



**Spring is in bloom,
There's much to discover.
Sun-filled days,
Of play with each other.
Story time, dress-ups and fun on the swing
What might the rest of the year bring?**

Key Dates:

Melb Cup Public Holiday	5 Nov
Family Portrait Fundraiser	10 Nov
Working Bee	16 Nov
Annual General Meeting	20 Nov
Committee Handover Meeting	28 Nov
Term 4 Ends	20 Dec

Working Bee...

All families are invited to attend the final Working Bee for the year. We encourage at least one person from each family to participate. Children are welcome too!

Saturday Nov 16th, 9am-12pm

Family Photo Shoot Fundraiser with Studio Z...

Do you need a Christmas gift for family overseas or interstate? An updated family portrait since a new family member arrived? A nice photo where everyone is looking at the camera and smiling?! Jina is here to help!

On Sunday 10th November, Jina will be setting up a studio at Mentone Pre School for the day.

The participation fee (50% donated to Mentone Pre School) is \$30. This will include a ten minute indoor photo session at the kinder, and an 8"x10" print of your choice. Additional photos will be available at a discounted price.

Jina will ensure you have 15+ great family photos to choose from. Your online gallery will be available two weeks after the shoot.

You can book online at: <http://bit.ly/mentonefamily>

Once you have made your booking, Jina will contact you regarding information about how to prepare for your session.

Annual General Meeting..

Wednesday 20th November, 7pm for a prompt 7:30 start.

Guest Speaker, Louise Dorrat will be presenting at this year's AGM. Louise is an early childhood consultant who presents on a variety of topics to professionals and parents all over Australia. She is very knowledgeable, engaging, fun and passionate about children and their development. Louise will be discussing play-based learning and development from 7:30-8:15pm at the AGM.

For further information, please see her website:

<http://louisedorrat.com.au/>.

Committee elections for 2020 will also be taking place, so please bring along your ambition and community spirit and put your hand up to take part in shaping the kinder for future generations to come!

Goodie bags and light refreshments will be provided.

We look forward to seeing one representative from each family on the night.

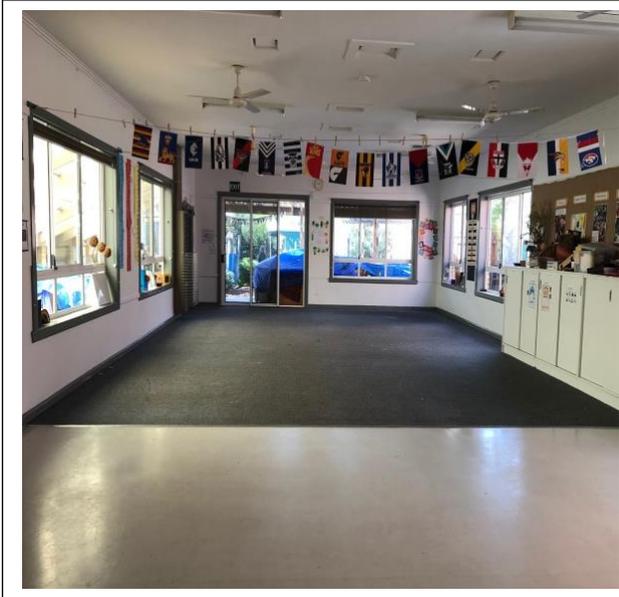
Please RSVP your attendance to:

secretary@mentonepreschool.com.au

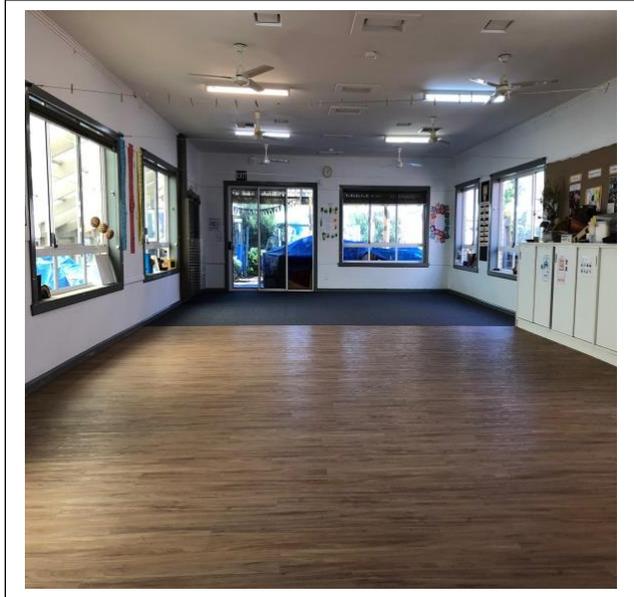
Mentone Pre School's New Look!

The Pre school was a very busy place during the school holidays. Tradesmen worked hard throughout the first week replacing the flooring and the toilets. We hope that this change will provide staff and children with a more flexible space to work within. A big thank you to the committee members and parents who helped move furniture and to all families for your fundraising efforts throughout the year as that has allowed us to match the \$5000 from City of Kingston.

Before



After



Carpetworld Mentone were wonderful to work with and very patient in answering all our questions when planning this project. Rick from Goddard Plumbing & Maintenance was also fantastic and very professional. If you require either of the above services, please consider contacting these local companies.



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- Commercial & Industrial

Fundraising Update...

We have had a huge year of fundraising efforts from the Mentone Pre School community. We have raised over \$9000 for the Pre-school, which is a tremendous effort. We have seen this come to fruition with the new carpet and flooring installed by Term 4 for us all to benefit from. New toilets in the children's bathrooms are also making a big difference and creating much excitement for the children. We have managed to purchase additional resources for teachers and children with the Woolworths Earn & Learn and received a grant from Cadbury for a new outdoor planter box.

We'd like to thank all our families and local businesses for their generosity and support for a busy year. We could not have done it without you all!

Parents Movie Night

Twenty parents and friends gathered together at Palace Cinemas Dendy Brighton on Friday 23rd August to see 'Once Upon A Time In Hollywood'. It was a wonderful chance to catch-up, have a drink and enjoy a night at the movies. We made \$245 from ticket and combo sales on the night. A fabulous result from a relaxed, social evening. Thanks to Palace Cinemas Dendy for hosting us and supporting a wonderful evening out.

Bunnings Cake Stall

On Saturday 31st August, we held a fundraising cake stall at Bunnings Mentone. So many wonderful goodies were baked and donated by our families which was a wonderful opportunity for some Father's Day weekend sales. We made \$624, an amazing result! Thank you so much to all our families who donated baked treats and helped us run the stall on the day,

Officeworks Mentone Fundraising BBQ

On Sunday 13th October we held our second Officeworks BBQ for the year. It was a much warmer day and beautiful weather, which perhaps made for a less busy Officeworks than our June Fundraising BBQ. We made \$235 from our sales of sausages and drinks. A big thank you to Morris Meats Mentone and Bakers Delight Mentone for donating sausages and bread, thanks also to Coles Southland for donating a gift voucher to purchase onions and ice. We'd also like to give a big shout out to our parents who came and helped us on the day, Louisa, Adam, Andre, Josh, Sam, Paivi and Ben - legends!

*As you are aware, fundraising is a crucial part in the running of Mentone Pre-school. If you have any fundraising ideas/ suggestions/ donations, please email:
fundraising@mentonepreschool.com.au*