



Monbulk Pre-School Newsletter



We acknowledge and pay respects to the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, their Ngurungaeta- Murrundindi, their Elders as the Traditional Owners of the land on which the Pre-School stands

August 2016

Dear Parents,

Term 3 is flying by and almost over! Thank you to all our relief staff who worked with us while Jenny was away and Sue was on sick leave. Thank you also to all staff for stepping up in this very busy period.

Judy, Jenny, Ann, Sue and Becky ☺

August Birthday's



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Jenny- 2nd August

Lui- 4th August

Maxi- 14th August

Quality Area 1- Educational Program & Practice

3 Year Old Room

Wow, what a term! Firstly I must thank Sandy and Shelley for keeping the program running with consistency and dedication to the educational philosophy of the Centre. In situations like this we realise how much easier it is for both the children and the teaching team (when staff relieving) have an understanding and a desire to maintain the "objectives and goals" of the room- but also of the Centre. So a big thank you to all.

We are continuing on throughout the term dealing with "social and emotional" issues- once again using picture story books, songs, plays and using our best resource- the children talk about their emotions and the emotions of others. We'll be taking photos of happy faces, sad and scared and we'll ask the question what makes you happy etc?

The Drama Tool Box incursion was enjoyed by all. The children dressed up as jelly fish, octopi, deep sea divers, seaweed and sharks and fish. It gave us the opportunity to talk to the children again about the sea and its creatures- they were delighted to share their knowledge with "Fairley"- leader of incursion. It was wonderful to them- contributing confidently to discussions, responding appropriately and listening to someone they hadn't met before. We were very proud of them!

Quality Area 7- Leadership & Service Management

Primary School 2017

Just a reminder to families that if you haven't already you should have enrolled your child at your preferred School for 2016. All School's start planning for the next year in term 3 and need to finalise numbers due to staffing etc. They are also required by DET to provide estimates of enrolment numbers. Most School's are also organising transition sessions and you don't want your child to miss these. If you are still not sure just call some of our local School's and arrange a time to meet the Principal.

Annual Satisfaction Survey

We will be putting sections QA1 and QA 4 on line shortly.

Thank you to everyone who has already responded to QA2 and QA3. Unfortunately we have again received a minimal response. We are required to do these surveys each year under our legal funding agreement and the lack of responses does waste the time and effort we have to spend on it. We would appreciate if everyone could take the 5-10 minutes to respond.

Child Care Benefit

For all families who claim CCB the form you are required to submit to Centrelink is the FA018 form. This is located at www.humanservices.gov.au under forms. We then provide the fee payment form once fees are paid (terms 1 & 2 and then terms 3 & 4).

Staffing Changes

It is with regret we inform you that Sandy has decided to move on to other things. Working 5 days a week can be hard for family/life balance. We will advise families shortly regarding her replacement.

4 Year Room

The whole Centre has been working on our Seedlings Project (sustainability) and the children have been planting seedlings, harvesting vegetables and making soup with them, collecting rain water and maintaining our worm farm.

Freaky Friday has been postponed until a later date. We have also been including some activities around the Olympics.

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Dates for Your Diary:

Fathers Night- 30th August

Father's Day Stall- 29th & 31st August

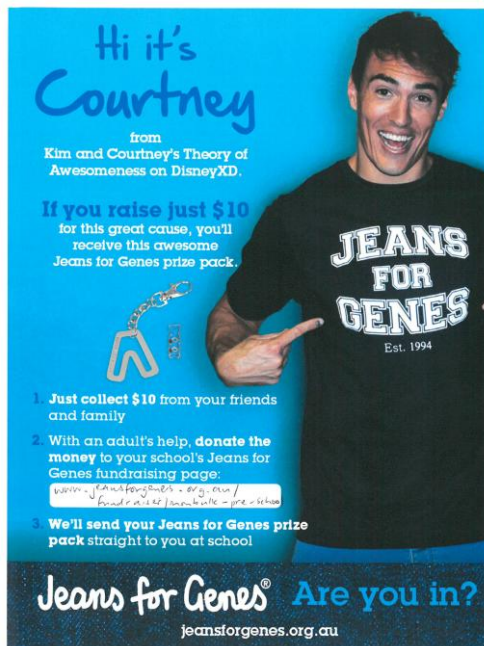
End of Term 3- 16th September

Quality Area 6- Collaborative Partnerships with Families & Communities

Charitable Donations- Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you to everyone who donated money to this great cause. We raised a massive \$407.50!!!

Donations can still be made via the link below.



Friday 5th August 2016

The link is www.jeansforgenes.org.au/fundraiser/monbulk-pre-school.

Upcoming Dates

Below is information on upcoming events that involve both the 3 and 4 year old groups combined. Further information will be provided by staff as dates get closer.

Father's Night- 30th August

Father's Day Stall- 29th & 31st August

Grandparents Week- 5th-9th September

Thank You

A huge thank you to Monbulk's Men's Shed. They have been busy repainting some of our climbing equipment, sanding and repairing outdoor wooden blocks and repairing our hat stand and mail box.

Thank you also to Timmy and his family for the eggs, costumes and show ribbons.

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FUNDRAISING

Entertainment Books

These are still available for sale via the online link (forms in foyer) or see Leonie Jansen to purchase a hard copy.

Father's Day Stall

This year we are having a stall where the children can purchase a gift for their Dad's. This will take place in the foyer on Monday 29th and Wednesday 31st August. These dates ensure we include all children. We have a variety of gifts available ranging in price from \$1 to \$6. These include light up car key ring, screw driver key ring, socks, measure tape, pens, mini torch, work gloves, mug, in car charger, mini magnetic spirit level, soccer ball pen holder, car freshener and picture frame. More information will come as dates get closer.



Diana Ferrari Night

We have booked another Diana Ferrari night for Tuesday 11th October. This is a great social night. Cost is free and includes drinks and delicious canapés. More information will be provided as it gets closer to the date.

Parent Direct & Chalk Catalogues

These annual toy catalogues will be sent out early term 4. Orders will then be delivered in plenty of time for Christmas.

Diary Dates

Just a reminder to pop into your diaries/calendars that we have our Bunning's BBQ booked for Sunday 13th November.

Photo Gallery



All items donated from Bunnings



Jelly Fish



Children learning about composting



Tea Time!



Drama Tool Box- Under The Sea



Shapes and Colours



Deep sea divers!

