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Term 4
Newsletter 3

Over the past few weeks!

Can you believe that your child now has only 3 weeks of kindy left for the year? I have just 2 weeks left before I finish my 17 wonderful years at Mitcham Pre-school. I can't believe it! It is hard to believe that the year is coming to an end and Christmas is almost here!

There will be one last newsletter to conclude the year. That will be the end of next week, as it will be my final newsletter.

With writing reports, packing up our home and moving to the Barossa, I haven't had a chance to put together a newsletter until now. So much has happened in the past few weeks.

- We had family nights in week 3. Whilst attendance was lower than at family night in term 3, we had a wonderful night. The bubble show was a highlight for the children, as well as playing at kindy in the evening!
- We had a wonderful art experience with the art teachers from Ruth Tuck Art school.
- We had Christmas funtastics and the beautiful art is now

decorating the walls at kindy!

- We planned and prepared for Maddie's wedding party

Of course we had such wonderful occasions celebrating Maddie's wedding.

- We began at 11am giving her the gifts. The children were so excited to give her the presents that they had contributed to!
- followed by party games,
- a dance party
- The children were then ushered to their seats where we ate pizza lunch
- We then played outside before the pinata game
- Next we were back to the tables for fruit platters and cake
- We finished the celebrations with a guard of honour and throwing confetti on Maddie.
- We then received the party bags!

What a wonderful celebration!! Some children were brave and gave a speech at the lunch, some children used the microphone to lead some karaoke.

Over the past week, we have been focussing on

Preparing for the Celebration Day concerts and participating in Christmas activities / craft!

It has been a busy 6 weeks of term 4!

Have you been into kindy recently? The room looks so beautiful.

Around the room are all the beautiful pieces of work from Christmas funtastics.

The Dome is decorated in fairy lights and there are Christmas adjuncts in there for children to explore. The quiet corner has many Christmas decorations, the Christmas tree is up and there are lights glowing in other areas of the room.

It is so exciting!

Have you checked your child's work folder recently? There are learning stories from Christmas funtastics and Maddie's wedding party in the folders. Currently the staff are asking each child what have they been proud to have learnt / achieved this year. Their answers have been amazing! This children's voice will be in their folders soon.

It is just amazing to look back through their folders and to see just how much they have grown and developed in their skills over the year.

A quote!

The more children know that you value them, that you consider them extraordinary people, the more willing they will be to listen to you and afford you the same esteem. And the more appropriate your teaching, based on your knowledge of them, the more eager your children will be to learn from you. And the more they learn, the more extraordinary they will become.

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Celebration Days are this week!

The celebration days are this week. (A note was in the pockets and the children made an invitation at funtastics which has been sent home.) Here are some reminders

Blue group—

Tuesday November 29th

Gold group—

Wednesday
November 30th

Some important things to remember about the event

- Kindy starts as normal at 8.45am
- **please make sure you send a snack for your child on the day**
- children can come dressed in Christmas themed clothing eg wearing Santa hat, Christmas t-shirt, red and or green clothing (NO super heroes costumes)
- adults need to arrive at 10.15am. We will start at 10.30am SHARP
- **we will finish the day between 1pm- 1.30pm.**
- We are going to have wood fired pizza for lunch. The pizzas were a great success last year. The pizzas are free for children. Adults purchase them on the day.
- We will have a coffee van to purchase drinks
- An iceblock will be provided for all children

It is going to be a wonderful occasion. We have been practicing our songs, we have made a gift, and a Christmas card and have made a special invitation.

We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you.

We hope you can join us

Just a reminder, there will not be any session of preschool after the conclusion of the celebration day at 1.30pm.

The children will be exhausted from the concert and all the festivities of the occasion. They have been busy with other events such as Ruth Tuck Art School, Marshmallow Park excursion, Christmas funtastics, and have had extra time at preschool with the family bbq.

Please note this information has been in newsletters since term 1.



Just a reminder that due to many requests to have more than one family member attend celebration days, and the current COVID situation, we are going to hold the concert outside. The stage will be under the vine and adults will sit / stand on the lawn area. So please bring a hat!

Whilst the children do manage better inside and will be less distracted, we feel the demand for many adults to attend, means that the concert needs to be outdoors. I am sure no matter what happens, you will just love watching your child and their peers perform at the concert.

School transitions

School transition visits vary for each school but most schools have or will commence their visits over the next week. If your child is feeling anxious about going to school, make them a "going to school book". Take photos of familiar places at the school such as main office, school canteen, library, Playground, their classroom and the toilets. Also have photos of your child playing at the school / in their school uniform and perhaps kindy friends going to that school.

Put the photos and a story into a plastic sleeve book that can be just out on the coffee table. You and your child can then spend time reflecting on

- What school looks,
- What you will see at the school,
- What happened at school on the transition visits,
- Kindy friends going to school.

Familiarity help children cope with change. Having a "going to school book" will provide some familiarity. If you need any further ideas, please come and speak with the staff.

Children's reports

Staff have been busy over the term, finalising their assessments of the children, and writing 77 reports!!! It has been a very busy time for Maddie, Suzi and myself.

Reports will be given out to families at the end of week 7.

Blue group—Thursday December 1st

Gold group—Friday December 2nd

You have an opportunity to write a comment on your child's report and then it is returned to me by

Tuesday December 6th (Blue Group) and Wednesday December 7th (Gold Group)

I then forward the reports onto your child's school on

Thursday December 8th

We hope you enjoy reading about your child's progress in the report.

Graduations

Our graduation mornings are fast approaching. Just a reminder of dates. (Week 8)

Blue group—Thursday December 8th

Gold group—Friday December 9th

A note will be in the note pockets this week

Last week of kindy

Graduation is week 8 and the last week of kindy is week 9. (December 12th—December 16th) Kindy as normal Monday—Wednesday

- Thursday December 15th
- Friday December 16th

Special morning to end the pre-school year.

- 8,45am—kindy as normal
- Morning at the creek
- 11.30am—return from creek
- Parents return
- 11.45—12noon—final farewell for 2022

A note will be out closer to the day.

Parent Opinion Survey

In term 3 information and a link was placed in the newsletters, giving you the opportunity to complete an online "Parent Opinion Survey". The survey is distributed from the Department for Education and provides each school and preschool, valuable feedback, that can inform planning for the following year.

Unfortunately only 7 out of 77 families responded to the survey.

Thankyou to those families who did take the time to complete the survey. Your comments were really positive and very much appreciated.

We will use the information provided in the survey to influence our decisions for 2023.

Lost property

Please can you check the lost property box in the passageway. There are lots of clothing, drink bottles to claim. Any items not claimed by the end of term will go to "Save the Children"

Finally...

Thankyou for your continued support. Your kindness to Maddie and myself, through some challenging but exciting times in our lives, is very much appreciated.

It is special being part of such a wonderful community.

Kindest regards
Chris, Maddie, Suzi, Sara, Lyn,
Robbie, Izzy.