



EASTMONT
PRE-SCHOOL

September 2017 Newsletter



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Eastmont Pre-School

President's Report

Wow! What a busy and exciting term the children at Eastmont have had. The four year-old groups have created some amazing woodwork pieces, visited the Melbourne museum and participated in a Father's Day fun night. Thank you to the fantastic Eastmont staff for organising and providing these wonderful experiences for our children. Also big thank you to any parents and grandparents who gave up their time to assist during these activities.

Our last Working Bee for the year will be held on Sunday 8th October at 9am. We would appreciate any help from the Pre-School community on this day. If any parent has experience in concreting and is available to help with a simple job please email president@eastmont.org.au. If you are able to come along a sign-up sheet is located in the kinder foyer.

We have an upcoming Bunnings BBQ fundraiser scheduled for Sunday 22nd October at Vermont Bunnings. Deb Vukic and the fundraising team require helpers to ensure the day runs smoothly. There is a sign-up sheet in the kinder foyer. A huge thank you to those who have already volunteered their time.

The Committee has started organising our AGM which will be held on Wednesday 15th November at 7.30pm. AGM packs will be handed out before the end of term.

Please note: It has come to our attention that some parents / carers have been using social media to discuss children other than their own who attend our kinder. The Eastmont Committee of Management reminds all guardians to be respectful of all children's privacy when using social media and when taking photos. Parents and carers are **not** permitted to take any photos at kinder without permission from the staff and are **not** permitted to discuss other children on social media. The Eastmont Committee and Staff take the privacy of the children and families very seriously and will take appropriate action if necessary.

Melissa Crozier

President

On behalf of Eastmont Pre-School Association Inc.





3-Year Old Report

The children are settled and enjoying all the activities on offer to them, at the end of August the children enjoyed making a special present for their Dad for Fathers' day. There was much discussion at our group time about where the children would hide their present when they took it home, with under their bed being the most popular choice.

The Eastmont Supermarket opened last week and the children have been enjoying, deciding what they would like to buy from the extensive range on the shelves, then placing their shopping in the trolley or shopping bag and then taking it up to the checkout and paying with cash or card. Being the checkout person has been a popular job, so we have a list to help the children with taking turns, thank you to Helen for setting up this activity.

Over the past couple of weeks the children have been painting with small brushes and water colour paint blocks. Much of the fun for some children was being able to wash their brush out in the water before beginning another colour, some amazing paintings were produced and this activity will definitely return next term. This week we have re-introduced finger painting with three different colours and it is amazing to see all the different colours that the children make when they mix them together. We have placed the plastic scrappers out so that the children can make patterns with these as well as with their fingers and hands.

Easel painting is still a favourite activity for many children and we are now trying to encourage the children who do not participate in this activity to give it a try, we are also now putting out more complex puzzles and the wooden blocks are being played with most sessions. At group time on the mat we have been talking about different ways to say Hello, and in different languages and the change from Winter to Spring. We are singing Where Is Thumbkin, The Spring song and this week our new song is The Veggie Patch.

As we are a sun smart kindergarten the children are now required to wear their sun hats in outdoor play from the 1st September.

Next week On Tuesday 19th September and Thursday the 21st September the children can come to kindergarten dressed in their favourite dress up or their footy/soccer/cricket team colours, we will be making a special snack time treat of gingerbread people.

Term 3 ends Friday 22nd September and Term 4 resumes on Monday 9th October.

- *Marie O'Brien*

4-Year Old Report

We have had a very busy few weeks at kinder. In the week before Father's Day we had two Father's Nights. The children and their dads had fun playing, singing and dancing together at a special twilight session at kinder. All the children were able to give their dads a little wooden toolbox that they had made themselves during the Little Woodworkers incursions.

We had two very successful excursions to the Melbourne Museum on Friday 1st and Tuesday 5th of September. We visited Bugs Lab, the Bugs Alive Exhibit, and the Children's Gallery as well as getting to touch and see some real bugs during the Bugs, Bugs, Bugs programme. Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who came along and helped out, we couldn't have done it without you!

This week Thingle Toodle visited us to talk about road safety, especially reinforcing the message about holding hands when crossing the road. Two of the songs the children have been learning are "Hold Hands" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=snwaisQ4GPo> and "Stop, Look, Listen, Think". <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZdyfspVaLRA>.

This week the children have been painting at the easels and at tables with small brushes, spending increasing periods of time working on more complex pictures. They have also been creating pictures using foam rollers with paint over dinosaur stencils, many of the children have used textas to add extra details and decorations.

The children have all been enjoying Eastmont Supermarket, taking turns managing the store, working at the checkout and loading up the shopping trolleys. We have been learning new songs including The Cat Came Back and Bingo as well as some lots of old favourites.

Last week the Koala's were lucky enough to have a visit from two police officers. Ollie's uncle Ash and Andy came and talked to the children about how the police are there to keep everyone safe. The children got to try on uniforms and hats and sit in the police car.

Next week, the last week of term, on Thursday and Friday we will be having our special Footy Days. Children can wear their footy team colours, favourite dress ups or just regular clothes. We will be eating hot dogs, making steamers and singing football team songs and having lots of fun!

- *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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Marie O'Brien	Teacher, 3 year old
Sue Eddy	Assistant, 3 year old

Notice Board

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Mark your calendar!

Dress up & Footy Day (3yo) 19th & 21st September	Footy Day (4yo) 21st & 22nd September	Mum's Night Out 22nd September
Term 3 Ends 22nd September	Term 4 Working Bee 8th October	Term 4 Begins 9th October
Bunnings BBQ 22nd October	AGM 15th November	Kids Christmas Party 19th November

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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.

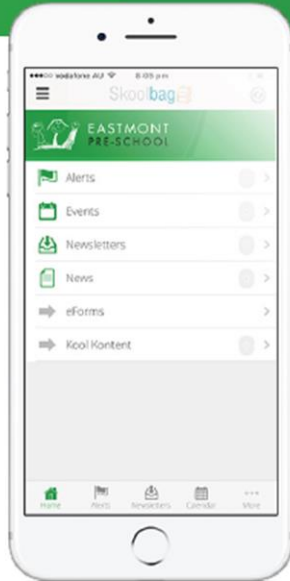
To minimise the transfer of allergens from home please ensure your child washes their hands at home before they come to kinder.



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
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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



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](#)
- [Dance Fitness](#)
- [Dan Murphys](#)
- Eclipse Fitness
- [Fernwood Fitness](#)
- [Fitness Worx](#)
- Flake Haven
- [Fruition Tuition](#)
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- [Howards Storage](#)
- [J.D Portrait](#)
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- Lou- Na Dance school
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- [Top Taps Dance School](#)
- Two Brothers
- [Vermont Thai](#)
- Vermont Florist