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Dear Families,

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Hope you all had a safe, exciting and wonderful Christmas and New Year. Thank you to all those families who are returning this year and to the new families who have chosen to send their children to our beautiful Pre-School.

My name is Monika Febbrarino and I am your 2009 President. I am currently in my last year being involved in the kinder, as my son will be off to school next year.

I have been extremely fortunate to have been part of the kinder for the last few years. I truly believe in our kinder with what it has to offer the children and parents. Though the children will be having a great time, participating in activities and making friends, it's also a great way for parents to get involved in the kinder, networking with other parents and perhaps offering support and friendship to one another.

The Pre-school is run by a group of parents who volunteer their time to be part of a dynamic committee, which help make decisions on the running of the Pre-School. The decisions that are made always have your children's best interests at heart. We hope that as parents you support our committee with our decision making, but also in all our fundraising efforts to make the kinder a better place for our children. Please do not hesitate in contacting myself, committee or your kinder teachers with any queries or issues that arise.

Throughout the year there will be numerous ways for you as parents or families to support our kinder. We will be having many fundraising efforts such as a Trivia Night, chocolate drives and raffles. We also have working bees during the year, where families can come along and help tidy up the kinder, do some gardening and general cleaning. Every little bit helps.

A very big thank you to Louise Hope, our Maintenance Co-ordinator, who organised the working bee over the school holidays. And thank you to all those committee members, their families and other parents who gave up a few hours to lend a helping hand.

I sincerely hope that the children, parents, teachers and committee have an enjoyable, interesting and a wonderful experience at the kinder this year.

Enjoy!
Monika Febbrarino President

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SunSmart

With the very hot weather we have been experiencing over the past few weeks, please remember to apply sunscreen to your child on arrival. For this purpose, we provide sunscreen and mirrors in the waiting area near the front door.

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Diary Dates 2009

Working Bees 9am-12pm
♦ Red Group—28th March
♦ Seals—17th May

Remember to check the notice boards for general information, the kindergarten programme and for opportunities to volunteer as a parent helper and for lawn mowing duty.

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Only 69 more sleeps until Easter!!
Welcome from the Three-Year Old Team

Lynda and Geralyn

I first became involved with the Greensborough Pre School in 1999 when I was elected as President, our family thoroughly enjoyed the community spirit found within such a small organisation and continued the relationship until 2006!

During my term in 2004 I was on a panel to select a new assistant for our 3 yr old program and we selected the lovely warm and caring Geralyn Nolan (little did I know that in the future we would be working as a team, but what a bonus).

My background is Early childhood so when the Pre School needed a relief teacher in a hurry during 2007 I was only to happy to return in a new but exciting capacity working with the Staff I had respected and shared many happy times with, later this position became permanent.

Both Geralyn and I live within the local community, her family of 3 children have enjoyed attending St Mary’s P.S. and my 6 have enjoyed Greensborough P.S. I can walk to work and run home for lunch, and we both often see our little friends out and about in the community which is nice (though most believe Geralyn and I sleep at Kinder).

Like most families our time outside of the Kinder is consumed with being taxi drivers for our own children who enjoy music, sport, sport and more sport. Both of our families enjoy simple holidays camping with friends and we both cherish time relaxing with them.

2009 will be exciting for us both as we learn about our new little people (and their families) who are joining our group. Part of our work’s challenge is to discover the unique way that a new group blends and how best to keep it actively learning as they discover, experiment and socialise with their new found friends. It certainly is something we both enjoy and ultimately our aim is to create a friendly, warm, caring and safe environment in which children can learn and their families experience a sense of belonging.

Ester Street Angels

We invite you to submit a short profile about your child/ren to be included in the newsletter. Children love to see their name in print! If you would like to include a photo of them, their favourite pet or a copy of a piece of artwork, please e-mail me at barbaracumming@bigpond.com. Include their name, kinder group, favourite tv show, saying, food, character, activity, colour or anything else that is of interest.

In addition if your child’s birthday is coming up, please let me know and we will list their birthday in the newsletter.

Please note—this is NOT compulsory!

Parking

Parents may use the shared car park when arriving and leaving the kindergarten. Cars can be parked on the roadside directly outside the kindergarten, however please obey the parking signs. Take care to enter the car park in the entrance and leave through the exit, also observe signs indicating parking for staff and the disabled. Parents are requested to not reverse park as children enter directly onto the footpath adjoining the carpark.
We would both like to welcome you to Greensborough Pre-School, and hope you enjoy your year with us as much as your child will.

We both believe that the Kindergarten year is a very special one for the children in our care. It is a year of learning, making friends, exploring, experimenting, creating, problem-solving, developing independence and enjoying new experiences and most importantly FUN! It is a year when you will observe a huge amount of growth and development in your child – physically, socially, emotionally, physically and cognitively. Kate and I look forward to sharing this with you.

Welcome from Ann

I have enjoyed working at Greensborough Pre-School since mid 1995, and have had the pleasure of working with Kate during this time. It is lovely to have such a supportive co-worker working alongside me every day.

I live locally in Greensborough and have a husband, Charles, who also works locally in Greensborough, and two children - Alison and Paul. Alison is 24, lives in Doncaster, and works at a restaurant in Eltham. Paul is 21 and lives at home. He is currently studying multi-media design at Uni.

During my time at this kindergarten, I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know many families in the area, through working with their children. It is also lovely to have grown-up past students stop and have a chat if they happen to see me when I’m “out and about”.

Kate and I have always been amazed by the time and support given by our families over the years to our Kinder. We hope you enjoy being a part of the kindergarten community, and look forward to the coming year.

Welcome from Kate

I commenced working at this Kindergarten in September 1989 and have worked alongside Ann for the past 13 years. I am married to Ron, a Station Officer at Epping Fire Station. We have a son, Brett, a guitarist, who is married and lives in St. Helena. Our daughter Danielle, is 26, engaged and lives in Bundoora. She works in Graphic Design.

I love working at Greensborough Pre-School. I love working with Ann and think we make a good team. I feel privileged to work with your children and to be a special part of their early childhood learning.

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**Van Dyk’s Swimming Academy**

Does your child learn to swim at Van Dyk’s Swimming Academy. Did you know Van Dyk’s sponsors Pre Schools?

Just mention that your child attends Greensborough Pre School when you pay your fees throughout the year, and 3% of that money will be donated to our Kinder to help with our fundraising.

This offer also applies to any siblings of children who attend Greensborough Pre School, who are under 5 years

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January Working Bee

A large list of jobs was accomplished by the many parents and children who attended the January working bee. These jobs included; putting up a new noticeboard, weeding, whipper snipping, mowing, cleaning chairs, equipment and windows and repainting the art drying racks. I’m sure you will all agree that the results look fantastic!

Louise Hope, our 2009 maintenance coordinator, will be giving us a full report in the next issue.

A note from the Editor

Welcome to all new and returning children and their families. Should you be interested in placing an advertisement or would like to contribute to the Ester Street Echo, please contact me at barbaracumming@bigpond.com

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