



MD REPORT

We have had a busy, exciting and rewarding start to the new year. The Verve Vivid Art Exhibition and online auction on 1st February opened our event calendar for 2017. The KIDS Foundation cannot thank Verve enough for their continued support and invitation to be beneficiaries of the Vivid Art Exhibition. A fun night at Verve Head Quarters in Melbourne featured the work of talented photographers and artists that donated their time and resources to raise close to \$13,000 for KIDS.

Then off to Tassi we went for Camp TANGO held at Whites Beach. The camp was attended by the most courageous, inspirational and special young people from all over Australia, as well as new participants from Tasmania. Staff from Consolidated Property Services, Verve, Cotton On and Spectrum House got to share in the experience, helping to make the children's journey's so much more rewarding and memorable. TANGO would not have been possible if it weren't for our wonderful volunteers and mentors that did a tireless job in keeping the children smiling, entertained and happy.



Our annual private lunch with Chris Scott was held at Simonds Stadium on 8th March. It was lovely to catch up with all our Geelong

partners and share the success of our SeeMore Safety program in the region. Chris spoke about finding the KIDS Foundation and how it had changed his perspective on life. He showed what a genuine and loyal person he is and gave corporate executives and the Cat's supporters a different perception of an AFL coach.



We have another little champion at the Foundation, Bailey Tuddenham. Bailey was inspired by all his new friends he met at Camp Phoenix, so he decided to take on a challenge to help the KIDS Foundation and his friends. On the 10th of March Bailey carried a pack with all his camping gear and food to hike Australia's 11 Highest Peaks including Mt Kosciuszko. It was his 11th birthday on 11th March, on the 2nd day into the hike. Keeping with the '11' theme he decided to attempt to raise \$11,000 and he has already reached over \$8,000. Bailey's story featured in newspapers and national television on Sunrise 7 Network.

The coming weeks will see the launch of our new website and the KIDS Virtual Classroom. Watch this space! I hope the coming months bring lots of happiness to all the KIDS family and supporters.

Take care,

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KIDS CHALLENGES



CHALLENGE ONE: RIDE 4 KIDS 2017 Coffs to Noosa Charity Bike Ride

Saturday 26 August – Friday 1 September 2017

This 700km event is an experience not to be missed. You'll ride through some of Australia's most beautiful towns starting in Coffs Harbour, NSW ending in sunny Noosa, QLD. The cycling is fun, challenging and for all abilities. You'll be grouped with riders of similar cycling stamina and make friendships and memories while raising funds for KIDS Foundation injury prevention and recovery education and support programs. Most specifically, through the work of the Burn Survivors' Network. You receive a bunch of things and lots of support from the KIDS team to help you reach your fundraising goal.



CHALLENGE TWO: DOING IT 4 KIDS NOOSA TRI 2017

Sunday 5 November 2017

Fundraise for kids and participate with a reason!

KIDS Foundation has a select number of priority entries for the already sold out 2017 Noosa Triathlon. Each participant pays a \$270 registration fee and commits to raising a minimum of \$1500 to secure a place, in return you'll receive entry to Noosa Triathlon 2017 (individuals or teams), access to an earlier charity start wave so you can race against your KIDS mates (*teams will still start in a different wave), a KIDS Foundation branded tri suit, 'golden' bib, race singlet, towel, cap and drink bottle, access to expert nutrition and training advice 24/7, invitation to KIDS Foundation morning tea held on the Saturday of race weekend, opportunity to meet the kids you're racing for, a personal KIDS Foundation fundraising page, regular newsletters and a support crew.

For details on BOTH EVENTS visit the events page on our website.

TAKE ON A CHALLENGE FOR KIDS IN 2017

KIDS Foundation in partnership with major sponsor GIANT has two charity challenge events planned for 2017 and we'd love your involvement.

