



East Beaumaris Preschool
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YOUR PRESIDENTS REPORT

Term 4 already!

Wow – are we already in Term 4?! All the children were so excited to return to kinder last week which is so lovely to see. This means they have created bonds through the year with other little Starlings, Rosellas and Lorikeets and really do have that wonderful **sense of belonging** at EBP. You will see even more development this term in your little helpers as their confidence grows, for many with the onset of starting school almost within reach. With two thirds of our children at EBP flying the coop and stretching their wings to school in 2012, it is even more reason to make the absolute most out of Term 4. Really take time to enjoy their kinder experiences **with your children**. There is no rush, enjoy the sunshine on the way, stop at a plant to look at the flowers, and watch that worm cross the footpath (yes, we saw one doing that the other day?!). For next year there will be the madness of school lunches, readers, school uniforms and packing school bags, which seems to replace the relaxed arrival to kinder!

At the end of Term 3 we held a separate “garage/shed clean out” working bee that some of the teachers and committee attended. You will all know that it has not been the easiest of places to get equipment out of so we spent an intense 4 or so hours and pulled everything out of the garage, sorted it into piles, decided what was going, and then methodically packed the wanted items back into the garage. I think we all slept well that night and were completely exhausted, but had great joy in seeing the amazing finished product. This was a mammoth task and I cannot thank the following people enough: Mrs Jenni, Mrs Bec, Mr Bec (Darren!), Michelle Clark, Heidi Maddern, Courtney Bennell-Collins and Vito Trantino. The removal of all the rubbish was very kindly performed by Frank Rocca (Rita – Lorikeets and Paris – Starlings) – thank you Frank for letting us use your truck! Take a look at what went to the tip.....

There are a few **very important dates** for your diaries that you'll see later on in this newsletter. Pop them in your diary now so you can help us out and all be part of the action:

- Sun 27th Nov – Last Maintenance Day (morning)
- Wed 30th Nov – AGM: reporting on 2011 and electing 2012 committee (evening)
- Dec – Kinder Christmas Party (evening)
- Dec – All families clean-up day (an hour or two during the day)

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So what do we have planned for Term 4? There are chicks hatching, swimming excursions, pottery incursions, wild animals visiting, puppet shows, Christmas parties, concerts, and more. My great hope is that we all get to enjoy a new playground under the blue shade cloth very soon. Happy days to you all!



Megan x
President – East Beaumaris Preschool

THANKYOU ROCCA FAMILY

A huge thankyou goes out to the Rocca family for their kind donation of the above pictured truck, which helped immensely during our recent kinder cleanout!



LORIKEETS AND ROSELLAS GROUP

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

Welcome back to kinder everyone after our wonderful holiday break. We hope you are all ready for our final and very busy term for the year.

The Program **Traffic School**

It is always a great excursion to the Traffic School. When we arrived, Elaine took the children onto the bus to learn some of the basics of road safety. In particular, she reminded the children about holding hands with an adult when close to roads and remembering to STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK before crossing roads.

We then practised walking together along the roads ... crossing at a Children's Crossing with a 'Lollypop person', and at a pedestrian crossing with lights. We walked around round-a-bouts, crossed train lines with working lights and obeyed all road rules and traffic signs along the way.

The children couldn't wait to get out onto the roads to try out their fantastic box cars and to demonstrate their new road safety skills. Thank you to all parents who came along today ... we hope you have also learned a few things about road safety today. We hope the children will continue to practice these skills when they are out and about with you.

Police Visit

The children were very excited when they arrived... there was a police car parked outside the kinder! Constable Olivia and Constable Rob had come to kinder to talk to us about what they do as police officers. The children were fascinated by what they had on their belts and in the pockets of their vests. Olivia and Rob showed them their handcuffs, baton, torch, pepper spray, radio and other things they have to carry. The children were told that if a police officer has to use their firearm, then it's a very, very bad day! It was good to hear that most police never have to use their firearm in their entire career.

Olivia and Rob continually emphasised the fact that police officers are here to help people and that the things they carry are to protect themselves and the public from people who might try to hurt them.

The children learned that the police are here to help us. They help find people who are lost, people who are in trouble, and of course catch 'the bad guys'. Police don't just drive around the streets in their cars. There are police who

ride horses and others who have special dogs as partners. The children loved the idea that some police actually live with their police dogs. The water police drive around in boats on the bay, and the helicopter police help to find people in the bush and get people out of the water if they are in trouble. It was important for the children to learn that if you are lost or in trouble you can always go to a police officer, who will do their best to help you. If you can't find a police officer you can always go to someone else in a uniform such as a fireman or an ambulance officer. Importantly, if someone comes to you saying they are a police officer but they don't have the uniform on, you must ask to see their badge which shows you that they are a police officer.

