



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
March 2017

Dear Parents,

A short first term and hasn't it gone fast! We hope you and your children have enjoyed the start of the Pre-School year and that you all have a wonderful break and Easter. We can't wait to hear all the stories of the adventures the children have had over the holidays.

Judy, Jenny, Sue, Shelley & Becky ☺



March Birthdays



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Brodie on March 6th

Cooper on March 9th

Alexandra on March 11th

Araya on March 21st

Ryder on March 21st

Slade on March 23rd

Nate on March 24th

Hadley on March 29th

Handyman Help Needed

Sue and Shelley need some help in moving a shelf attached to the wall. If you can help them please see Sue.

Pre-School Photos

Photos of the children were recently taken by Nik. Nik is very flexible and will always make sure she gets photos of any children who are absent. Ordering information will be available after the holidays and placed in your child's pigeon hole.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Joshua and his family in the 3 year old group on the arrival of a new baby sister- Paige.

Thank You

Thank you to Harvey and Alexandra for their craft donations.

QA6- Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities

Fundraising Reminders

Just a quick reminder that the following fundraisers are due back before the end of term:

- Bike-a-thon sponsorships
- Easter Raffle- all tickets and donations due by 24th March (raffle drawn on Tuesday 28th March)

Allergies at Pre-School

Please be mindful of the following food allergies/sensitivities we have at the Pre-School this year. If you have any questions please see a staff member. These allergies are either by ingestion and/or touch.

- Tomato paste
- Pasta sauce
- Mango skin
- Raspberries
- Avocado
- Peanuts/cashews
- Raw eggs



Green Room Music

Wanted

Is anyone able to take home a small amount of wooden burnable rubbish we have that won't fit in our rubbish bin's. Or even a skip at your work that it could go in. Please see Judy.



Monbulk Pre-School

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Dates for Your Diary:

March 22nd: Bike-a-thon

March 31st: Last Day Term 1

April 18th: First Day Term 2

QA7- Leadership & Service Management

Policy Reviews

Our policies are generally reviewed annually or as required. Any amendments need to be approved by School Council.

We will keep you informed of what policies are being reviewed and how you can make any comments (will usually be displayed in foyer). We currently have 46 policies. Copies of all policies are in the folder in the foyer. Amendments will be made shortly to our Enrolment Policy and Child Safe and Code of Conduct Policies due to recent legislative changes. See Becky in the Office if you would like a copy of any of our policies.

Safety Reminder

Kid Safe and the Victorian Government are continuing an education campaign reminding families not to leave children unattended in cars- even in cooler weather. If necessary ask another parent to collect and sign your child out for you to meet them in the car park.

General Reminders

- We continue to practice our monthly fire, earthquake drills and lockdowns as part of our regular compliance
- Practice hand washing at home with your children- 20 seconds wash, 20 seconds rinse, 20 seconds dry (or sing happy birthday song twice)
- Families are reminded not to put lollies, chocolate biscuits etc in their child's snack box. These are treat foods and we try to promote healthy eating
- Sunscreen is in the foyer for you to put on your child when they arrive
- With late hot weather please ensure children have appropriate clothing for the day (or a change of clothes in their bag). With hot weather we are also having a lot of water play so again a change of clothes is advisable

15 Hours of Pre-School

The Federal Government's commitment to the Commonwealth portion of 15 hours of Pre-School expires at the end of the year. Numerous organisations (Early Learning Association of Australia, Municipal Association of Victoria and Australian Education Union) are supporting the campaign to let the Government know that all Australians will benefit economically and socially from continued Commonwealth funding of 15 hours.

Families can help support this campaign by signing the petition at www.keepfunding15hours.org.au

QA1- Educational Program & Practice

Today!

Some days if I don't bring home anything, I will have learnt to share a story, to make decisions, to talk to a friend, take turns, solve problems, to take care of myself.

I may have gained skill, anticipated a problem, lost a fear, increased my vocabulary, broadened a concept, developed a relationship, gained in confidence, independence or self respect.

I may not be able to tell you all of these, but they are signs of development.

(Just as much as growing out of my clothes!)

Blue Room (3 year old)

Children are settling well and are becoming familiar with the routine, each other and staff. The noise level in the room is rising as the children are becoming more comfortable and confident within their environment and with their peers.

They are beginning to greet each other on the mat. The room is set up to support parallel then associative play through sensory activities and small social areas- blocks, train set, play dough, rice and water play- allowing the children to explore and develop in all areas and at their own pace.

We will continue to encourage the children to "help themselves". Put your bag in your locker, find your hat, your lunch box. Where are your shoes and socks- can you put them on? They are very easy to take off!

Many children are still having trouble opening their lunch boxes and the twist lids of yoghurt pouches. Please check that your child is comfortable with this and have the conversation- did you like what was in your snack today. We encourage the children to talk to you about the food they didn't like and what they would like to have. This encourages problem solving, language (communication) discussions- what do you like? They are also very interested in what others have in their snack boxes!

Green Room (4 year old)

- Refer recent email from Judy/Jenny & copies in foyer
- Library card application forms need to be returned to Judy or Jenny as soon as possible so that the librarian can issue your child with a library card. Children with existing cards just need to bring their card in with them on library day.



Green Room Library Time