- Be a participant or a volunteer
- Encourage your mates or colleagues to take on a challenge
- Join an event as a corporate team
- Become a sponsor (of an event, team or participant)
- Make a donation to the KIDS Foundation

INJURY PREVENTION

Wow, the Education team have hit the ground running with 121 Victorian and NSW preschools to deliver SeeMore Safety Resources to by end of term.

We welcome two new educators, Michelle and Nick, both teachers, to the Injury Prevention team.

Michelle, a past educator at KIDS, has found her way back after a spell of 6 years. Nick has joined us from a teaching background and is a valuable asset with his IT and technical skills as well as his educational knowledge. Carlene is still loving the challenges and excitement of designing, coordinating and delivering the SeeMore Safety program and all the preschools she works with.

As is expected of the KIDS Foundation, 2017 sees lots of innovation and new programs being developed and implemented.

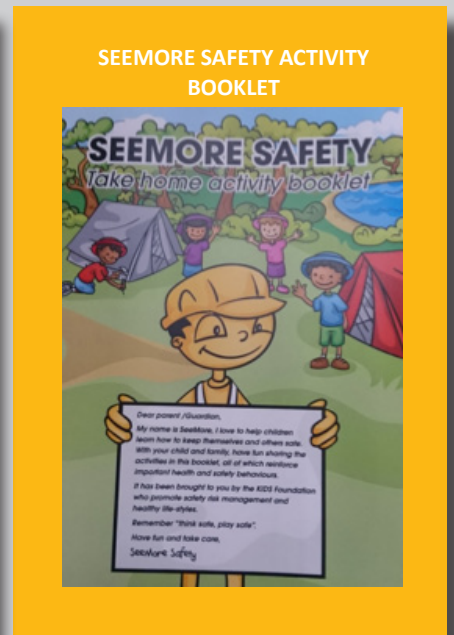
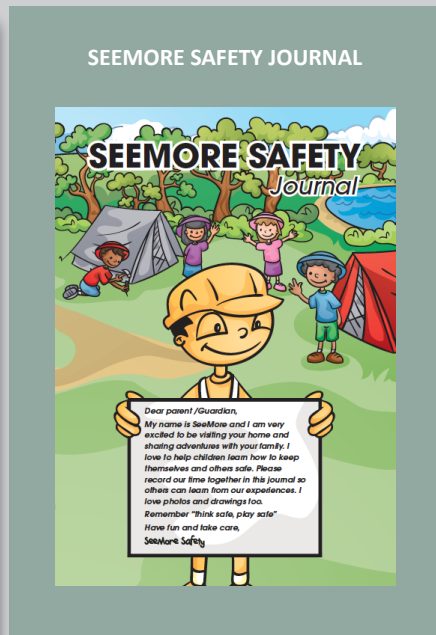


This year is an extra special year as KIDS Foundation launches its new website and Virtual Kinder.

Carlene, Michelle and Nick will have great excitement introducing their old and new preschools to all the SeeMore Safety resources which are now in a digital format in the Virtual Classroom.

We also unveiled 2 brand new resources and the updated Take Home Activity Booklet

1. The SeeMore Safety Big Book
 2. The SeeMore Safety Journal
- which all our sponsored preschools receive courtesy of their sponsors.



INJURY RECOVERY

CAMP T.A.N.G.O 2017

The Injury Recovery team was off to an active start in 2017 with camp T.A.N.G.O (Together Achieving New Goals and Opportunities) occurring in February. This support camp invites children and youth who have experienced burns or life changing physical injuries to enjoy a weekend of fun-filled activities, opportunities to bond with peers and be supported by KIDS Foundation's experienced volunteers. Camp TANGO was held from the 23rd – 26th of February in White Beach Tasmania. The camp accommodated 17 children and youth, along with approximately 30 volunteers and staff. Camp T.A.N.G.O works with children and youth to encourage goal setting, independence, confidence and social bonds.



