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Box Hill South Pre School

Term 2 2010



Diary Dates

- **Tuesday 22nd June** - The Flying Bookworm Co Visit - Koalas
- **Wednesday 23rd June** - Lightening Creek Band Visit - Kangaroos
- **Monday 28th June** -10am School Holiday Play-Date at Phoenix Park, Rob Roy Rod, Chadstone (Melway Ref. 69 D2)
- **Saturday 10th July** - Toy Story 3 (3D) Movie Morning at Balwyn Palace Cinema
- **Monday 12th July** - No Kinder - Pupil FREE Day
- **Tuesday 13th July** - First Day of Term 3
- **Wednesday 14th July** - Dove Puppets Visit - Kangaroos
- **Thursday 15th July** - Dove Puppets Visit - Koalas
- **Friday 16th July** - **Term 3 Fees Due**
NOTE: OUR BANK ACCOUNT NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED for Electronic Funds Transfer Payments. - Please note this when making fee payments and also make sure you include your child's *Description* (number and name if possible) written on your account so we know who has paid.
- **Wednesday 30th June** - Toolbox Parenting Course Registration/Payment Due
- **Wednesday 21st July** - Toolbox Parenting Course 1st Session
- **Friday 30th July** - Wriggerly Worm Dance Co Visit - Wombats
- **Thursday 5th August** - Wriggerly Worm Dance Co Visit - Platypus
- **Saturday 14th August** - **Trivia Night** (Footy Theme)
- **Thursday 19th August** - Teddy Bears Picnic - Platypus
- **Saturday 4th September** - Box Hill Miniature Railway FREE Family day
- **Saturday 30th October** - Bunnings Sausage Sizzle - Box Hill South Store

Waiting in the Foyer

Many other people use the Family Care Centre building, of which our kindergarten is a part. It is important that we supervise our children at all times in the foyer area and that we are quiet and considerate.

Also please note the the use of the waiting area within the Maternal / Child Centre area is for people waiting to see the Maternal /Child Health Nurses.
- Thank You for your Co-operation



A Word from the President

Wow! I can't believe we are half way through the year. Second term was extraordinarily long so if your family is anything like mine, we are very grateful for a mid-year break.

Our children have well and truly familiarised themselves with kinder routine and in fact when asked, can easily recite what happens on any particular day. They have recently had some very exciting incursions with more to come!. The Cheeky Monkey Puppet Show came to visit the 3 year old groups, which was a major hit! While the 4 year olds have two shows on the way - Flying Bookworm Theatre Company and Lightning Creek Band both sound really exciting. I am sure you agree that our teachers are doing a wonderful job creating eagerly anticipated and fun-filled learning experiences for our children.

And our children are not the only ones that can do some learning at our kinder. This July, we will be commencing our very first parenting course, called **Toolbox Parenting**. We did the research and found this to be the best option available. In fact we thought it would be so advantageous to our community that we are **subsidising the cost** for you - to make it easier for you to attend. So, please take advantage of this, look in your kinder pockets for the registration form and get in quick as we have limited numbers.

And that's not all... We've also recently had another two fantastic sessions for parents on '**Play-based**' learning - **at kinder and at home**. We had a great turn out and have had some lovely feedback. Thanks to Matoula and Pam for organising both the speakers (Dr Anne-Marie Morrissey and Dr Jo O'Mara) and for running the evenings.

We've also had our 2010 Open Day where we had a steady stream of future kinder kids and families. Our enrolment officers, Annie and Sue did a very thorough job getting this day off the ground and the hard work paid off as many people have confirmed their places in 2011, plus a few new people as well. Well done ladies!

Our Social and Fundraising committee have also been very busy organising up and coming events. The Trivia night will be upon us very soon so make sure you get dressed appropriately for the occasion. The theme is a surprise but its sure to be a specky!!

Speaking of speckies. Have you seen the new website? Check it out at www.boxhillsouthpreschool.org.au You'll



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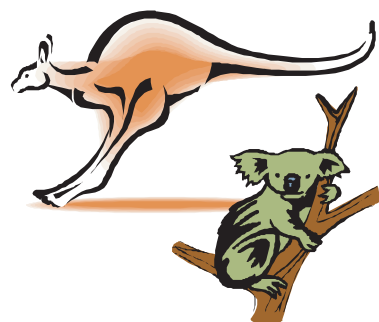
be able to find all the information you need on our kinder including this newsletter! Matoula and her team have done an amazing job getting this done. Please let her know what you think of it, next time you bump into her.

And the next time you're surfing the web, remember that we have just recently acquired 3 second-hand computers for our kids to learn some basic navigating.

