



East Beaumaris Preschool
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march 2011 NEWSLETTER

YOUR PRESIDENTS REPORT **SETTLED IN**

What a fantastic evening we had at our Welcome Night on 25th February. It was all smiles from children and parents alike and it was lovely to hear all the chatter of people meeting people!

Thank you to all social reps and especially Delvene (Social Chair) for her fantastic organisation for the night. A big thank you also goes to Wendy our very talented Maintenance Officer. Not only was she busy with a rotary hoe fluffing up tanbark only the weekend before but she has been very busy behind the scenes since she took over the reigns in December last year. Thanks also to John (Starlings Isabella's dad) and Mike (Starlings Flynn's dad) for their assistance with the tanbark!

We are now in Week 7 of Term 1. A highlight to date for the children has been the Ricketts Point excursion and Kenji's "Teddy Bear's Picnic". I know the teachers have wonderful activities lined up in the next few weeks which the children will just love. I think I am as excited as my daughter each session to see just what is set up on the tables to play with....!

With our children having busy bodies and busy minds at kinder, I would like to encourage all parents to pack nutritious foods for snack and lunch times. A great rule of thumb can be "nude food", as usually unpackaged foods are high fibre low sugar and perfect for growing children. EBPS is part of the "Go For Your Life" state government program - you may notice posters around kinder with their logo. It has simple clear messages and is really easy for children to understand. Bayside Council are also keen advocates of the program and place a high importance on the nutrition aspect.

As parents and carers we have a common denominator of wanting the best for our children. In the end it's our children's bodies that benefit and therefore their future.

Talking about wanting the best, don't we all just love the outdoor facilities we have at kinder? I think our extensive outdoor play area that allows for a vast range of sensory experiences is absolutely fantastic. You have a special opportunity to help us maintain and improve that facility so that YOUR child benefits immediately.

ATTENTION! ACHTUNG! SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday March 27th is our first Maintenance Day of the year and we'd love you all to help out, kids are welcome to help too as it is heaps of fun! Keep a look out for notices at kinder so you can put your name down and not miss out.

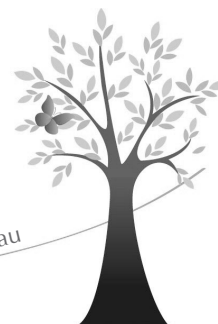
With only 4 more weeks of Term 1, I hope everyone is getting time to enjoy seeing the children settled in and blossoming at EBPS. At dinner time or story time each day why not ask them what their "favourite thing about their day" was? You'll be amazed at some entertaining responses you'll receive. Enjoy!

Megan x

East Beaumaris Preschool **NO NUTS POLICY**

*We have children at the Kinder with
LIFE THREATENING allergies.*

*EBPS has adopted a no nuts policy, please
**'do not sent nuts or derivatives of
nuts onto the premises'***



LORIKEETS AND ROSELLAS GROUP

Jenni Hawthorn and Barbara Hooper
(Four Year Old Group Teachers))

The children have settled into kindergarten beautifully and have experienced two long days with rest time and coped very well.

We all enjoyed an exciting excursion to Rickett's Point where the weather was very kind to us. Together we found various sea life including crabs, sea urchins, sea snails, seaweed, jelly fish and shrimp. At kinder we had many discussions about the beach and life in rock pools with the children displaying great knowledge in this area.

We are currently focusing on the family. The children have been bringing in their family posters from home which they have created with a parent. The children have been very excited to share their family poster with the group and tell us the types of things they enjoy doing with their family. For those who have not yet brought in their posters, please do not panic as this is something we will continue over the course of the term. Outdoors the children have really been challenging themselves on the climbing equipment. There has also been some wonderful "team work" being displayed with the children working together on various tasks in a very cooperative manner. We can see some friendships being formed already as they work together and include other children on their play.

The children have experienced two sessions with Jill from "Hey Dee Ho Music" and have thoroughly enjoyed it. They were totally involved in the singing, dancing, puppetry and music. They have also been learning some sign language which will continue throughout the year.

Thank you,
Jenni and Barbara



TERM DATES 2011

Term 2 - 27th April to 1st July
Term 3 - 18th July to 8th April
Term 4 - 10th October to 22nd December

UPCOMING LORIKEET AND ROSELLA EVENTS :

Thursday 17th March	(Lorikeets and Rosellas) Responsible pet Ownership
Thursday 24th March	Rosellas - Grandparents and Special Friends Day (more details to follow)
Friday 25th March	Lorikeets - Grandparents and Special Friends Day (more details to follow)
Thursday 7th April	Rosellas - Easter Hop-a-Thon Last Day of Term 1
Friday 8th April	Lorikeets - Easter Hop-a-Thon Last Day of Term 1

PLEASE NOTE:

*Upon arrival for your child's kinder session,
It is important that you keep your children off
the playground and set up outdoor activities,
as staff are unable to provide adequate
supervision at this time.*



**BOOK
IT IN**

- TRIVIA NIGHT -

Saturday 4th June

Dates to book into the calendar:

HOP-A-THON - 7th, 8th April

BUNNINGS BBQ - 29th May

TRIVIA NIGHT - 4th June

More details will follow these and other
events closer to the time.

For now, please note these dates in your diary.

