

# MMEEC Newsletter

## Term 4

Week ending Friday 28th October 2011

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*"Discipline must come through liberty. . . . We do not consider an individual disciplined only when he has been rendered as artificially silent as a mute and as immovable as a paralytic. He is an individual annihilated, not disciplined."*



*Dr. Maria Montessori*

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## This Week

Our children are getting ready for the end of the year concert. We are proud to announce that the children who are graduating, already learned the lyrics of their 'Graduation Song'. Well done children!



It was a busy week as children were practicing their items. They learned the 'Australian National Anthem'. Please sing this with your child during the long week end.

*Australians all let us rejoice,  
For we are young and free;  
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,  
Our home is girt by sea;  
Our land abounds in Nature's gifts  
Of beauty rich and rare;  
In history's page, let every stage  
Advance Australia fair!  
In joyful strains then let us sing,  
"Advance Australia fair!"*

Our children are enthusiastically engaged in the Montessori activities in the prepared environment. Our Montessori Centre provides a prepared environment where children are free to respond to their natural tendency to work. The children's innate passion for learning is encouraged by giving them opportunities to engage in spontaneous, purposeful activities. Through their work, the children develop concentration and self-discipline.



Our children enjoyed making craft related to Halloween. They made bat masks, lanterns, pumpkins and they did free drawing. (The teacher's task is not to talk, but to prepare and arrange a series of motives for cultural activity in a special environment made for the child. Dr Maria Montessori)



We decorated the class room with Happy Halloween, bats cobwebs and a smiley pail.



Our children learned that the boiling point of water is 100 °C and water freezes at 0°C. We made ice cubes of different shapes of teddy bears and stars.



The children were dancing with “Pasta” this week. They walked carefully around a spaghetti maze and balanced on the pasta bowls, and then they flattened out the spaghetti to turn it into fettuccini using hands and feet. They stretched it with a partner and shook it in a wild pasta dance. Then they chased the meatballs all around and danced with the grated cheese. The music was all Italian Renaissance Music.



Xavier celebrated his Birthday on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October! Happy Birthday Xavier we hope you had a great day!



Next Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November will be our “Nursery Rhymes Character Day”. Children are asked to come to school wearing clothing relating to their favourite Nursery Rhyme i.e: “Little Miss Muffet”, “Little Boy Blue” and “Mary Mary”

# Other Notices

This weekend will be an extra long weekend. The Centre will be closed on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October as well as Melbourne Cup Day Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. We will see you all back on Wednesday! Enjoy the short break ☺

To parents whose children are going to school next year, we ask that you please supply the details of the school your child will be attending i.e. name, address, phone number. Bernadine will soon be preparing reports for primary schools which need to be sent by the end of this term. Further details regarding these reports will be forwarded shortly.

**Chantelle** will be off to Perth to visit her family in a couple of weeks and will be away from the Centre from Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> until the 11<sup>th</sup> November. Chantelle will return on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November. We wish her a safe and enjoyable trip! Jenny will be assisting Bernadine and Olivia in the classroom, while Chantelle is away. You will remember Jenny, who assisted in the classroom in the first week back this term, when Olivia was away for the day.



# Reminders

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

\*\* 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