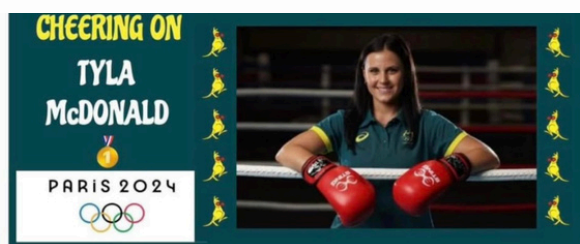
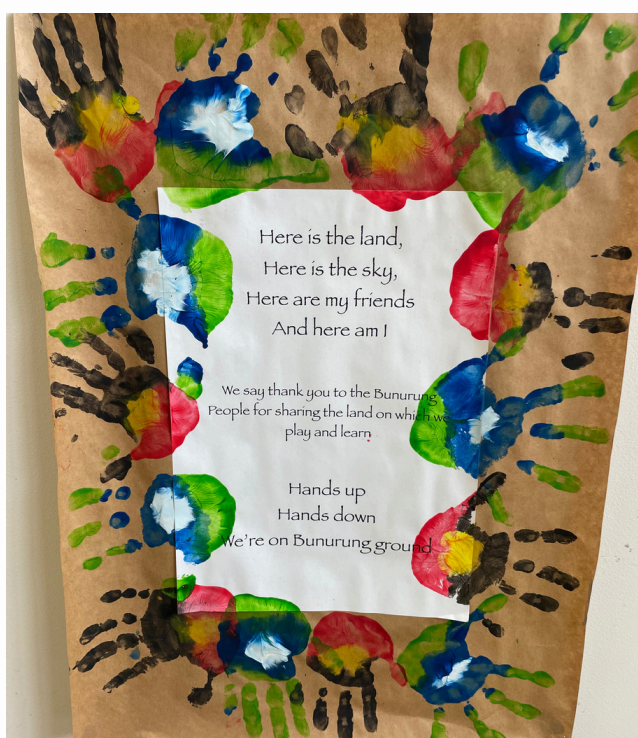


TERM 3 SEPTEMBER 2024



# Newsletter

Information for our Families



from all of us at Somerville Kindergarten

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Last day of Term 3

**Ladybugs**- Wednesday  
18th September

**Butterflies**-Thursday 19th  
September

**Honeybees**- Friday 20th  
September

### First Day Term 4

**Ladybugs**-Monday 7th  
October

**Butterflies**-Tuesday 8th  
October

**Honeybees**- Tuesday 8th  
October

We can hardly believe Term 3 is almost over!

This term the children have celebrated Fathers Day with their Dad or special person and taken part in exciting incursions such as Wiggly worm and Journey to Africa.

The committee has been busy working on updating the kindergarten Policies which can be found in the folder at the Kindergarten or on our website.

We have had successful fundraisers with the Bunnings BBQ and Cadbury chocolate boxes and cannot wait to see the wonderful keepsake tea towels the children are drawing.

We got into the spirit of the Olympics with our own mini games and cheered on our very own Sam McDonalds boxing Olympian daughter Tyla McDonald.







# Congratulations

Teana, Nic and Oaklee welcomed little Archer Anderson on 21.08.2024.

We can't wait for everyone to meet him!

In the meantime the Ladybugs are in wonderful hands with Carla Conquer.

## Committee News

by Nikki Gilham, President

Hi Families,

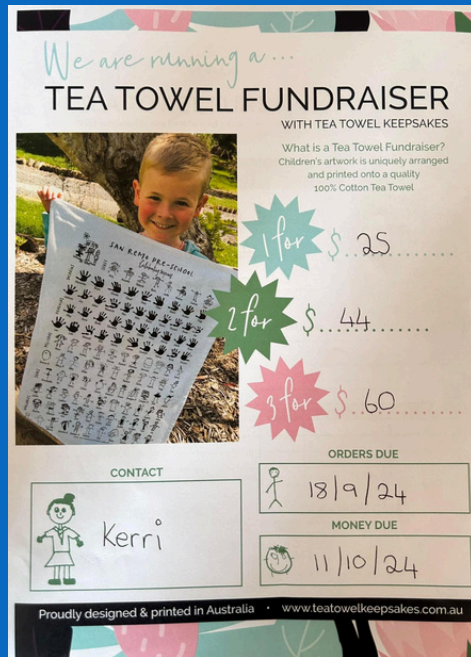
Firstly, thanks to everyone for their help and support of our recent fundraising endeavours. The tea-towels are a wonderful keepsake for those who have ordered. Kinder is wrapping up for the term and planning for 2025 is well underway. 2025 families should have received their offers in the last week or so, and I encourage you to respond promptly to ensure places are made available if no longer required.