The best fun was to sit in the police car ... and how loud was the siren?!? All of the children had the chance to hop into the police car. Rob explained to them about the different buttons, and showed them the computer screen they have on the dashboard.

Everyone got to turn on the siren and some children were lucky enough to switch on the lights as well!

Footy Clinic

There was much excitement as the football season was coming to an end and the Grand Final was looming. During Footy Week at kinder the children made their footy team floggers, small 'Sherrin' balls, footy players with their own faces and painted jumpers in their favourite team colours.

We were very lucky to have Rohan Weir (Jade's dad from the Lorikeet Group who is an AFL Level 1 coach) who offered to run a footy clinic for us. After a good warm up, Rohan told the children about the skills they were going to learn ... hand-balling the ball to a partner, marking the ball and touching the ball to the ground while running along. It was a really windy day but the children managed to control their balls with ease. It was also very thirsty work so we had many drink breaks to keep us going. Finally we had some kicking practice. Rohan asked the children to kick for goal; if they missed they became the cheer squad, if they kicked a goal then they re-joined the line for another go. There was lots of cheering for friends as they kicked for goal.

Back at kinder again we read a new book called Jackson's Footy, sang along loudly to The Footy Song and tucked into a yummy meat pie or sausage roll with sauce while listening and singing along to our favourite team songs. YUM!

Hey dee ho concert

What a fun afternoon we had when the children

performed their Hey dee ho concert for their families. The children sang and danced and many were very brave and made the most of the opportunity to sing a song using the microphone. We hope you enjoyed this 'snap shot' of the children's sessions with Jill from Hey dee ho. The children will miss her as she leaves us to have her baby, but we know the children will love having Steve for our sessions instead.

Chicken Hatching

The eggs have arrived at kinder this week, and the children are excitedly watching the eggs, hoping to catch a glimpse of a chick hatching out. We will have the eggs and chicks at kinder for the next 2 weeks and is always a very exciting time for both children and adults. Having the chicken hatching program at kinder allows many opportunities for the children to explore lifecycles within the kinder environment. In the second week, and once the chicks are large enough, we will show the children how to hold the chicks appropriately, which they will be encouraged to do in large and small group situations and on a 1:1 basis.

Transition Statements

As you are probably aware, teachers are now required to complete a Transition Learning and Development Statement for each child attending school next year to support all children in making a successful transition from preschool to school. The statement has two parts to be completed, one for the family and one for preschool teacher.

We are sending home the Transition Learning and Development Statement-Part 1: The Family section during the first week of the term for families to complete; these and are due back at kinder at the end of the following week. Once both parts have been completed, they will be collated, sent home again to be signed by parents before being given to each child's school. All families will be given a copy for their own records.

Thanking you

Jenni Hawthorn and Barbara Hooper.



ORIENTATION DAYS

- 2012 Starlings, Nov
- 2012 Lorikeets, Nov
- 2012 Rosellas, Nov

for all new and continuing families and children this is a time to familiarize themselves with the kinder in preparation for the following year. There will be no kinder on these days for existing kinder children.

UPCOMING LORIKEET AND ROSELLA EVENTS :

TERM 4

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| October | Living Eggs : Chicken Hatching Program |
| November | Melbourne Cup Holiday |
| November | Toby Haenan Swim Session - Rosella Group |
| November | Toby Haenan Swim Session - Lorikeet Group |
| November | Orientation Sessions for 2012 Groups No kinder for 2011 children |
| November | Wild Action Incursion - Rosella and Lorikeet Groups |



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SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Social and Fundraising Committee October Newsletter

We hope you have enjoyed looking through the Toys and More catalogue. This is our final fundraiser for the year and the people who have already placed their order online have been very happy with their goodies. If you put your order in the kinder black box, your social rep will distribute your goods to you over the coming weeks, when they arrive. This fundraiser allows the teachers to update the kinder toys that our children will all benefit from.

We will be having our Christmas farewell night on Friday 2nd December. More details will be coming your way soon.

Should you have any questions, please contact your social reps listed below.

YOUR SOCIAL REPS ARE :

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| ROSELLAS | Delvene Beaumont |
| LORIKEETS | Courtney Bennell-Collins Ness Newell Teresa Drummond |
| STARLINGS | Vacant |

FINAL WORKING BEE DATE

Term 4 - 27th November

STARLINGS GROUP



An Overview for the Starlings... Here are some of our highlights...

Providing an opportunity for open ended play allows children to use their imaginations, invites creativity and lays the foundation for discovering all sorts of possibilities...

New Beginnings: As a result of some recent enrolment changes, we are really delighted to welcome Maddie Jones and Ashley Wade into our group. We look forward to sharing a terrific term together.

