



EASTMONT  
PRE-SCHOOL

October 2017 Newsletter



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## President's Report

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday and that you were able to enjoy the warmer weather. Don't forget to pack your child's hat for kinder sessions and to apply sunscreen. There is some sunscreen in the foyer if needed.

Term 4 is shaping up to be very busy with lots of things to look forward to. Below are some important dates for your diary. We hope to see lots of families at these upcoming events!

On Sunday 22nd October, we are holding a Bunnings BBQ at Bunnings Vermont. Thanks to Deborah Vukic for all of her hard work in organising this event and to the team of volunteers who are helping on the day. We will be there all day so come along and buy a sausage or two!

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 15th November at 7.30pm. As well as being one of the most significant nights for the preschool, we have asked guest speaker Nicole De Sensi, a family dietician, to speak to parents. She will share useful information on fussy eaters, impart some helpful tips and provide handouts for lunchbox preparation.

A highlight of the term will be the Kids Christmas Party at the Kew Traffic School on Sunday 19th November from 4.00pm-6.00pm. Kids can bring their bikes or scooters, there will be a BBQ and maybe even a visit from Santa.

Our last working bee for the year was held at the end of these school holidays and a small group of volunteers worked hard to sand blocks, rake and sweep, clean out gutters and complete a general tidy up of the playground. Thank you to the Cleary family and the committee members who gave up their Sunday morning.





Finally, we are looking for some new committee members for next year. Being on the committee is a great way to meet others and contribute to your child's education. The roles are not time consuming and Eastmont Pre-School can only continue to operate with a full committee. Many hands make light work! Feel free to email me ([president@eastmont.org](mailto:president@eastmont.org)) if you would like more information about how you can get involved.

**Melissa Crozier**

President

On behalf of Eastmont Pre-School Association Inc.

#### 4-Year Old Report

The children are all happy and excited to be back at kinder after the holidays and we have all been enjoying the warmer weather.

The last couple of weeks of Term 3 the children enjoyed shopping and working in the Eastmont supermarket. We finished the term with a special Footy Day for each group. The children came dressed in their team colours or their favourite characters. They all made colorful streamers and we sang along to the club songs and ate vege hot dogs.

The children are enjoying the challenge of more complex puzzles and playing card and board games, including Bush Bingo and Memory, in small groups. They are also very busy painting at the easel and using small brushes and water colours at the art table. The children have been learning new songs including Bingo and The Marvelous Toy as well as dancing and playing musical bobs.

We will be having our annual Grandparents/Special Friends days from Tuesday 31st October-Friday 3rd November for the first hour and a half of each session. Notices with details will be in your pockets.

Thank you to all the families who came to the working bee to clean up and prepare the kinder for the start of term.

- ***Sonya Skok***

### 3-Year Old Report

In the last week of Term 3 the children came to kindergarten in either footy colours or dress ups, we had about an even number of both on the Tuesday and Thursday of the last week. The children really enjoyed making gingerbread people and decorating them with sultanas, there was only crumbs left with the majority of children eating all their gingerbread. Some of the children took theirs home, to share. We also had the Gingerbread Man story on this day and the children had great fun chanting the familiar tune of “Run, run as fast as you can, you can’t catch me I’m the gingerbread man.”

The children have returned very happy to be back, with only a couple of children needing a little more encouragement to separate from their parent, some children greeted others with big smiles and even a few hugs, when I asked one child how her holiday was she responded with “my holiday was great”, and she proceeded to tell me where she went.

Next week on Tuesday 17th October we will be having the first of our 2 incursions with the Drama Toolbox attending for a 60 minute session where the children get the opportunity to dress up and act out different scenarios at the circus. On Thursday 9th November the children will be involved again but this time the theme will be Under the Sea.

Please ensure that your child has a sun smart hat to wear when we play outdoors this is part of our requirements of being part of a sun smart kindergarten

Thank you to the committee for your working bee before we returned from Term break the outdoor area looked great.

- *Marie O'Brien*



## 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




<b>Drama Toolbox “Circus” Incursion (3yo)</b> 17th October	<b>Bunnings BBQ</b> 22nd October	<b>Grandparents/Special Friends days (4yo)</b> 31st Oct - 3rd Nov
<b>Drama Toolbox “Under the Sea” Incursion (3yo)</b> 9th November	<b>AGM</b> 15th November	<b>Kids Christmas Party</b> 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.

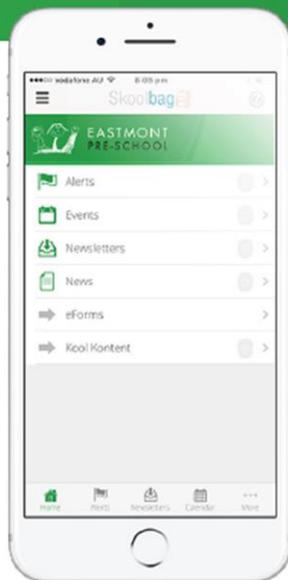
*To minimise the transfer of allergens from home please ensure your child washes their hands at home before they come to kinder.*



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
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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- Eclipse Fitness
- [Fernwood Fitness](#)
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- [Skin Face Body](#)
- [The Enchanted Maze](#)
- [Top Taps Dance School](#)
- Two Brothers
- [Vermont Thai](#)
- Vermont Florist