Never a dull moment for our kids nor our kinder community!

P.S. - have you been introduced to *Nemo* and *Flounder* yet?

Lou (Isabella's Mum - Wombats)
President



4yo and 3yo Groups News

When you come into our playroom you may wonder what your child is learning when the children seem to be just playing!

Is this playing more than just playing?

Is it learning?

If so what kind of learning outcomes are possible or taking place?

Some of you may now have a head start to answering some of these questions, following your attendance at our recent information sessions, with Dr Ann-Marie Morrissey and Dr Jo O'Mara on **Learning & Play and Language & Literacy**.

Thank you to everyone who attended and a special thank you to Ann-Marie and Jo for all that valuable information you shared with us all.

To answer the questions above, we have listed a few of the experiences the children have been participating in recently and the possible learning outcomes for the children, of these play based learning experiences.

When the children...

Pretend to be doctors/nurses...

They learn to... Understand their experiences (abstract thinking) (develop relationships)

Dress dolls in Home Corner...

They learn to... Use their small muscle skills (writing) (self-help skills)

Sort cars, animals at pack up time...

They learn to... Group objects into categories (numeracy) (take responsibility) (use initiative)

Watch ice melt...

They learn to... Recognise how materials change (science) (experimentation) (sensory)

Draw a picture...

They learn to... Use symbols (reading/writing readiness) (creativity) (enjoyment)

Finish a puzzle...

They learn to... Complete a task (self-esteem) (concentration) (persistence)

Collect materials for pasting...

They learn to... Plan and carry out a task (independence) (problem solving) (imagination)

Use blocks, cars, trees to create a city...

They learn to... Recreate the world around the (cooperation) (share knowledge) (negotiate)

Build with indoor /outdoor blocks...

They learn to... Understand size, weight & number concepts (maths) (co-operation)

Build with duplo/lego...

They learn to... Coordinate the actions of their eyes and hands (reading/writing readiness)

Play alongside/with other children...

They learn to... Get along with others (self discipline) (develop resilience)

Sing, play a game or finger play with other children and their teacher...

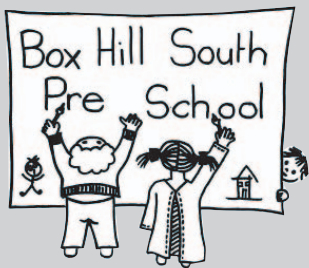
They learn to... Participate cooperatively in a group (follow directions) (listen)

Listen and talk about a story...

They learn to... Love books, remember details and express ideas (language/literacy)

Catch, throw & kick balls...

They learn to... Coordinate body movements (physical development)



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Watch / talk about our plants growing, our fish and our weather change...

They learn to...Develop observation skills (science) (language) (curiosity)

Climb, swing, dig, run, jump, hop, skip...

They learn to...Use their bodies in challenging tasks (self-esteem) (practice)

Play in the sandpit...

They learn to...Learn about everything you need to know in life (life skills)

- Young children must play to learn.
- Play for a child is serving just as serious a purpose as a day in the library for a research student!

Pam, Leanne, Jane, Keron and Jackie
Your Child's Early Childhood Teaching Team



Social and Fundraising News

We can't believe the year is already half gone. Thank you to all families and staff for supporting the Term 2 events and fundraisers. We've had a terrific

time organising them and hope everyone has enjoyed participating.

We kicked off Term 2 with our very successful **Mother's Day Raffle**. Congratulations to all the prize winners and thanks to everyone for your support. Then there was the **Entertainment Book** fundraiser - thanks to all purchasers - we sold **36 books** and **Top Tale Books** (thanks again to Sam Jones for coordinating).

Holiday Catch Up

We also enjoyed a lovely morning at Wattle Park over the term break, giving both kids and parents an opportunity to catch up over the holidays. It was so popular, that we have organised another holiday catch up at Phoenix Park, Rob Roy Road, Chadstone (Melway Ref. 69 D2). As well as an enclosed park there is a skate ramp area, café and toilets. Scheduled for **Monday 28 June at 10:00 am** (if raining, catch up is rescheduled for Monday 5 July). Hope to see you there.

Toy Story 3 (3D)

It's been a long time since the arrival of a movie has stirred up so much excitement and shrill squeals of delight amongst pre schoolers and their older siblings. Thank goodness the wait is almost over (my ears can't take it any longer). Mark **10th July** in your diary and book your tickets for our **Toy Story 3** fundraiser, to be held at Palace Cinema's in Balwyn.

