

# Reservoir West Montessori Early Education Centre



## Weekly Newsletter Term 3

Week ending Friday 2nd September 2011

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## International Day - Wednesday 7th September

The children are busy making flags for the day and very excited about joining the big school in their celebration. I did not realise just how multicultural our class is. With most of the children's cultural roots spread over six continents. Ancestors coming from Canada, Croatia, Phillipines, China, Cyprus, Italy, Malta, Spain, Japan, Serbia, Syria, England, South Africa and India, and of course our fourth and fifth generation true blue Aussies.

Looking forward to seeing you all dressed up and sharing traditional dishes at snack time. It will be a great tasting experience for all the children, hopefully with some of the children tasting new flavours, experiencing new textures and smells. Can parents please let us know if they will be able to supply a dish. Also please be aware of allergies for dairy and nuts. The children will make damper bread in cookery and share it on Wednesday.

This is a great experience for the children, helping them meet the early year outcome 1, 2, 3 and 5. Helping them to recognise the diverse society they live in, cultural differences, how we are all different and why.

## Treasure Bag' ...

This week Caitlyn shared her treasures with us. She showed the children her bear which she received in a box from her Aunt in England when she was a baby. It looked very well loved and cared for. Apparently the bear was bigger than Caitlyn, when she first received it. She also showed the children her Angelina Ballerina book which turned into a three sided stage, with props. Then she showed her Peppa Pig Bear, telling the children all about Peppa Pig.

On Thursday Luka shared his treasures with the class. His crystals, hand organ which played "You Are My Sunshine", his Qantas airplane, lego car and truck, Japanese police car, his big book of diggers, the hungry caterpillar and two Japanese books, one with writing and one without. He loved walking around the circle showing each child his treasure and letting them have a play and feel of his treasures.

It was lovely to see two of our quieter and more reserved members of the group show their confidence, self-esteem and joy of sharing their treasures with their friends.

## Fete ...

Zachary's grandma, Linda has very kindly offered to make craft items to sell at the Fete. We will again have the cake decorating stall and plant stall, painting activities, playdough and outside games. If anyone has any other ideas please don't be shy and share them with us. Again a big thank you to Linda for kindly offering her services. It is very much appreciated.



## Five Cent Pieces...

The tally is growing with everyone getting into the race to have the lizard home for the holidays. Zu was in the lead at the beginning of the week with a total of \$17. Cooper coming up second. Zachary and Joshua joining the race. Kate got ahead of Zu by 70 cents on Thursday when she brought in a big bag of coins. The children seem very keen. Remember if you don't get Drazil these holidays there will be plenty more chances come.

Talking about Drazil, he seems to be getting used to the class, not hiding so much behind his rock anymore, coming out to watch the children and getting used to being handled, which is great to see.

We are looking at buying something for the outside area. If the children have any ideas on what they would like, please let us know.

## *Hatchlings*

The prep class had a hatchery and chickens placed outside our class the last two weeks. The class was able to enjoy watching the chicks hatch and handle them. What a great treat!

# 'Eid Mabarah'

to Hassah and his family and Zayd, I Iiyas and his family who celebrated their New Year on Wednesday with the rise of the new moon, indicating the end of Ramadam.



A big thank you to Jenny for covering for I Ise on Wednesday who attended a health and hygiene course in the City.



The children have been very busy with fathers day activities such as making cards, gifts in art and treats in cookery. We cannot let you know what they are, but it will be a surprise. We hope all the Dads have a great day.



# Have a Great Weekend!





## 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