



EASTMONT  
PRE-SCHOOL

August 2017 Newsletter



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## President's Report

Welcome back to a busy Term Three at Eastmont Pre-School.

Thank you to the Eastmont Committee for their hard work during our recent working bee. It was a chilly Sunday morning but many helpers ensured the playground and kinder building was ready for the start of the term.

You have probably noticed that both of our front gates have been fixed and we now have some perspex covering the lower part of one of the gates. For your children's safety please ensure that they don't swing on the gates.

Be sure to keep some time free on Saturday 16th September. Eastmont Pre-School will be holding picture portraits on this day. This is always a popular event and a great way to get a gorgeous photo (or many) of your family. More information will be distributed over the coming weeks.

**Melissa Crozier**

President

On behalf of Eastmont Pre-School Association Inc.





### 3-Year Old Report

The children have been very settled since returning from Term 2 break, and enjoying all the activities on offer to them, I have noticed over the last few weeks that some of the children are becoming very interested in the block corner and building some great constructions. Previously it was about getting all the blocks out and stacking them or just getting them out of the cupboard, and then moving onto another activity, good to see that the children are inspiring each other.

The pasting table is always a favourite, and you may have noticed that the children's pastings are now becoming more complex with many different materials filling the page with some children making patterns and recognizable pictures. This week the children have enjoyed a more structured pasting activity, making Raincoat people. They needed to paste the coat, hat and boots onto their person like a puzzle and then add buttons and finally using texts adding rain. Many children have enjoyed making 3 or more pastings. We offer this activity to all the children, it is totally up to them if they would like to participate, as with all the activities at 3 year old kindergarten, sometimes they are very involved in what they are doing and just need a little prompt to remind them that soon it will be pack up time. Time management begins!!

Easel painting has been very popular as has the water colour umbrellas we have been painting this week and last week, the children have showed good fine motor control as they are using very small brushes to paint with. Some children painted each section of their umbrella a different colour, whilst others painted them all one or two colours.

We have been singing songs about winter and rain, and the clothes you need to wear in different weather, the children enjoy Mr. Frog and Incy Wincy Spider and continually ask for the Bear Hunt song after our Teddy Bears picnic last term.

On Monday 31st July and Tuesday 1st August we had a photographer from Shutterbugs Photography attend both sessions to take individual and group photos of all the children they should arrive at kindergarten soon, I hope there are some good photos of your child. We would appreciate your feedback on the photos.

- *Marie O'Brien*

## 4-Year Old Report

The 4yo groups will be going on excursions to Melbourne Museum. The Possums will be going on Friday 1st September and the Koalas on Tuesday 5th September. We will be visiting Melbourne Museum Bugs Lab, the Bugs Alive gallery, the new children's gallery and participating in the Bugs, Bugs, Bugs programme. If a parent or grandparent would like to accompany us please add your name to the list on the window in the foyer.

At 11.15am on Thursday 17th and 10.00am on Friday 18th August we have a Little Woodworkers incursion. The children will all be constructing their own wooden creation to give to their dads on Father's Day. Please add your name to the list in the foyer if you are able to assist.

The children have been playing with "gloop" made from cornflour, food coloring and water. This contrasts with other sensory experiences such as slime, sand, water etc. that the children play with. We have been making "stained glass windows" using clear contact and brightly coloured pieces of paper cellophane, paper, fabric and patty pans. Other art projects have included painting with string tied to icy pole sticks and dipped in paint and painting with water colours.

The children have been enjoying whole group dramatic play. Taking turns to take on the roles of the characters from Goldilocks and the Three Bears and over the last couple of weeks, The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

Outside, the children have been enjoying playing with the wheelies and also the "Stop" and the traffic light signs. We have also been discussing road safety and will be having a Road Safety Education incursion in September with Thingle Toodle.

The sign-in book will now be inside the kinder room at the start of each session. It will be in the foyer at pick up time as usual.

There will be Parent/Teacher interviews on Wednesday 23rd of August. If you would like to make a time to discuss your child's progress please add your name to the list in the foyer.

Gastroenteritis is currently around in the community. If your child is affected please ensure they do not return to kindergarten until at least 48 hours have vomiting and/or diarrhea has stopped.

- *Sonya Skok*



## Eastmont Pre-School Philosophy

At Eastmont Pre-School we offer a play-based, child centred-curriculum that is guided by the Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework and the Early Years Learning Framework. We aim to create a warm, caring, inclusive environment where children of all abilities feel relaxed, supported and happy and are able to explore, discover, imagine and create.

- We promote respect and care for other children, adults and *all* living creatures as well as an appreciation of nature and respect for the environment.
- We respect individual differences and foster an environment in which each child and educator is supported and valued for the unique strengths and interests that they bring to the group.
- We provide opportunities that encourage and develop, self-esteem, a positive self-image and communication and independence skills.
- We recognise that families are a child's first and most important educators and seek to work in collaborative partnerships with them to ensure the best outcome for all children. We welcome and encourage family involvement in all aspects of our service.
- We value cultural diversity and acknowledge that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are the traditional owners of the land and the original inhabitants of Australia.
- We recognise that Eastmont Pre-School is part of our local community and value opportunities to contribute to that community.
- We continually strive to improve the quality of our service.