The AGM (Annual General Meeting) is fast approaching and will be held on Wednesday, 27th November. I encourage all families to attend as it will be an informative evening and a great opportunity to meet the teachers, current committee and other kinder families. If you are interested in being a part of the committee next year, we would love to have you so please complete a nomination form and hand it in to one of our teachers.

Please reach out if you would like more information.



# Upcoming Fundraising in Term 4



## Christmas Raffle

## Tea Towels (finalising)

## Fundraising

by Kerri McLeod, Fundraising Coordinator

Term three has been a busy term for fundraising and we have managed to raise in total \$ 3,012.95!

We started off by finalising our donut drive, which had a delayed delivery from term two. Our donuts ended up raising \$271.

Next up was our Cadbury chocolate boxes.

Thank you to every family who took and sold a box of chocolates and a big thank you to the families who took more than one box.

We do still have one box available if anyone would like to take it 😊  
So far our chocolates raised \$800.

Our Bunnings BBQ was next and this was an absolute success this year. We managed to raise a whopping \$1941.95.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated their time and/ or some items towards our BBQ. We really appreciate the ongoing help and support from our kinder community.

Last of all for term three we are doing our much loved tea towels. These are such a great keepsake/ gift and your children will absolutely love seeing their drawings transformed.

Again, thank you to everyone for your ongoing help and support.





Boredom  
Busters  
for the  
holidays

A colorful poster for 'Amazing Toys' featuring a purple central box with white and yellow text. The background is yellow with colorful paint splashes and illustrations of art supplies like paintbrushes and a palette. The text inside the box reads: 'School Holiday Activities', 'Plaster Painting & Sand Art', '10am - 4pm', 'Monday - Friday', and 'No bookings required'. At the bottom of the box, it says '45 Mornington Tyabb Rd, Mornington www.amazingtoys.com.au PH: 59768889'.

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Prices range from \$5-\$10

# Spring Scavenger Hunt

teachingmama.org

Two clipboards with yellow and pink clips at the top. Each clipboard has a 'SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT' title and a list of items to find with checkboxes and small illustrations. The left clipboard has a yellow clip and the right has a pink clip.

**SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT**

<input type="checkbox"/>  flower	<input type="checkbox"/>  butterfly
<input type="checkbox"/>  green leaf	<input type="checkbox"/>  bird
<input type="checkbox"/>  nest	<input type="checkbox"/>  bee
<input type="checkbox"/>  squirrel	<input type="checkbox"/>  tree
<input type="checkbox"/>  caterpillar	<input type="checkbox"/>  mushroom

**SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT**

<input type="checkbox"/>  smell grass	<input type="checkbox"/>  smell fresh air
<input type="checkbox"/>  smell flowers	<input type="checkbox"/>  smell a tree
<input type="checkbox"/>  feel sunshine	<input type="checkbox"/>  feel the wind
<input type="checkbox"/>  hear birds	<input type="checkbox"/>  hear frogs
<input type="checkbox"/>  hear children	<input type="checkbox"/>  hear mower

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# Butterflies

by Rose Chipperfield, 3YO

*It has been another busy Term at kindergarten for the Butterflies!!*

*We all enjoyed dancing and moving with Katie from Wiggerly Worm, had breakfast with our Dads and special visitors, and took a Journey into Africa with Lamine. We drew pictures of our Dads and displayed them on our artwork*

*The children have really enjoyed sharing stories and our All About Me book in our reading corner, and continuing to develop our counting skills and numeral recognition in our games and play. Our dot marker textas and stickers have been a popular addition to our artwork and in developing our eye hand co-ordination.*

*In our imaginative play the children have enjoyed the Ice Cream shop- choosing their favourite flavours to sell to their friends 🍦🍷*

*In the tuff tray we have been "planting" in our Spring garden and with the Spring weather upon us we have been making the most of enjoying the sunshine and spending more time outdoors. Just a reminder that it is time for all children to wear a sunhat during outside play from now until the end of the year at kindergarten.*

*To celebrate the end of term we invite the children to participate in a Footy Colours Day on Thursday 19th September - the Butterflies are invited to come to kinder dressed in their favourite sports team colours.*

*A few of our children are currently jetsetting overseas - to England, LA and Italy ✈️ which is soooo exciting 😊 We wish you all safe travels and look forward to hearing all about it when you return.*

*Enjoy the holiday break Butterflies and we will see you all on Tuesday 8th October when we return for another busy, busy term at kinder.*

*Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Hardy.*

*Ice cream Shop*



Footy colours dress  
up day last day of  
term Thursday 19th  
September! 🏈





# Ladybugs

by Carla Conquer, 4YO

Such a busy Term for the Ladybugs group .... The children have faced a new teacher, crazy weather, some amazing incursions and a whole lot of learning with resilience and enthusiasm.