The children and youth enjoyed activities including exploring the Port Arthur Historic site, visiting the local beaches and a wild and fast Jet-Boat ride to view local wildlife and landmarks. Hosting Camp T.A.N.G.O in Tasmania in 2017 aimed to connect local children in need of injury recovery support who may not be in a position to travel to other states within Australia. New children to the camp were welcomed with open arms and thoroughly enjoyed their time at White Beach. We look forward to the next camp, camp Phoenix, which will be held for burn survivors and individuals with severe life changing injuries and their families in Queensland in November 2017.

SEA SCOUTS SAILING DAY 2017

The 1st/14th Brighton Bay Sea Scouts present 'The Sea Scouts Sailing Day' in support of the KIDS Foundation on Sunday 26th March 2017. KIDS Foundation families supported by the Injury Recovery Program (including attendance at camp T.A.N.G.O, camp Phoenix and other support events) are invited to attend a fun-filled day including water activities such as sailing, stand up paddle boarding and Kayaking!



The Sea Scouts have been an invaluable support in educating the KIDS Foundation children and families about water safety, sailing and many other water based activities through an annual interactive support day. The KIDS Foundation welcomes new current members, along with new children and families who have experienced severe life changing physical injury or burns to attend this free event.

STAFF PROFILES



CARLEE GRANT

Carlee worked for the KIDS Foundation over 10 years ago in an events role and has recently returned to work one day a week on the organisation's two annual fundraising events; Ride 4 KIDS Coffs to Noosa charity challenge and the Doing it 4 KIDS Noosa Tri. Last year, Carlee came on board just prior to the 2016 Ride 4 KIDS event taking over the reigns from Emma Tuddenham and is now excited to be part of the KIDS team once again. Carlee's family is based in Ballarat and between being a mum and keeping somewhat fit and active, she supports a number of businesses with their marketing, communication and events requirements as a management consultant. Experience in local Government, not for profit charity space and private industry has helped Carlee develop a sound understanding of what's important when building a brand and achieving corporate goals. Having worked with Susie back when Matt Thiele attended his first Charity Ball, Carlee knows the impact the organisation has and was excited to be part of this inspiring organisation.



MICHELLE McCAHON

Michelle has recently made a return to KIDS Foundation as an Education Consultant within the Injury Prevention team. She was a member of the KIDS Foundation team from 2009-2011 and then took a break to return to the classroom in a teaching capacity. She returns to KIDS with a stronger understanding of the benefits that are gained from having the SeeMore Safety program within pre-schools and kindergartens across Australia, having seen it first hand. Her time back in the classroom has also allowed her to understand the program from a teacher's perspective and understand what aspects of the program are most valuable and user friendly within a classroom setting. Michelle loves being with children and enjoys visits into kindergartens to share the SeeMore Safety program and help educate the teachers on how to best deliver the program for maximum benefit and development of safety risk intelligence for the children involved. When not at KIDS Foundation, Michelle still works as a teacher at a local specialist school.



NICK VAN DER MOLEN

We are excited to have Nicholas join our team this year. Living locally, Nicholas has a young family, he enjoys exercising and is working his way up to competing in an event in the coming year perhaps a Triathlon, Marathon or an Ironman. Nicholas brings his teaching expertise and technological knowledge to the KIDS team. He has been teaching in local primary schools for the past 15 years and has been the Technology coordinator in schools during this time. He is currently working 3 days a week at The KIDS Foundation as well as continuing to teach as a Casual Relief Teacher on his days off. Nicholas has already been out delivering the SeeMore Safety program resources, to the kindergartens in Gee-long and Melbourne and is looking forward to the launch of the Virtual Kinder on the KIDS Foundation Website.

Thank you for supporting the KIDS Foundation

Every child deserves the best available resources and support. Your donations will enable KIDS Foundation to support children and make a difference to their lives. Together we can prevent injuries, save lives and help injured children. All donations to support the KIDS Foundation are greatly appreciated, donations \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.



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