



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

September 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,
Time has again flown by so quickly and it's almost holidays again! We wish everybody a lovely break.
Judy, Jenny, Ann, Sue, Shelley & Becky

September Birthdays



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Tyler- September 5th

Katie- September 7th

Mackenzie- September 8th

Thomas H- September 8th

Jackson H- September 13th

Lola- September 29th

Closure of Pre-School

Please be advised that we will be closed on the Monday before Cup Day- Monday 31st October. This day will be used as a professional day for staff.



Quality Area 6- Collaborative Partnerships with Families & Communities

Thank You

- Our colleague and friend Robyn Barrow who often visits and volunteers her time helping staff in the 3 year old room with cleaning and room set-up. She also made the most delicious melting moments for all the Grandparents.

End of Term Clean

We have a few jobs if you can spare ½ hour of your time. A job list is by the sign in book for the 4 year old room. See Sue if you can help out in the 3 year old room.

Starting School in 2017

We again advise all parents to enrol their child in school as soon as possible (even if other siblings are already enrolled). It is important to do this now so that the Schools have enough time to organise their classes and teachers for the new year. We also do not want families to miss out on transition experiences and important information from their chosen schools. 4 year old transition statements will be prepared shortly and we will let you know when your child's is completed.

Lost Property

Our lost property basket in the foyer is very full. Please have a look through it before the end of the term otherwise it will be donated to the School Op Shop.

Monbulk Pre-School Centre

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Dates for Your Diary:

Fri Sept 16th: Last Day Term 3

Mon Oct 3rd: First Day Term 4

Mon Oct 31st: Kinder Closed

Tues Nov 1st: Melb. Cup Day- Kinder Closed

Sun 13th Nov: Bunning's BBQ

Quality Area 2- Children's Health & Safety

Sun Smart

Monbulk Preschool is a Sun smart centre, therefore we promote following these 5 important tips, to protect against sun damage:

1. SLIP on some protective clothing, covering as much skin as possible
2. SLOP on some SPF30+ water resistant Sunscreen (20 minutes before going outside) and remember to reapply every two hours.
3. SLAP on a hat that protects your face, head, neck and ears.
4. SEEK some shade.
5. SLIDE on some sunglasses

At our Kindergarten we ask that children wear their sun hats (no caps) all year round as UV levels can reach over 3 at anytime. When the UV index reaches 3 and above, the radiation can cause damage to skin and eyes.

Sunscreen is available in the foyer to apply before your child's session and in the playground so children can be shown how to apply sunscreen themselves.

With the change in season and Spring weather being so unpredictable, it is suggested that you dress your child in layers that they can take off during the day when it gets warmer or put back on when the sun goes away! And of course a change of clothes in their bags.



FUNDRAISING 2016

CHALK Catalogues

These toy catalogues will be distributed before the end of the term. The Pre-School receives a percentage of all orders in vouchers to spend.

Any orders will be delivered in time for Christmas.

Diana Ferrari Night

The date for this fun shopping and socialising night has changed to Wednesday 12th October (6.30pm-9.00pm). If you are interested in attending please add your name to the list near the door in the foyer. There is no cost for this event and it includes drinks, canapés and door prizes.

Father's Day Stall

Our first Father's Day Stall was very successful and all the children enjoyed choosing a gift for their Dad or Grandfather. I hope everyone loved their specially chosen gift. Thank you to Angie Radley, Veronica Makaay and Jo Heap for running the stall.

Bunning's BBQ

Our assigned date is Sunday 13th November. Please add this date to your diaries as we will need lots of volunteers on the day.

Monbulk Primary School Fete

We will again be having a stall at the School Fete on Sunday 20th November. We will be doing face painting, hair chalk and plaiting and a Big Dig activity. More information will come closer to the date as we will need lots of helpers on the day- especially as many of parents with children at the School will already be helping on their child's grades stall.

