



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 2017

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

September Birthdays



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...
Blue Room- Angus
Green Room- Lola, Vivienne, Thomas

Congratulations

Congratulations to Angus and his family on the recent arrival of a new baby sister named Quinn.

Quality Area 6- Collaborative Partnerships with Families & Communities

Starting School in 2018

We again advise all parents that they need to have enrolled their child in school by now (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.

Quality Area 7- Leadership & Service Management

Principal/Licensee

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday and looking forward to seeing all our 2018 Foundation families in October when we start our transition program.

Quality Improvement Plan (QIP)

The final copy of our QIP is now available to read in the foyer if anyone is interested.

Term 4 Invoices

Term 4 invoices/statements have been placed in your child's pigeon hole. If you have paid any amounts outstanding from earlier terms after the date on the statement please ignore. Please call the school on 9756 6481 or speak to Becky in the office if you would like to arrange a payment plan.

Assessment & Rating Audit

We have been notified that our next assessment under the National Quality Standard will take place in the month of 23rd October-20th November. We aim to keep our top rating of Exceeding all 7 quality areas.

Car Safety

Staff attended a presentation recently regarding changes to legislation around children and car safety. Children must stay in an approved child seat or booster until they are at least 145cm tall. The fine for not complying with this law is a huge \$3690!!! Next term we will have a short DVD running in the foyer explaining all car safety laws.

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Dates for Your Diary:

Fri Sept 22nd: Last Day Term 3
Mon Oct 9th: First Day Term 4
Tues Nov 7th: Melb. Cup Day- Kinder Closed
Sat 2nd Dec: Bunning's BBQ
Wed 20th December: Last Session Year

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 2017

CHALK Catalogues

The toy catalogues were put in pigeon holes last week. The Pre-School receives a percentage of all orders in vouchers to spend. Any orders will be delivered in time for Christmas.

Picture Plates & Entertainment Book

Raised \$119 from the plates and \$140 from the books. Thank you to Jo heap for organising the plates and Leonie Jansen (ex family) for doing the books.

Mini Father's Day Stall

We sold a few left over items from last year's stall and raised an extra \$60.

Bunning's BBQ

Our assigned date is Saturday 2nd December. Please add this date to your diaries as we will need lots of volunteers on the day.



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 next term- just ring and let us know beforehand.

Now that Spring is here our garden is currently being planted with lots of vegetables. Soup making has continued till the end of term.

Chesterfield Farm excursion will be on Tuesday 24th October. More details will come as the date gets closer but make sure you mark it in your diary/calendar now.

Term 4 will be full of activities and visits. On Monday 9th October we will be having a visit from the Museum. They will be bringing dinosaur bones and fossils.

Shire Yarra Ranges mobile library will continue to visit twice a month. Other activities will be Teddy's Bear Picnic, Water Safety, parent luncheon, Graduation and children's Christmas lunch. More information will be provided closer to the dates.



Blue Room News

Your Child's Journey

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.

