



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

October 2016

Dear Families,

Term 4 is already flying past and there is much to do. We will only have to blink and this year will be over. This term we have Melbourne Cup Weekend, End of Year Concert and Parties! There will be more info on these soon so keep a look out for it!

Judy, Jenny, Ann, Sue, Shelley & Becky ☺

Birthdays



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Alex on October 1st

Morgan on October 25th

Sue on October 29th

Code Red Fire Danger Rating Days

With the warmer weather beginning just a reminder that our pre-school area has been identified as being at high fire risk and we therefore are required to close on any day's declared a Code Red Fire Danger Rating Day. The Department of Education Early Childhood Development will give 3 day's notice where possible, but as weather can change quickly, it may be as little as 24hours notice on some days.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Harrison and his family on the arrival of a baby girl called Maddison.

Children's Week

Children's Week is from 22nd October to 30th October. See the website education.vic.gov.au/childrensweek for ideas and activities or yarraranges.vic.gov.au for local activities.

Spring Storms

We appreciate everyone's understanding with the recent closures due the storm and no power. Unfortunately the Shire of Yarra Ranges does not allow anyone in their building when the power is off due to occupational health and safety concerns.

Fundraising

Trolley Coins

As always we still have these for sale- great little stocking fillers. Please see Becky in the Office.

Diana Ferrari Night

Always a great night of shopping and socialising with delicious canapés and fantastic door prizes. The recent storms in the area affected our attendance numbers but we still managed to raise \$200 for the Pre-School. Thank you to Jo Heap for organising.

Toy Catalogues

Don't forget to send return your orders by Friday 28th October. Spare catalogues are available in the Office if you need.

Bunning's BBQ

Our BBQ is booked for Sunday 13th November. WE WILL NEED HELPERS ON THE DAY PLEASE. Even one hour of your time will be fantastic. A notice will go out in foyer shortly to put your name down. We don't ask families for much of their time so it will be great if we can get enough volunteers on the day.

School Fair

This is on Sunday 20th November. We will be having a stall doing face painting, hair plaiting and a big dig.

Again we will need helpers throughout the day (especially as some families will already be helping at their primary aged children's stall). It's always a fun day so please get involved. A notice for volunteers will go up in foyer shortly.

We will also be having our re-scheduled family photo session at the school fair- more information will follow.

Quality Area 6- Collaborative Partnerships with Families & Communities

Outstanding Fees

Term 4 invoices have just been distributed. A few families still have outstanding invoices from term 3. Please speak to Becky in the Office or Sandy Sloane at the Primary School if you have any concerns with paying your fees. As per our policy unpaid fees can be referred to a debt collector.

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Dates for Your Diary:

Mon Oct 31st: Pre-School Closed

Tues Nov 1st: Melb. Cup Day- Closed

Sun 13th Nov: Bunning's BBQ

Sun 20th Nov: School Fair

Mon 19th Dec: Last Day Children

Tues 20th Dec: Last Day Staff

Blue Room News

The children have settled easily into their final term- having lots to talk about on the morning mat-greeting each other and talking about their holidays.

Shelley and I can hardly get a word in!!

The expectations for both the groups and individuals have increased in preparation for next year, most the children are ready to take on extra responsibilities. We are encouraging the children to try to do most things for themselves (or have a go)- putting shoes and socks on, smocks, putting things into their bags (they are very good at pulling everything out!) but are reluctant to put it back. Did you realise that hats become invisible in their bags- they can never find them! And then when they eventually find them and put them on their head they disappear somewhere outside. So please ensure that they have a hat in their bag and it is clearly named and preferably has a "homing device" in it!

We are encouraging the children to help their friends- we have been working towards this all year. Awareness of others and taking care of others. Throughout the year the foundation skills have been established: look at a person's face- what expression do they have, do they need help, ask them do they need help, listen to their answer and follow through.

This task requires many skills- cognitive, thinking, language, interpreting, social skills and motor skills.

Sometimes this simple task may be fraught with danger and severe rejection if they misinterpret what is being said or not said and adult support

is required to guide them through these situations- these are the beginnings of social interactions and they are all opportunities to teach some of the most important skills in life. Spanish lessons with Pilar have started- each group will have four sessions.

We will also be changing the end of session routine in preparation for next year with the children dismissed from the mat and walking out to meet their parent in the foyer. As always staff will ensure every child is accounted for before they are allowed to leave.

Again please make sure your child can open any difficult snack boxes.

Green Room News

Please refer to recent Teacher's newsletter sent out to all families.

Working Bee

We were scheduled to have a working bee this term but understand that there is already a lot happening with upcoming fundraising activities so we have decided to cancel the working bee.

Unfortunately we do urgently need to sand the corners of our big boxes so if you can spare some time to help please see Judy. New sand and tan bark will be delivered shortly and the staff and children will help with this work on a Pre-School day. We will let you know what day this is happening and you may be able to pop in. Many thanks also to the Men's Shed who have been working on many of our maintenance/repair items.

Child Safety Code of Conduct

If you have not already done so please don't forget to return your signed Code of Conduct. Either drop it off in the Office or hand it to a Teacher. We only require the back page to be returned- the rest of document is to be kept for your reference.



Cooking Sausages for Fathers Night



Fathers Night Walk & BBQ