Quality Area 7- Leadership & Service Management

Pre-School Policies

Recent Criminal Law reforms have created a requirement for any organisations that work with children to meet Child Safety Standards. Early Childhood Services are required to meet these by 1st January 2017 (but be working towards them in 2016). We already have the appropriate policies in place around these standards but were required to develop a Code of Conduct for all staff and families at the Pre-School to sign and comply with.

This Code will be approved at our September School Council meeting and distributed to all families shortly after.

This Standard covers many organisations, not just educational. A brochure around child safe organisations is located on the shelf in the foyer or you can find further information at www.dhs.vic.gov.au or www.cyp.vic.gov.au.

Keep Funding 15 Hours

Almost 2000 people have signed ELAA's *Keep Funding 15 Hours* online petition urging the Federal Government to continue funding quality preschool beyond 2017.

Research tells us that a minimum of 15 hours a week of quality early learning, in the year before school, results in positive educational, social, and economic outcomes for our children. Additionally, economic modelling illustrates a strong connection between universal access to quality early learning and national economic prosperity.

We need to let the Turnbull Government know that all Australians will benefit from continued Commonwealth funding of 15 hours. Please support even if this is your last year at Pre-School.

1. Sign the 'keep funding 15 hours' petition on www.keepfunding15hours.org.au
2. Like and share 'keep funding 15 hours' campaign promotions on ELAA's Face book page www.facebook.com/ELAAustralia
3. Tell your friends about the importance of quality early learning on Face book or through other mediums – and ask them to spread the word about this campaign.

Blue Room News

Spanish lessons with Pilar will be starting again in term 4 for both Magpies and Lyrebirds.

Your Child's Journey

Well it's almost the end of term 3 and it leads you to ask the question- "Where did that go?"

Third term is traditionally a busy term for both staff and children. This is the term where the children become very comfortable and confident in their environment.

Children are confident and capable learners:

- They have taken ownership of their room
 - They are comfortable with staff
 - Friendships are being developed
 - Routines are established
- They are confident to explore and manipulate the environment
- They are able to make choices for themselves
- They are becoming self reliant, developing self help skills and problem solving
- Have an awareness that they are a part of a group and understand group rules and expectations

With all these skills established the children at this stage of the year push the boundaries- this is a normal part of their development.

Their horizons have expanded, their ability to process, question and understand is increasing. They are beginning to understand consequence and beginning to be aware of others and what they might be thinking, consequently they have a great need to be heard and understood.

They realise they have the ability to influence their environment and are able to influence their peers, particularly in group situations.

We as adults must remember that they are only at the beginning of their journey- doors have been opened and with all of these new found skills they will continue to explore them and for them it can be exhausting, emotional and irrational!

They will be seeking power and of course they will feel that they know best. Luckily we know that they don't!

So stay consistent, keep rules and expectations clear- try not to get into an argument- you won't win, logic often fails them. Try to ignore negative behaviours (don't feed into them)- praise the positive. Try not to remind them of past mistakes and don't over talk situations (they would have stopped listening after the first sentence!).

Tell your child what you want, not what you don't want- what they can do rather than what they can't do. Always create opportunities for success and allow your child to make choices wherever possible (but limit the choices). Be a positive role model.

With all this in mind we say good luck and enjoy the holidays and remember this too shall pass and the next stage is just around the corner.

Working With Children's Check

With the compulsory child safe standards you might be required to have a Working with Children's Check. These are free if you are a volunteer. Forms can be collected from any participating post office or go to www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au.

Blue Room Self Portraits



Green Room News

We had a fantastic turn out for Grandparents and Special Persons week. If your child's

Grandparents couldn't make it this time they are more than welcome to visit sometime in the future- just ring and let us know beforehand. Now that Spring is here our garden is currently being planted with lots of vegetables. Soup will continue till the end of term as well as tea parties.

Chesterfield Farm excursion will be on Tuesday 18th October. More details will come as the date gets closer.



Tea Party



Washing our tea party dishes!