## 2017 Management Committee

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## Our Teachers

<b>Sonya Skok</b>	Teacher, 4 year old
<b>Helen Butcher</b>	Assistant, 4 year old
<b>Maira Doolan</b>	Assistant, 4 year old
<b>Marie O'Brien</b>	Teacher, 3 year old
<b>Sue Eddy</b>	Assistant, 3 year old

**Notice Board**

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Mark your calendar!

<b>Little Woodworkers Incursion (4yo)</b> 17th & 18th August	<b>Parent/Teacher Interview (4yo)</b> 23rd August	<b>Melbourne Museum Excursion (4yo)</b> 1st & 5th September
<b>Term 4 Fees Sent Out</b> 10th September	<b>Picture Portraits</b> 16th September	<b>Term 4 Fees Due</b> 21st September
<b>Term 3 Ends</b> 22nd September	<b>Term 4 Working Bee</b> 8th October	<b>Bunnings Barbeque</b> 22nd October

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## Allergy Alert

*There are children attending Eastmont Pre-School this year, in the 3 and 4 year old groups, that suffer from life threatening allergies to peanuts and cashew nuts. Even trace amounts of these can cause a reaction.*

Regulations require that we bring this to the attention of the kindergarten community and ask that *all* children in *all* groups;

**Do not bring**  
**PEANUT BUTTER or any food containing**  
**PEANUTS or CASHEW NUTS to kinder.**

Chocolate and other food that states “may contain traces of nuts” is acceptable.

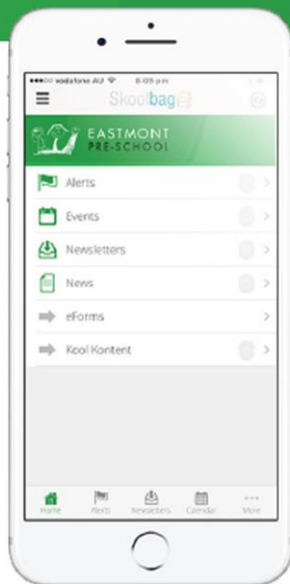
*To minimise the transfer of allergens from home please ensure your child washes their hands at home before they come to kinder.*



our brand new

# smartphone app

is ready to download!



We know our Eastmont families are busy, so we are always looking for ways to make it easier for you to get the information you need, quickly and easily. So we now have our very own app available through Skoolbag!

The app provides a very simple platform for you to...

- See the events we have coming up
- View the latest newsletters
- Notify us if your child is going to be absent
- Complete permission forms
- Receive important alerts from kinder.

It's simple to use and works with both smartphones and other smart devices (such as iPads and Android tablets).

We would appreciate it if you would consider downloading the app to your device to make it easy to receive the latest communications from Eastmont Pre-School.

Please note, there will not be any personal information concerning individual students or their families published on the app - it will be used only to facilitate general communication between the teachers, committee and families.

## How to install the Eastmont Pre-School Skoolbag App:



1. Click the **App Store** icon on your Apple device
2. Search for **EASTMONT PRESCHOOL**
3. When you see the Eastmont app appear, click **GET** then **INSTALL** (the app is free to download)
4. When installed click **OPEN**
5. When asked, select **OK** to receive push notifications
6. Click the **MORE** button on the bottom right of the app, then **SETUP**
7. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



1. Click the **Play Store** button on your Android device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and search for **EASTMONT PRESCHOOL**
3. Click on the Eastmont app when you see it appear, then click the **INSTALL** button
4. Click **ACCEPT** for various permissions (note - using the app will not modify any personal data on your device)
5. Click **OPEN** when installed
6. Click the **MORE** button on the bottom right of the app, then **SETUP**
7. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

## CORPORATE GRANTS

If any of our Eastmont families have somebody employed in an organisation that offers community grants through staff members, you could help us secure valuable funding for the kinder! We know of the following companies that offer grants for staff with an interest in community organisations:

- Telstra
- RACV
- NAB
- ANZ
- CommBank
- Suncorp
- Bendigo Bank

If you work for one of these companies, or any other with a corporate grants and sponsorships program, please let us know at [grantspolicyohs@eastmont.org.au](mailto:grantspolicyohs@eastmont.org.au)



# SHOP AND SUPPORT EASTMONT PRE-SCHOOL

Here are some easy ways you can support  
Eastmont Pre-School in 2017



Shop at **Bakers Delight Brentford Square**, let them know you are from Eastmont and as part of their Dough Raiser Program they will give a percentage of your purchase back to the kinder.



Open a new account or a loan or switch your home loan or insurance policies over to **Bendigo Bank Wantirna Mall** and mention Eastmont and they will donate money back to the kinder.

## Special Thanks

- [Aqualink](#)
- Attune
- Beauty In 7th Heaven
- [Bounce Inc](#)
- [Brakes Plus](#)
- [Bunnings](#)
- Captains Choice Fish n Chips
- [Caribbean Gardens](#)
- Chic Little Shed
- [Coach & Horses](#)
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- [The Enchanted Maze](#)
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