It will be a great experience for the kids to enjoy this blockbuster in the company of their best friends, all while raising much needed funds for our fabulous kinder.

Please feel free to invite family and friends to join us, all are welcome.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Our "footy themed" trivia night is booked for Saturday 14 August.

Invitations will be issued in the last week of term 2. Gather a group of 10-12 of your fittest team mates or we'll match you with a team. We are planning some great silent auction items and will have terrific prizes for most original footy themed costume, winning trivia table, raffles and games.

The Trivia Night is the kinder's major fundraiser for 2010, so please do your best to support this event.

Free Father's Day Event - Box Hill Miniature Railway

On Saturday 4 September (the day before father's day) we have a special treat for all our kinder families. As a way of saying thank you to everyone for supporting all our fundraising activities throughout the year, we are giving something back.

A free morning is planned for all families to attend the Box Hill Miniature Railway (cnr Elgar and Belmore Rds, Box Hill Nth). Wombat and Platypus groups 10am-11am and Kangaroo and Koala groups 11am-12pm. Then kick on afterwards in the park playground next door. We hope to see there.

Meet and Greets

Term 2 "meet and greet" gatherings have provided families with an opportunity to socialise and get to know other parents in their child's kinder group. We hope that



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you enjoyed catching up for an informal coffee and chat with one another. We plan to hold these "meet and greets" again in term 3 so stay tuned.

Volunteers needed

The Social and Fundraising Committee are always looking for people to assist with activities (especially the forthcoming Trivia Night). It is a great way to meet new people within the kinder community and a lot of fun too. Please speak to your group social/fundraising rep if you want to get involved.

Trish (Jesse and Toby's Mum - Kangaroos and Wombats)

Katie (Ava's Mum - Wombats)

Social and Fundraising Co-ordinators

Maintenance Report



So far this year we have had two maintenance days, and both have been very successful. Thanks to all the families who attended. We have managed to avoid the rain on both occasions and achieved a wide variety of jobs. The response to both maintenance days has been great with many families helping out from all four kinder groups. Please note that the next

maintenance day is coming up on **Sunday the 20th of June**. A board is posted at the entrance to the kinder where you can fill in your name to register your help on the day.

The maintenance dates for the rest of the year are as follows.

Sunday June 20th

Sunday September 12th

Sunday December 12th

Sharon and Andrew

(Grace's Mum & Dad - Koalas)

Maintenance Officers

Bits and Pieces

Our new families. Platypus and Koalas groups - you may have noticed a few new faces amongst the children, please take the time and say "Hello" to our new families that have joined our kindergarten community!

Please Remember the children go outside in all weather, so please ensure that your child comes to kinder with appropriate warm clothing i.e. coat, hat, scarf, gloves etc.

Why not you ask your group rep to show you our "Box Hill South Pre School" - Long Sleeve Polo Tops & Windcheaters that are available at the kinder for purchase. These garments are printed locally and Australian made. Order forms and samples are displayed in the kinder room.

Health and Wellbeing

We ask families to remember that the best place for unwell children is at home as infection spreads rapidly within the kinder environment.

Also we would like to remind families that we have a strict **NO NUT or NUT PRODUCTS** policy at our kinder.

Our Website!

www.boxhillsouthpreschool.org.au is now up and running the team has done a created a bright, happy and friendly website THANKS to **Dennis Photography** who has donated beautiful photos of the kids for our banner and to the teachers for taking such happy snaps over the term!

Key Enrolment Dates

A friendly reminder of the key enrolments dates for families who are starting 4yo and/or 3yo in 2011.

- **30th June 2010** - WPSA Enrolment Applications Close for 2011.
- **16th July 2010** - Preschool will send 4 year old 1st round letters of offers to applicants.
- **6th August 2010** - Preschool will send 3 year old 1st round letters of offer to applicants

THANK YOU to our sponsors

Mothers Day Raffle

- Melbourne Musicians
- Retreat on Railway - 58 Railway Pde, Chadstone
- Brazilian Butterfly - 1st Flr, 672 Burke Rd, Camberwell
- Style Hairdressing - 414 Balwyn Rd, Balwyn North
- Dreamtime Spa Retreat - Genesis Fitness Club Box Hill
- Rumble Fish Fitness - <http://rumblefishfitness.com.au>
- Dench Meat & Chicken - Forest Hill Shopping Centre
- Hairhouse Warehouse - Forest Hill Shopping Centre
- Sweet As - Centro Box Hill

Open Day 2010

- Woodards in Blackburn - for donating the signage for our Open Day board this year.

Your contributions of articles, letters or facts are very welcome. Please send to: matoularomeo@yahoo.com.au