

NEWSLETTER

WESTERN SUBURBS KINDERGARTEN ASSOC INC.

August 2023 - Newsletter

Dear Parents & Families, a lot has been happening at Western Suburbs Kindergarten and with the aim of keeping you, our valued community, updated, we thought it well overdue to provide you with a newsletter. We hope that this newsletter can return to being a regular occurrence in an attempt to keep you informed alongside StoryPark and email updates as things arise. As always, we welcome your feedback and input to further improve our community kindergarten and to benefit its students.

Thank you for your continued support,

Western Suburbs Kindergarten Staff & Management Committee

COMMITTEE NEWS

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Tues 29th August. Our Management Committee is made up of parent volunteers who welcome all feedback good or bad. All are invited to attend the meeting. Let us know if you would like to attend via Zoom so we can send a link. Meeting minutes can be found in the Committee Meeting Minutes folder in the foyer.

We still have volunteer vacancies in our parent committee for a Grants Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator. We would love to hear from you if you are interested in knowing more about these roles.

In Term 2 we welcomed Simone Kilroy in our Administration Officer role. She has been a valuable addition to the team at WSK. Please make sure you say hello.



Monday & Tuesday: 8.30am-12.30pm

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday & Friday 8.30am-12.30pm

LATE FEE REMINDER

We do have a late pick-up fee. Please ensure you are here no later than your allocated pick-up time (A&B 2.40pm, C&D 3.45pm).

GENERAL REMINDERS



- Please ensure sunscreen is applied prior to arriving at kindy to ensure we meet the C&K Sun Care Policy requirement of application 20 mins prior to outside play. **Don't forget to place the time of application and sign your child's group sunscreen register** at drop off each day.
- Please ensure **hands are washed on arrival**.
- Please ensure that your child's lunchbox **does not contain peanuts or peanut butter**.



ADVERTISE IN THE WSK KINDY NEWSLETTER

If you or your business would like to place an advertisement in the Kindy newsletter, the cost is \$5 per advertisement, which is for an ad approx ¼ A4 size. All advertisements need to come through the Kindy office.

RECENT & UPCOMING

Working Bee

Thank you to all who volunteered their time, skills, and tools on the day. The kindy outdoors areas have had a huge tidy up, new trees planted for future shade and new gravel laid.



Occupational Therapist visits

Our OT visits from Apricus Health commenced mid-July and have been occurring on a fortnightly basis over the course of Term 3. This has been extremely valuable in building the capacity of our teaching team through the exchange of professional ideas. **Please return your completed ASQ's (in your child's pocket) by Friday morning 1st September if you have opted in to having your child screened.**

Photo Day occurred on the 4th August and 7th August. We will let you know when photos are available.

Open Day - Wednesday 6th Sept 3pm-5.30pm

Spread the word to anyone you know who has a child eligible for kindy up until 2027. There will be face-painting, a cake stall, a raffle of a Kindy Starter Pack and we will welcome the Townsville community to explore our kindy. All are welcome.

Les Tanna Incursion

In week 9 of Term 3 we welcome a visit from Les Tanna to share his Indigenous culture with us. The visit will occur for **Groups A&C on Tuesday 5th**

September and for **Groups B&D on Thursday 7th September.**

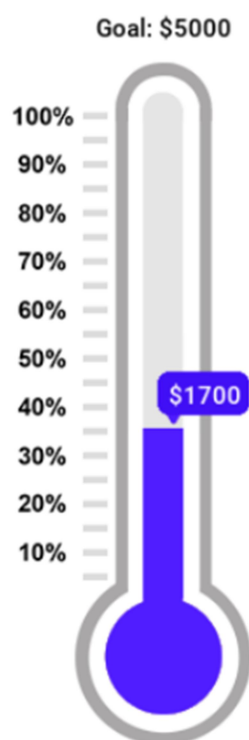
Child Protection Week – 4th - 8th September

As part of Child Protection Week the children have been working on paintings that will be on display at Open Day and around Townsville.



FUNDRAISING UPDATE

As our kindy is Not For Profit we do rely on some fundraising and grants for funding of new resources and maintenance updates to the kindy. An update on our fundraising efforts this year is shown below.



Challenge-a-thon

This was held over a week in August. The students were encouraged to complete 10 laps of an obstacle course and raise money to sponsor their challenge. What a great way to encourage our students to be physically active and to persist when things get hard! It is not too late to raise some support! **Forms and money are due back before Friday the 1st September.**

Cake stall

We are hosting a cake stall at our Open Day on Wednesday 6th September. Please let us know if you can contribute in any way. Refer to the letter recently placed in your child's pocket for further information and requirements.



Christmas raffle

Can you donate a prize for our end of year raffle? We are seeking small donations from WSK families and staff to support our upcoming Christmas Raffle held through Term 4 with the prizes being drawn at our End of Year Christmas Party. Donations do not need to cost much and can be Christmas-related non-perishable food items (chocolates, jams and biscuits), toys, books, gift vouchers, or any other items families can enjoy! Refer to the email sent to families recently for further ideas or information on this. Here are some of the prizes created for last year's raffle.



Stuck on You personalised school supplies

Considering purchasing a new lunch box, water bottle, personalised labels, or other school supplies for next year? ENTER **WSKTOWNSVILLE** as your code at checkout at no extra expense to you and WSK will receive a small commission towards our fundraising. Website is www.stuckonyou.com.au

Containers for Change

WSK is registered as a charity for the Containers for Change Scheme. If you collect and return bottles and would like to donate the funds to a charity please consider our kindly using **Scheme ID: C10074167.**

Wonder Recycling Rewards Program

This has now finished. Thank you for all of your bread bag contributions. These were sent away and exchanged for points for the centre to purchase some new sports equipment.

Picture Products

You should have now received your orders from Picture Products. Thank you to all who purchased products. We hope you enjoy them! With your help we raised \$254.50 from this fundraiser.

Rotary Community Chest Car Raffle

Thank you to all for your contribution to the sale of the tickets. We were able to sell all our tickets and in doing so raised \$1000 for WSK!

Pizza School Holiday Activity Packs

Thank you to all who purchased a school holiday pack at the end of Term 2. You helped us to raise \$400 for the kindly. There are still some packs available if you missed out and would like one for the next school holidays for \$10 per activity pack. Please talk to Simone in the office.