be starting 3 year old Kinder in 2015.

**Treasurer/Co-Fundraiser, Holly Tanis:**

Hello, My Family and I moved to Puckapunyal at the start of this year. My three children, Jake 10, Hannah 4 and Caleb 1 so far are loving all the native animals you find here in this unique community. I'm excited to be involved with kinder this year and can't wait to get started!

**Co-Fundraiser, Cinammin Morter:**

I am one part of the fundraising team for the Kinder Committee.

I have two children, James who is 3.5 and will be attending four year old kindergarten in 2015 and Elizabeth who is 1, I also have a step son Joshua who is in year four and comes and stays with us every other weekend.

I look forward to bringing you some new and exciting fundraisers and of course some of the much loved favourites in the new year.

**Newsletter/website/Facebook Co-ordinator, Bronwyn Collis:**

Hi, I have been in Puckapunyal since January this year and am excited to be part of the new committee. I have two cheeky boys, Ethan 4 and Liam 1.5 who definitely keep me on my feet.

## THE KINDER END OF YEAR CONCERT

This year's kinder concert will be conducted at the **Pucka Primary school Amphitheatre on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> of November at 4.30pm**. The children from the 3yo and 4yo rooms will be performing a song that they have been practicing for all the parents.

Be sure to stick around after the concert to enjoy:

- Jumping castle (Free)
- Slushies'
- Army Vehicles
- And a delicious Cake stall with lots of yummy treats!!

Don't forget there will also be **Calendars Available** to order on the night of the concert, these yearly calendars will feature the **Art work** that was auctioned off for the trivia night and will be the perfect gift for family members for Christmas!! Calendar prices will be available on the night of the concert.

You will be able to order the calendars until Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of November and they will be available for pick up on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of November. Money raised from sales will go towards the Puckapunyal Kindergarten.

## Friendly Reminders:

Last day for 3yo Kinder:  
**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
Last day for 4yo Kinder:  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Just a reminder about kinder fees,  
please be sure to be paid up to  
date.

It has come to the attention to some  
parents and staff that older children  
are using the **keypad and exit  
button**, this is a **safety concern** and it  
must be communicated that children  
**should not** use the exit button or  
keypad under any circumstances.

For next year's start dates please  
refer to your pockets in the  
coming weeks. We will also post  
the dates on the website and  
Facebook page.

Enrollment applications for next  
year close on **Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of  
November.**