Open ended possibilities: with access to all sorts of props and materials around the room, children now understand they can incorporate these into their play. It's great they are becoming more selective about what they chose and I noticed some new inspirations evolved towards the end of last term. The long block shapes and coloured stones were the basis for a rocket launching runway game. This became a wonderful trigger for our box construction area, where children decided they wanted to make their own rocket ships to include in play. Their participation in box construction became meaningful with children exploring various materials such as aluminium foil, streamers, corks, lids and textas to use in their construction and decorations of their rocket ship or space craft. Decisions needed to be made about how to join their materials using scissors, sticky tape and glue. I was impressed with their ability to overcome some of their construction challenges.

Hospital play: imaginative play remained strong in our makeshift hospital up until the end of term 3. Those traditional roles of doctors, nurses, and patients continued to be explored and much enjoyment gained from using the stethoscope and bandages. This term, a return to the traditional home corner has allowed deeper embellishment of previously established imaginative play.

Revisiting experiences: towards the end of term 3 the children enjoyed the opportunity to revisit the experience of using water coloured paint interacting with oil based crayons; noticing their resistant effects. Children were able to recall their previous discoveries & launch into their artistic explorations with much greater confidence. They created some fantastic designs which were proudly on display in our classroom.

Being connected through story time: we are currently building on children's interest in literature and story -telling; the "About Me" book has become a wonderful personalised way for

us to listen & discover all sorts of fascinating details about each other. At the end of each story, children are asked to recall specific facts. I am incredibly impressed with their capacity to retain information and provide intricate details about what was read out.

Music & Movement: I encourage children to explore their bodies in movement to be expressive. Music and movement experiences at group times allow children to be creative & expressive. During term 3 we dramatised various animals, different moods & expressions, along with various dance movements. We added musical instruments to further explore rhythm & beat. One goal was for children to feel confident with movement & gain the sense of their own dynamic expression; whilst another goal was to support their emerging coordination, sense of balance and better understand how they could move their body in space relative to other people and objects around them. Music & Movement will remain a focus throughout the rest of the year as we continue to build on these skills.

Police Visit – Constable Olivia: excitement was heightened on Friday 16th September when Constable Olivia came to visit with her police car. After a short discussion giving insight into the important role of the police officer, the children were then invited to explore the police car. It was a fantastic hands-on day and I think a real highlight was turning on the sirens and flashing the lights! Thank you Heidi we appreciate your time in arranging this visit for us. Constable Olivia expressed personally to me that she feels the most important aspect of her visit was to help children see the Police as approachable and supportive rather than scary or intimidating.

Footy Fun Day: we celebrated end of term 3 with a special footy fun day. We all dressed in our favourite footy team colours and we chatted about what it means to 'barrack' for a team and be supportive. We ate hotdogs, and many children played footy games. Overall it was a great way to be together and end the term.

Belonging: Children have formed wonderful friendships and continue to demonstrate great confidence with our routines and each other. As we progress through term 4, part of the focus will turn towards developing these strong bonds further... to deepen those connections that are foundational to supporting each child's sense of belonging & emerging identities.

"Enjoy the Magic"
Rebecca Burt, Starlings Teacher



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IMPORTANT DATE FOR STARLINGS DIARIES:

TERM 4 (SPRING/SUMMER)

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| October | Chicks Hatching Program |
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| November | Melbourne Cup Day (no interruptions to Starlings Program) |
| November | Orientation Day for 2012 students (no sessions run for 2011 students) |
| November | Possum Potters Incursion (construction activity) |
| November | Dove Puppets Incursion Christmas Show |
| November | Possum Potters Incursion (glazing activity) |
| December | EBPS Community Christmas Party (to be confirmed and details to follow) |
| December | Starlings Final Session; Christmas/Break up party |
| December | Clean-up day with all families |
| December | Teachers only; clean up / set up day |

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

Committee Position : Enrolment Officer

This role is essential to our kinder quite obviously and has a lot of parent contact.

- Receive and return enquiries in relation to 3 and 4 year old positions at kinder.
- Be the first person of contact with new families.
- Answering questions regarding enrolments, wait list and places.
- Monitor and be available for enrolment queries via the "enrolment hotline" mobile phone provided for enrolment officer.
- Liaise with council re all enrolment matters.
- Maintain a wait list for each group.
- Liaise with teachers re movement in the groups (withdrawals or additions)
- Collate all information on kinder families.
- Prepare class lists for teachers.
- Collate enrolment folders.
- Responsible for the enrolment side of AGM preparation & distribution of packs on the night.
- Attend montly Committee meetings.
- Helps out where needed.

"We would love a volunteer to dress up as Santa at our Christmas Party. Party will be at kinder on Friday 2nd December from 5.30-7.30, and we will provide Santa suit. Santa will be required from approx 6.30. Would love to hear from a Dad or GrandFather who will be willing to put a smile of delight on the children's faces. Should you be able to help, please contact Delvene on 0432 609 130 or email delvenebeaumont@hotmail.com (Rosella group)".

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