Our main focus has been on developing our literacy and numeracy skills - writing our names, identifying written numbers and number patterns and creating stories to go with our drawings.

All of this has been approached through a variety of different activities, games and child led experiences.

We dived into science early in the term after a visit from Scientist Sharyn, this involved LOTS of sensory play exploring colour, texture and change of state.

Our bodies were moved about with Wiggerly Worm and our sense of rhythm tested with African Drumming. We extended our body movement by introducing Yoga and meditation to the program, starting initially with 5 min and building up now to 15-20 min. During these sessions we focus on mindfulness, listening to our bodies and slowing down.

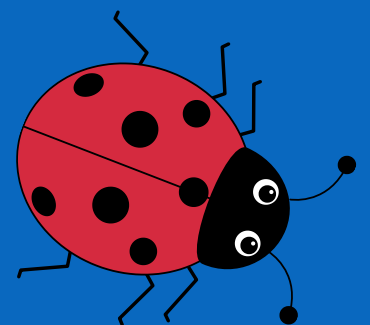
I want to thank all the families and staff for making me feel so welcome it has been an amazing term getting to know everyone and we are so looking forward to all the excitement to come in term 4

Have a safe and happy holiday break

Mrs Carla and Mrs Hardy



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# Honeybees

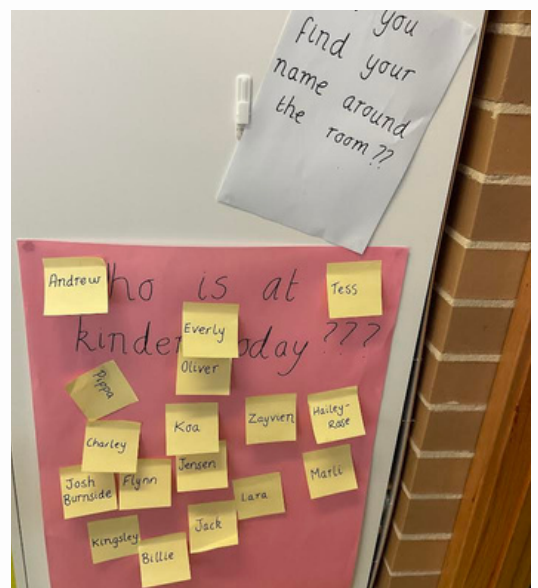
by Jess Lia 4YO

Wow! What a fun filled and busy term we have had at kinder! Our honeybees have enjoyed lots of interesting and diverse incursions this term. We started the term welcoming Louise from Mad About Science for an interesting and thought provoking science incursion! We spent time hands on exploring light, colour, circuits, life cycles and we even made our own snow! To extend this learning, and the keen interest that was shown by our honeybees, we incorporated lots of opportunities in our program to continue our science exploration.

This term we have also welcomed Katie from the Wiggly Worm drama company for a morning of fun and games!! The honeybees were enthralled by her enthusiasm and were engaged for the full 1.5hrs!! We sang, we danced, we counted, looked at shapes, put out fires, cheerleading and of course the amazing Pegasus interactive story!! What a fun time we had!

Finishing up the incursions for the term, was our 'Journey to Africa' African drumming session with Lamine! We danced, we drummed and we were immersed in magical storytelling involving music and movement. The honeybees were very engaged in this activity and it was a wonderful extension of the storytelling that we have been exploring lately.

This term we also enjoyed learning about and celebrating the 2024 Paris Olympics! This exciting world event gave us endless learning opportunities! We talked about where Paris was in the world, expanding our understanding of the world around us. We learnt about belonging to a team and working together to achieve goals. We even held our own Olympics day incorporating fine motor skills as we crafted our own medals and Olympic torches, as well as practicing our gross motor skills with our Olympics activities, egg and spoon races, hobby horse races, jumping races and bean bag toss! It was great to see everyone dressed in their green and gold!



WE ARE LOOKING  
FORWARD TO  
CELEBRATING THE  
END OF TERM 3 WITH  
FOOTY DAY DRESS  
UP!





