



# 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

December 2019

Dear Families,

This year has again flown by so fast! The children have grown so much in so many ways. We look forward to seeing the Blue Room children again in 2020 and wish the children all the best with going off to school.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to you all and we wish you a safe and happy New Year!

Rachel, Jenny, Sue, Shelley, Veronica & Becky



*Christmas display at Shire Reception donated by Monbulk CWA Day Branch*

## **Christmas Gifts for Staff**

Staff agreed a few years ago, that while it is kind of families to give Christmas gifts to staff at the end of the year, it is not necessary. Thankyou is more than enough. If you like, in lieu of a gift, a small donation to a charity of your choice.

## **Term Clean**

Lists of end of year jobs have been placed at each sign in area. Please come along and help where you can. Thank you to those who have already been able to help.

## **2020 Calendars**

We have available for sale Animal Aid 2020 calendars. All proceeds go towards the Coldstream Animal Aid. They are \$12 each. See Rachel or Becky (copies in locker area of 4 year old room).



## **Quality Area 7- Leadership & Service Management**

### **Principal/Licensee**

Thank you to Rachel Pullen, Jenny Burnside, Sue Warren, Shelley Greenberg, Veronica Makaay and Becky Scott for their hard work and dedication to Monbulk Pre-School this year! Thank you to the families for their continual commitment to the Pre-School, it has been very much appreciated! I wish you a wonderful Christmas and a safe holiday! I look forward to a very successful year in 2020!

Estelle Alder

### **Outstanding Fees 2019**

Letters for outstanding invoices will be distributed shortly. Unpaid invoices (that are not part of an agreed payment plan) may affect your child's 2020 enrolment or be referred to our debt collection agency at the February 2020 School Council meeting.

### **Staff (end of year)**

Rachel is spending Christmas overseas with family and her last day for 2019 will be Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Colette Doyle, who the children know, will be here for the last 3 sessions.

### **2020 Staff**

All current staff will be returning in 2020. Rachel, Shelley and Jenny continue as educators in the 4 year old room and Sue and Veronica in the 3 year old. Becky will also be returning as office administration.

### **Birthdays**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...**

**Milla H  
Matilda  
Orlando  
Chloe**

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## Dates for Your Diary:

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec-** Last day Magpies  
**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec-** Last day Lyrebirds  
**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec-** Last day blue/red grps  
**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec-** Last day green/yellow grps  
**Thur 19<sup>th</sup> Dec-** Staff pack up day- no kinder

### Quality Area 1- Educational Program & Practice

#### 3 Year Old Room

Veronica and I would like to thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's first kindergarten experience, we hope that you've enjoyed your time with us and that we have succeeded in showing your child that learning is fun! I hope we have inspired an "I can" attitude towards all the areas of learning- "I'll try it, I'll give it a go."

As educators, we look forward to and are fortunate to see glimpses of their future self-; their learning styles are becoming apparent, their strengths, relationships, their joys and their fears. We have the privilege of giving them the tools to learn.

One of my favourite lines in the poem- "If I had my child to raise over again" by Diane Looman is: "I'd see the oak tree in the acorn more often." To see the potential in every child, to nurture and encourage a curious, confident learner.

I'd like to thank Veronica for her support and willingness to put in many extra hours to ensure that the program runs smoothly and the children's needs are met. This is our first year working together and when we began the year, we discussed many things, particularly the philosophy and approach in the room and then Veronica asked, "what is the most important thing you'd like me to do?" Well the answer was very easy. I have watched Veronica over the years, her interactions with younger children, her ability to engage and interact with, to care for and nurture. That's what I'd like you to do- everything else will fall into place and she hasn't let me down. She has developed beautiful caring relationships with your children. And as for me, I love early childhood- love what you do and do what you love! Children continually put a smile on my face- how lucky am I to be a part of their world, even for a short time.

Here's a brief moment in our day, but one that I will always hold in my heart (I have changed the names).

Michael and Jimmy always play together, usually in pursuit of the Big Bad Wolf or Jaws the shark.

However on this day they were playing in the mud patch making potions (probably to poison the Big Bad Wolf). They were busy mixing and adding leaves, sticks and more mud when Maddi asked if she could play and Michael said "yes you can mix!" and so she did. Maddi looked at Michael and said "I love you Michael." Michael put his head down and didn't respond. Maddi said again, "I love you". She looked

#### 3 Year Old Room Continued.....

at him and smiled and Michael looked at her and said "thank you." And after a little while he said "I'll ask my mummy if you can come and play at my house, she might say no but she might say yes!" They both smiled and were happy. Then Jimmy who had been sitting by Michaels side listening to the whole conversation said "Well Maddi, I think this means that you have to marry both of us!" The smile disappeared off Maddi's face into one of quiet contemplation! Aren't they a joy!

Have a safe and happy Christmas.

Sue & Veronica

### Quality Area 6- Collaborative Partnerships with Families & Communities

#### Earn & Learn

Thank you to everyone who gave us stickers during Woolworths Earn and Learn 2019. The children are already enjoying learning from the fantastic items that finally arrived last week.



## Quality Area 1- Educational Program & Practice

### **4 Year Old Room**

The year is certainly finishing with a bang! End of year concert/celebration, Paul Jamieson Music Man incursion, Spanish with Pilar, Emerald Vets pet care/dog safety incursion, Water Safety incursion, visit to Monbulk Police Station, making a calendar and card as a gift and end-of-year party day(s).

End-of-year party days for the 4 year old room children are on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Children can come dressed up (if they like); we will be playing party games and dancing, and we will have a “feast” for lunch. In line with our healthy eating policy, we no longer ask you to supply shared ‘red/sometimes foods’ (ie. sausage rolls and lollies). Instead, your child has made a “feast bag” (decorated brown paper bag), which has been sent home for you to send back on Party Day containing whatever you would like them to have as their lunch. This allows you to choose what special foods you would like your child to have.

If you would like your child to have a Pre-School completion certificate, please add their name to the green sheet of paper next to the attendance register in the foyer.

There are so many people that make Monbulk Pre-School such an amazing community learning space.....of course the fantastic educators who plan and deliver the educational program and care for the children, but also support staff (Becky-admin and Jo-cleaning), Monbulk Primary School leadership, teaching and School Council members, Yarra Ranges Council, and of course the families and children.

Thank you to this year’s children for being so considerate, creative, compassionate, cooperative, capable, cheerful and courteous. It has been a joy and honour to have been their educators. Thank you also to all the families for their contribution to their child’s early childhood education; from helping at excursions, special days, fundraisers, working bees, laundry, sweeping and cleaning.

From everyone in Green Room, we thank you for sharing your amazing children with us this year. We would like to send our best wishes to the children going to school and the families leaving the service. To those returning in 2020, we look forward to seeing you again at the end of January.

Rachel, Shelley & Jenny



