

# MMEEC Newsletter

## Term 4

Week ending Friday 21st October 2011



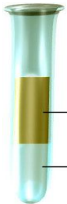
*Our care of the child should be governed, not by the desire to make him learn things, but by the endeavour always to keep burning within him that light which is called intelligence."*



*Dr. Maria Montessori*



## This Week...



Children enjoyed a science experiment. What happens when you try mixing oil and water? No matter how much we stir, they separate and the oil floats above the water because it has a lower density.

Children learned that detergent is attracted to both water and oil helping them all join together and form something called an emulsion. All the children had fun mixing. They learned that the same process happens when we wash our dishes



### Sun Safety

We talked about sun safety at morning circle time.

Children were shown a sunscreen application demonstration. They were also shown how to apply the sunscreen to their ears, front and back of their neck, their face, chest and limbs.

The warmer weather allowed us to add water activities to the outdoor environment. Using wet sand, the children have created sand sculptures in the sandpit using moulds and sandpit utensils.

Another water activity was introduced, using pouring utensils, eyedroppers, whisks, soap, sponges, sea creatures and shells. Children used a grater to grate bars of soap and then added the soap shavings to the water and used a whisk to mix the soap and water to dissolve the soap and watched it transform into soapy bubbly water.



Children enjoyed sitting quietly in the reading corner and choosing their own books to read, They also engaged in rhyming and eye spy games helping language development.

We also started preparing for the end of year concert 😊



In dancing this week the children worked with cushions, pretending that they were enormous rocks. They had to carry them, crush them and build roadways with them. They also played with feather designs and fans over the cushions.

# Other Notices



Now that the warmer weather has arrived children need to bring a sun hat to keep at the Centre. Also, sunscreen must be applied before coming to school in the morning and a bottle kept in your child's bag to re-apply during the day. A summer change of clothes should also be kept at the Centre, if you have not done so already. Thank you.

## Incursions.....

This term our Centre will be visited by two Police Officers on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to speak to the children about safety and hopefully give the children the opportunity to take a close look at a real police car!!

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November Animals on the Move will visit our Centre with a variety of farm animals for the children to pat, feed and cuddle.

Bernadine has asked if parents could please provide a photo of your child 6mm x 6mm , by next Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October, for an activity which will be conducted next week. Thank you

## End of Year Concert....

Plans for our end of year concert are underway! It will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, the last day of school, in the early evening. Complete details will be displayed at the Centre next week!

Olivia would like to share a website that her friend has just started at [www.babysitterandmore.com.au](http://www.babysitterandmore.com.au) . This could be of interest to anyone who is searching for a babysitter/nanny in their area.

Next week Annika will be visiting our Centre. Annika is currently studying for her Diploma of Children's Services and will be attending at our Centre for a two week placement, as part of her training.

Parents, we remind you to **PLEASE** keep in mind, when preparing your child's lunch, that MMEEC is an **Allergy Aware Centre** and all nuts or any foods containing nuts or traces of nuts are **NOT** allowed. Thank you

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- ❖ Parent/Teacher interviews – from 24<sup>th</sup> October
- ❖ Police visit – 2<sup>nd</sup> November
- ❖ Animals on the Move - 8<sup>th</sup> November
- ❖ Melbourne Cup Long Weekend – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October & Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.
- ❖ Last day of Term 4 for everyone – 15<sup>th</sup> December
- ❖ End of year concert –15<sup>th</sup> December

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