

Reservoir West Montessori
Early Education Centre



Weekly Newsletter

Term 3

Week ending Friday 9th September 2011

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International Day - Wednesday 7th September



What a fantastic day we had. The children joined the big school in the gym, sitting quietly to listen to the narrated dialogue between Bruce (who was dressed up as an Italian immigrant) and the presenters, while each class from prep up to year two sang songs from News Zealand, Italy, Mexico and Spain.



Then we returned to class for the children to taste and explore foods from around the world while listening to music in various languages. Thank you so much to the parents who made such an effort. The children had pastizzi from Malta, olive pita from Cyprus, petelis and crostoli biscuits from Italy, tortilla from Spain, a Phillipine sweet dish made of rice, spinach and ricotta slice from Croatia, Sushi from Japan, maple syrup biscuits from Canada, noodle cakes, fried rice, jelly's and milky toffee from China, cornish pastie and pancakes from England, sausages, damper bread and vegemite sandwiches from Australia. Needless to say very little lunch was eaten after this banquet.



We made some origami crafts, practised using chop sticks. A couple of the boys went out onto the oval to practice throwing a boomerang. Then to finish, the children watched a short film narrated by Zu on the places his ancestors come from around the world and about his Mauri roots. It was a fantastic film!

The children made a thank you card on Thursday and presented it to Bruce and Daniela for kindly inviting us to share this special day with them.



In cookery this week the children made damper bread as part of the International Day celebrations.

In Art they made paper plate fish and in science looked at how an egg can float in water.

'Treasure Bag' ...

Kate brought in the treasure bag to share with the children this week. She was very excited to share treasures with her friends. I have to say, it was a very full bag and I was wondering how many items Kate had managed to actually place in this bag, envisaging about ten items or more. Kate had Nathan's favourite book 'Uno Garden', her own favourite book 'We are Going on a Bear Hunt'. Then came the item which filled the bag - Elmo...but not just any old Elmo, one that talked and break danced much to all the children's delight. He also had his very own seat.

Then Kate showed everyone some of the specimens in her bug collection. She talked about how the bugs got into the clear plastic where they live, were they ever real and can they breath. What a great discussion point and it was lovely to see Kate holding centre stage, answering all the questions asked of her and sharing her treasures and knowledge with her peers.

Fete ...

Jenny has come up with the idea of a second hand toy stall for the fete. If you have any old toys, or toys your children have outgrown, please could you donate them to the fete. We may hold a raffle or just sell them.



Five Cent Pieces...

The race is definitely on, with Samson now leading on the board, with a donation of \$20.30 in 5 cent pieces.

It won't be long until the end of term with just another two weeks to go and then we will be into the final and busy term for this academic year.

Term 4...

Next term we are going to be exploring bugs, with an excursion either to Ceres or the La Trobe University to undertake pond dipping and learning about conservation.

Term 4 will also include a sports day and we will also again do a christmas sing along at the end of the term. We have not yet decided on the theme. It may still follow the lines of Christmas or we might sing songs from around the World to continue our exploration from International Day.

Parent/Teacher interviews will also take place in term 4 and reports will also be issued.

Could all parents with Transition Forms to fill in, please complete your section and return them, so that the transition statements can be completed along with reports ready to go out to the relative schools at the beginning of next term. Thank you.



Big thank you to Denise for the flower and vegetable seed donation for our garden. Very kind and very much appreciated!

Have a Great Weekend!