

Reservoir West Montessori  
Early Education Centre



## Weekly Newsletter

### Term 3

Week ending Friday 16th September 2011

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## Welcome back Digby and Phaidon



Well it seems a great time was had by all! Thank you so much Phaidon for taking Digby to Bali with you and taking such great care of him and sharing your adventures with us in Digby's diary. Also for the great picture slide show, which the children loved watching at circle time. It sounded and looked idealic, what a fantastic opportunity to get to know the culture and the Balinese people.

## 'Treasure Bag' ...


James came in with the bag full to the brim on Friday and what a treasure trove he had. He was smiling ear to ear and very relaxed telling all his friends about each item and where they came from. We began with the seahorse fossil which James said his nana brought when in New Zealand. Then the rubik cube. Next was James' favourite emu pen which he aquired at Easter from the Easter bunny. Then his D.S, a magnetic book about dinosaurs, a three horned triceritops, a puzzle of the world with flags, which James had great delight showing "Millie look this is your flag, which you had on international day, a true blue Aussie flag". A historic certificate on ghost walks which James' nana got when in New Zealand along with a photo of Nana standing under a diplodocus. A bag of Ben Ten goodies, much to the delight of all the boys, also a walkie talkie "Sara says its her telephone, she thinks its real", a CD of Bryan Adams titled 'Spirit'. "The post man gave it to me because I had the dvd" (which we played while the children ate lunch). An elephant, a set of handcuffs 'my dad used to be a police man and these are his, but look they came undone" with James demonstrating how they work. A book of pictures from his old kindergarten of memories, a lego torch, wooden lion "an indian made it in africa" and finally a set of small dinosuars which link form a chain.

Well I was glad I had a pen and paper ready, or I would not have remembered every item. What a lot of treasure that was! It was great to see James so confident and enthusiastic to share and talk about all his treasures with the group, well done James!!

On Wednesday Mataya brought the treasure bag in, full to the brim (I got the pen and paper ready). She began showing the children her tweetie pie bird, walking around the circle and letting the children have a feel, saying "it used to make a noise but it doesn't any more it went tweet, tweet". Then came 'Chocolate' a rather large and much loved dog that slept with Mataya every night. Then out come 'Liquorice', another large fluffy dog again much loved and looking a little bit more dog eared than chocolate. Then she produced a fluffy unicorn, a fluffy cow hand puppet, and then star song which when you pressed the tummy sang a goodnight song, which Mataya said sat on her night table and mum played it to her before she went to sleep, along with chocolate, liquorice, the unicorn, cow hand puppet and tweetie pie (what a full and snuggly bed!). Mataya enjoyed showing all her friends her treasures and you could see on her face how much each item was loved and treasured by her. She was bursting with pride.



This week in cookery we made Banana Bread, with the children all showing their skills at mashing, weighing, sieving, mixing and spooning.

For  the children helped to make the display for the 'Hungry Caterpillar', colouring in and cutting out fruit, using paper mache to make the butterfly as part of next terms topic "Mini Beasts"

## Term 4 Trip...

We will be going to La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary in Term 4, on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October. The children will be travelling to and back in a bus. The children will be shown around by Rangers and split into four groups to undertake four activities. Only the required number of staff/volunteers which meet the child/adult ratio will be allowed to go, due to the presence of the rangers, so the children are not swamped by adults during this trip.



## Five Cent Pieces...

Last chance to get your 5 cents in. We will be doing the final tally on Monday with the winner taking Drazil home for the holidays. Samson is still in the lead with a total of \$26.35.



We wish Cooper a speedy recovery from his operation on Wednesday and hope Digby is looking after you. Lots of love from all of us at Reservoir.

## Music and movement

We will begin Music and Movement sessions in Term 4 on Thursday mornings. Jillian is the dance teacher who will be coming in to take two groups every week. Bruce has kindly given permission for us to use the gym area for these sessions and allowed us to move our gym session to Wednesday mornings.



## September

20<sup>th</sup> Mataya Cairns

22<sup>nd</sup> Lucas Farfoud

25<sup>th</sup> Caitlyn Dalton

## October

4<sup>th</sup> Samson Elliot

## November

11<sup>th</sup> Kate Di Guiseppe

23<sup>rd</sup> Phaidon Dickenson & Troy Mussacchia

## December

6<sup>th</sup> Hassan Chennah

17<sup>th</sup> Samuel Kenny