

Reservoir West Montessori Early Education Centre



Weekly Newsletter Term 3

Week ending Friday 19th August 2011

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Wild Action...

The children have been very excited about the incursion which took place on Wednesday, with lots of discussion on the type of animals we would get to see and handle. We were not disappointed.

Mark arrived with his trolley piled high with boxes. We started off small, with the children greeting 'bumpy stumpy' a

shingle-back lizard. Followed a by an 'Eastern forest dragon' which looked like something out of "Jurassic Park"!!! He liked to sit on top of heads. Millie, Cooper and Zayd very kindly offered.

Next came the 'short neck Murray river turtle', who was a ninja turtle and could flip himself over! Then came the snakes and the children stroked the 'black headed diamond python' which belonged loosely to the constrictor family of snakes. This was followed by a very large 'olive python' called "Casper", which was 15 kilos in weight and about 2 ½ metres long. The children took turns to hold each of the snakes. The big one required 3 children to sit and hold it together!!

Then there was the rather large 'fresh water croc' named "Charlie" (pictured above). Millie was most concerned about Charlie as he had a band aid on his face. We were thankful for this band aid, or we may have been sending less children home at the end of the day!

We then met the 'kookaburra' who greeted the children with his laughter when removed from the cage. Then finally the 'gum-nuts', the cutest koala ever seen.

The children behaved beautifully, sitting quietly on their chairs, stroking each animal in turn and going up to sit next to Mark when invited them to hold the animals.

Zachary remarked it was the best thing ever and asked if they would be here again the next day!

'Treasure Bag' ...

Phaidon brought in the bag full of treasure this week. Sharing with us the books on machines, his father Tim had as a little boy. He also had "The Funniest Story Book Ever" and two "Thomas" books, which I think are possible collector pieces, as one was issue No.21, being one of the first "Thomas" books to be published. I wonder how many have been printed since?? The bag also included a bag of coal, game of fish and his dads building blocks from childhood. How fantastic is that! To have the memories and toys of your own childhood to share with your children.

Cooper then requested the bag sharing his ball and football stickers with the children, his special diary, "Dr Zeuss" books and the trophy he received at Aus-kick for kicking a ball from one side of the oval to the other.

Digby's Adventures...

Louis spent the weekend with Digby filling in his diary with lots of pictures and adventures. He spent the weekend at the tree nursery having a ride on the back of a buggy and sitting on a rhino. Then had a play in Louis' cubby before becoming very hungry and raiding the fridge. He had a cuddle with Zarba, Louis' dog, before tucking into an Indian curry and pavlova. Then on Saturday Digby visited Louis' baba and dida's farm, meeting the animals before chilling at the park and bowls club and having a sleep with Georgia.

Digby also had his first trip on a tram to the city. I'm sure Louis and Digby had a greet weekend and it was lovely for Louis to share Digby's diary with the children.



This week for art, the children made cards for Sam who had his tonsils and adenoids out on Monday. Sam is now at home recovering from the surgery. The children also made origami whales as another art activity.



In cookery the children made cake whisker biscuits, using their practical life skills for mixing, weighing, cutting and spreading.



In science we looked at how a plant grows. The children planted broad beans, placing one on the window sill and the other in a cupboard to see how they fair over time.

The children are all very excited as next week Felix is back from his travel's around Europe. We are all looking forward to seeing how much he has grown and hearing about all the adventures he has been on!



Can we please remind parents to leave promptly once they have dropped their children off. Also if you would please pick up at lunch time from the outside area, (unless it is raining) leaving promptly to enable the afternoon children to settle. Thank you ☺

Remember next week is photo day on Thursday 25th August. If you would like siblings to also have their photos done, this will take place from 8:30am. Once the sibling photo's have been taken, we ask that parents please leave promptly with siblings. Thank you.



Have a Great Weekend!





August

23rd Finn Cooper

24th August Zayd Safi

September

20th Mataya Cairns

22nd Lucas Farfoud

25th Caitlyn Dalton

October

4th Samson Elliot

November

11th Kate Di Guiseppe

23rd Phaidon Dickenson & Troy Mussacchia

December

6th Hassan Chennah

17th Samuel Kenny