

Reservoir West Montessori Early Education Centre



Weekly Newsletter

Term 4

Week ending Friday 21st October 2011



Congratulations
on your new
baby boy!

Congratulations to Manelle and Ibrahim on the safe arrival of their third son. Also congratulations to Zayd and Iliyas on becoming big brothers to Moses.



Five Cent Pieces....

The grand total was \$228 in 5 cent pieces, with some money coming in late. We are going to get the children to help create a fixed stepping stone area and beam from wood with the help of John, Louis' dad. They will be made out of wood, painted bright colours and cemented into the ground. If we have any money left over it will go towards some musical instruments and magnifying glasses.



Dance & Movement.....



Dance began last Thursday 13th October. The children enjoyed taking part in exploration using their imagination, movement and spatial awareness. Moving around the room to explore what was hidden inside each burrow, using their imagination to envisage a leaf being a tickling stick and tickling all the objects within the burrows. With slow movements to roll the burrows, remove the objects and place on head, place back and move fast to the next burrow. The children then explored using a basket as a roof, how they could move in different ways carrying the basket, place it on top of each cylinder and turn around without losing balance. The children all listened well, working as a part of a group to explore beat and tempo through dance. Jillian, the dance teacher, was very impressed with their listening skills and the children had great fun!

We would like to introduce Elizabeth to you all. She is a student from Inspire Education and will be attending at our Centre on a Wednesday.

Trip to La Trobe... Monday 24th October

We are due to leave the school at 9.00am on Monday morning. All children are to arrive promptly at the Centre at 8.30am so we can be on the bus ready to leave by this time.

On arrival the children will have a quick snack, then at 10.00am they will take part in pond dipping. Then at 10.30am a bee game, 11.00am a pot up a poa and 11.30am rock n roll/woodlands walk. We will have lunch at 12.00pm and aim to be back at school by 1.00pm. The parents that are attending will have received a copy of the excursion policy and consent form to fill in. We need these forms prior to attending the trip. Three children will be assigned to each parent on the day and they will be your responsibility. Thank you so much for volunteering. Your help is very much appreciated.

We can't believe we are at the end of week two already!!

This term our topic is minibeast, the children will be exploring life cycles with the butterfly house in the classroom which will contain eggs so the children can watch the life cycle of the white cabbage butterfly unfolding, habitats and watch how a range of minibeasts move and look like up close in science.



In the first week of cookery, the children made ants on logs, which required the children to use their imagination to cut celery, fill with cream cheese and place a line of sultana's along the log to create the ants. In week two we made butterfly buns.

In science the children made life cycle mobiles and in art paper plate butterflies.

Treasure Bag...

Zu was very excited to bring in his treasures to show us, only just containing himself to wait for circle time. He was happy to show and share his treasure with the children bringing out each object one at a time. First came the sword, which he said he loved because it was very shiny, then a trumpet, a hand puppet, which Zu operated much to the delight of all the children. Some of his mums permanent markers along with his pencil case of markers, Octonauts DVD, bouncy ball, balloons and a book on how to make balloon animals, construction paper, sellotape, text book, googly eye glasses, his Monkey (which when he first started at the Centre, used to come to school with him). Zu's books – "Iggy Peck Architecture", "Dirty Bertie" and the "Cat in the Hat". The final object was his Ipod. Zu was very generous letting the children use his book and balloons to creat balloon mice in the afternoon. Thank you Zu.

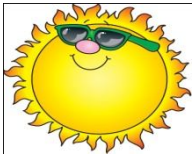
This Monday Sam brought in the Treasure Bag...

He was very excited, bringing out each item one at a time, moving around the circle to let each child hold each item in turn. First came his space shuttle, oxygen mask from his stay in hospital, Rory the racing car, knitted Essendon player whose name is Sam, Woofy, his soft teddy (which looked like it had been in lots of adventures), soccer clapper hand and flag , his bear and finally his book – "There was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Fly".

On Tuesday it was Troy's turn with the Treasure bag...

He was delighted to show the children his book on the Octonauts, dragon boat, swimming goggles, Ben 10 arm band, cell phone, two double Bob the Builder diggers, pliers, harmonica, his Trains of James, Toby, Kevin, Rocky and Terrence. His toy cars and his smurf. It is lovely to see how excited each child gets and you can see their chest puff up with pride each time they bring out their objects.

Parent /teacher interviews will take place from Monday 7th November. A list will be displayed next week.



Please remember sun hats, as the warm weather is now approaching. Please also cover your children with sun screen prior to arrival and place the bottle of cream in their bag for a top up during the day. Thank you

The end of term 4 will be 16th December. We will have sports day on Monday the 5th December at 10.00am. The school sing along will take place on Wednesday 7th December at 10.00am on the outside stage which the primary school has kindly allowed us to use. The class party will take place on the Thursday, 15th December .

Have a GREAT Weekend!



November

23rd Phaidon Dickenson & Troy Mussacchia

December

6th Hassan Chennah

17th Samuel Kenny