RABBITS - free to a good home

*Two Female, Desexed Rabbits
One is a White Lop-Eared call Snowbell
One is a Brown Lop-Eared/Cross called Pebbles
Must stay together, trained to use letter tray
Really nice natures, approx. 1 yr old each, big barrel of
lucerne hay included as well.
Unfortunately the hutch is in very poor condition
so would need to provide own hutch.
Contact Penny, 4yr Assistant Teacher*



STARLINGS GROUP

What a wonderful start to the year we have had together. I hope the following reflections will give you some insight into our learning and program initiatives we have shared during this first month together.

Familiarisation Process: My primary focus over the last month has been to build the important foundations of comfort and trust for all of the children with each other, the staff and their preschool environment. As there are still a small number of children finding the separation process difficult; it often doesn't take long for other "concerned onlookers" to become upset as well. For this reason, I am sensitive to the needs of those having difficulty saying goodbye as well as other more sensitive children in our group - to help prevent others becoming unsettled as well. Yvette and I work collaboratively to respond to these situations as they arise and strategies for individual children are in place to manage their personal situation in consultation with parents.

Orientation: Giving children time to explore their preschool during these early days is critical; moving about and familiarising themselves with each other and the many varied activities on offer builds confidence & allows them to feel comfortable. We have maintained very strong patterns and rituals within our session times to support the settling in process and to help children develop a basic knowledge of important routines at kinder.

Self Esteem: Recently, parents were asked to write a love letter to their child. These have now been returned and I have started to read these out to the children at group times, a few at a time. It is a wonderful personal celebration; with a focus on how special and individual each child is. The children are responding well and excited to get up and listen to their special words from family, and importantly, it's a great vehicle to build confidence and self-esteem.

Kenji: Our class mascot has been introduced to the group with a special teddy bear's picnic day where all the children were invited to bring along a special toy from home. We discussed the idea of celebration, and what it means to be together to share in traditions such as birthdays. Kenji has now commenced his home visits and we look forward to the many wonderful stories to be shared with the rest of the class.

Some other highlights: Group Times have been a great time for children to come together, play games, read & share stories, sing songs, discover new rhymes, have discussions, learn each other's

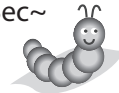
names, self-regulate & learn how to participate appropriately in a more formal / structured way.

Children's explorations have included –

- Inside Experiences: children have been able to explore their skills: sensory (play dough, sand tray, water play) construction (leggo, constructo-straws, duplo, threading) art & craft (pasting, painting, edicol dye), imaginative (train sets, traditional home corner, puppets, dress ups,) drawing / writing (self portraits, crayon, textas), games (matching, sorting, parachute ball game, hiding games), and puzzles.
- Outside Experiences: children have been able to explore their skills: gross motor skills (obstacle course, monkey bars, trampoline, large bouncing ball, hula hoops) sensory (sand pit, water play, digging patch) imaginative (cubby house, dress ups, hobby horse) construction (soft & wooden blocks)

"Enjoy the Magic"

~ from Mrs Bec~



IMPORTANT DATE FOR STARLINGS DIARIES:

Saturday 2nd April	OPEN DAY at East Beaumaris Preschool
Sunday 3rd April	End of Daylight Savings (move clocks back 1 hour)
Friday 8th April	Term 1 Ends today Easter Hop-a-thon (Run by Social Committee)

*Other inclusions may arise as children's interests emerge.



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WORKING BEE DATES 2011

Term 2 - 19th June

Term 3 - 11th September

Term 4 - 13th November

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Thanks to the 181 people who attended our Welcome Night and made it such a success! There is a poster filled with the happy snaps on the committee board at kinder, so check it out if you haven't already.

This week, we hope you have been enjoying browsing through the Scholastic Book Club catalogues you would have received. Should you wish to order any books, please place your order form and money in the black box by Thursday 24th March. Remember that every order allows the teachers to choose free books for our kinder.

It seems a bit early to start thinking about Mothers Day doesn't it...

However, the fundraiser for Mothers Day is all about transforming your child's artwork into a beautiful keepsake of a necklace or keyring. Doesn't sound too tempting yet does it, but believe me, it will be love at first sight! More information will be coming your way about this soon so you can get a real sense of how beautiful it is. If you would like a sneak peak at the necklace or keyring, try and run into Jayne from the Rosella group who wears hers very proudly!

Your child's artwork will need to be created at home with your assistance. Don't worry, we will give you all the easy instructions on what to do very soon. We all know that good things take time, and this is the reason we are starting this process off very early!

Easter hop-a-thon..... information on this one will be bouncing your way very soon. For now though, get ready to sponsor and watch your child with bunny ears, bunny face painting and bunny hopping during the last session on term (7th and 8th April).

The social committee members are working madly to make our events as successful as possible for our kinder. If you have a spare hour or 2, please contact Delvene as we would love to meet you and get some help. My number is 0432 609 130 and email is delvenebeaumont@hotmail.com

Hope to hear from you soon!

YOUR SOCIAL REPS FOR THE YEAR ARE:

ROSELLAS	Delvene Beaumont Jayne Harpley
LORIKEETS	Courtney Bennell-Collins Teresa Drummond Ness Newell
STARLINGS	Wendy Ovens Dominique Sichlau

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