Our honeybees have also been lucky to be a part of the Peninsula Health KACH ME program. This is a gross motor based program held each fortnight for 10 weeks. Throughout these sessions the program leader, Simone, is supporting the honeybees with new and exciting ways to support gross motor development focusing on body awareness, strength, etc. Information will be shared with our families on how they can also support the development of these skills at home.

On Friday 30th August we welcomed our dads, along with some Poppys and mums, to celebrate Father's Day! We enjoyed building, painting and playing games with our special visitors and even got them up doing the Tooty Ta dance! Lots of fun and laughs for all!

Our visits to the Somerville Primary School library have commenced. These adventures give us an opportunity to experience school life, as we visit the school office staff, explore the library and familiarise ourselves with toilets, drinking taps, playgrounds, etc. We will be continuing our school adventures in Term 4.

Amongst all of this busyness our honeybees have been enjoying exploring our kinder program. Lots of our friends have been showing a strong interest in storytelling and book making, which has extended into lots mark making and writing. We observed lots of progress and enthusiasm with pencil grip, letter formation and name writing. We have also been enjoying lots of outdoor play, obstacle courses, dress ups and messy play in the sandpit. We will continue to extend on these skills and interests as the year continues.





# Hats at Kinder

It is that time of the year again and we will now be implementing our Sun Protection Policy moving forward for the remainder of the year.

This means that all children will be required to bring a sun safe hat to wear for every kinder session. The sun safe hat must be one that protects the face, back of the neck, eyes and ears such as a broad brimmed hat, wide bucket hat or legionnaires hat . Please ensure that your child has a named, suitable hat for each session from now onwards.



## Sun-protective hats

To help protect your skin and eyes from UV damage, wear a broad-brim, bucket or legionnaire hat that shades the face, neck, eyes and ears.

The sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation is the main cause of skin cancer.

Sun protection is recommended whenever the UV level reaches 3 or above.

Download the free SunSmart app or visit [sunsmart.com.au](http://sunsmart.com.au) to check what times you need to use sun protection each day.

During the sun protection times, protect yourself in five ways:

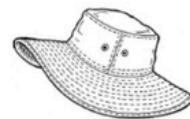
1. Slip on clothing that covers as much skin as possible.
2. Slap on SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen 20 minutes before you go outdoors and re-apply every two hours.
3. Slap on a broad-brimmed hat that shades your face, head, neck and ears.
4. Seek shade.
5. Slide on sunglasses that meet the Australian Standard for UV protection.

### Which type of hat?

The best sun-protective hats shade the head, face, neck and ears. Because caps and visors do not protect the ears, cheeks or neck they are not considered suitable for sun protection.

### Broad-brimmed hat

Brims should be wide and flat and create shade for the face, neck and ears.



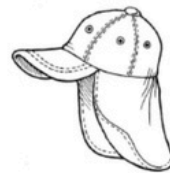
### Bucket hat

Bucket hats should have a deep crown and sit low on the head. The angled brim should provide the face, neck and ears with plenty of shade.



### Legionnaire hat

Legionnaire hats should have a flap that covers the ears and back of the neck to the collarbone/shoulder. The side flap and front peak should overlap to protect the side of the face.



Recommended hat brim width measurements <sup>1,2</sup>				
Indicative age group	Head-wear size	Minimum brim width		
		Broad-brimmed hat	Bucket hat	Legionnaire hat
Children				
Infants 0–1 year	41–43cm	5cm	5cm	Proportional to the child's head/face
Toddler 1–2 years	49–52cm	5cm	5cm	Proportional to the child's head/face
3–8 years	50–54cm	5cm	5cm	6cm
8–12 years	55–56cm	6cm	6cm	6cm
Adults				
S/M	56–57cm	7.5cm	6cm	7.5cm
M/L	57–59cm	7.5cm	6cm	7.5cm
L/XL	59–61cm	7.5cm	6cm	7.5cm
XXL	62–63cm	7.5cm	6cm	7.5cm

# Official Timetable for 2025

## Somerville Kindergarten Timetable - 2025



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### 4 Year Old Groups

Teacher: Mrs Jessie Lia  
Teacher: Mrs Leanne Hardy

Assistant: Mrs Lauren Matthews  
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8.30am-4.00pm Dragonflies		8.30am-4.00pm Dragonflies	8.30am-12.30pm Honeybees	8.30am-4.00pm Honeybees
	1.00pm-4.30pm Honeybees			



### 3 Year Old Group

Teacher: Mrs Teana Anderson

Assistant: Mrs Leanne Hardy



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	8.30am-12.30pm Ladybugs			
			1.00pm-4.00pm Ladybugs	

We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable holidays and look forward to seeing you all back with us for Term 4  
Somerville Kindergarten

