

Reservoir West Montessori Early Education Centre



Weekly Newsletter

Term 3

Week ending Friday 29th July 2011

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The Bearded Dragon

We now have the lizard in the classroom, who at the moment, is getting used to the sounds, smells and activity of the classroom, spending most of the day hidden inside his house and just coming out in the afternoons for a look around. The children are enjoying helping to make his lunch during snack preparation on the days he has his greens, alternating between the wood lice. I know which lunch I would prefer!!

We are going to introduce a suggestion box on naming our young male. It would be lovely if you can help your child select a name and write it onto a piece of paper and place it in the box. Once we have all the suggestions, we will pull a name out of the box and that name will be given to the lizard.

Thank you

to John, Louis' dad, who very kindly made the stand for the tank. We a very much appreciate your kindness and your time.



Treasure Bag

Joshua took the bag home at the weekend bringing it back full of treasure. At circle time he shared his treasure with the children, talking about why each object was important to him. Saying he liked the dinosaur with two heads because it was orange and yellow, his second Dinosaur because it moves and makes a noise. Also his Buzz Lightyear because it makes

noises. Then it came to his book – “The Gruffilo’s Child”, Joshua then proceeded to read the whole story to the children reciting each page word for word. The children sat listening quietly to Joshua using his voice to mimic the character’s and emotions as the story unravelled . I was blown away to think how far Joshua has come emotionally from the child who was too shy to join in a game of ‘who’s that underneath the hat’ during group play when he first began. What an absolute star. Well done Joshua!

This week Finn has taken the treasure bag home and we all look forward to him sharing his treasures with us next week. All the children will have a chance to take the bag home on a week end. It would be lovely to hear from you about how they decide the treasure and why.

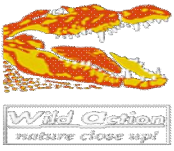


This week in cookery we made ‘pumpkin muffins’, further developing and refining the children’s weighing, grating, mixing and pouring skills



In art, D dog pictures enabled the children to use their painting, cutting and glueing skills.

Within the Montessori curriculum the children have been working within the sensorial, language and mathematical areas. Working with the colour boxes, trinomial cube, geometric solids, pink and blue level materials and reading books, number rods and cards, addition using the small number rods, and multiplication using the short bed stair.



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Wild Action....

We have an incursion booked for the 17th August. Wild Action will be visiting our Centre from 9:00am until 10:00am. They will be bringing in an assortment of pets from snakes to spiders for the children to learn about and hold. If you have any concerns about your child with allergies please let us know.

The photographer is due at the Centre on the 25th August. If you would like siblings to join the child that attends the centre please let us know.

Drop off and Pick up times.....

We understand that sometimes circumstances can make it difficult to drop off and pick up at the correct time each day. If this is the case please can parents call the Centre and let us know. However we kindly ask all parents to please try to adhere to the correct times and once dropped off/ collected please leave promptly, so as not to disrupt the children settled in work or getting ready for the afternoon session.

The drop of times are between 8:30am -9:00am. Lunch pick up should be 12:00pm, but due to the children staying to eat lunch this has been extended to 12:30, without any extra charge. Afternoon pick up must be at 3:00pm, which will then give staff necessary time to get the classroom ready for the next day, to complete planning and updating of each child's portfolio. We do have a clear drop off and pick up policy which you are all welcome to read. A fee will be incurred if late pick ups continue. Your understanding on this matter would be very much appreciated. 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 Samual Kenny