



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The year has gone so quickly and the children have certainly grown up since their first day of Kinder in Feb.

The new climbing frames and balance beams have arrived and the kids have been enjoying using this equipment. We would like to thank Whitehorse council for their generous grant towards buying this equipment.

Hopefully by the end of the year the outdoor blinds will be installed. The money for the blinds is from a grant from the State Government.

Our AGM is to be held on the Wed 21st November at 7:30pm. Thank you to everyone who has nominated (or expressed interest) in a role on the 2019 committee. There are still a number of roles with no nomination/expression of interest (such as Minutes Secretary, 3yo Enrolments Officer, Social/Fundraising Officer) so if you are interested then please ask one of our current committee members. Our guest speaker Terri Nugent, the literacy and numeracy coordinator at St James, will have some useful tips to implement at home and kinder.

The Eastmont Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 24th November at Mooroolbark Miniature Railway and should be a great afternoon and a lovely social way to finish the year. Thanks to Natalie and her team for all their hard work with this event. Make sure you RSVP before the Wed 21st Nov.

I'd like to thank the 2018 committee for all their hard work this year. Ellen, Mel, Kath, Nat, Michelle, Penny, Carole, Claudine, Ash H, Jawad and Candice have all done an amazing job, I really appreciate all the effort you have put into making sure everything has run smoothly. And thanks to our general committee members this year: Sarah, Katie and Ash M who have helped out in lots of different areas through the year. It has been a pleasure working with everyone on the committee and getting to know you throughout the year.

Lastly, good luck to all the children starting school next year! We wish you all the best with everything in the future.

## KEY DATES

**Wednesday 21st November:** AGM at Eastmont Pre-School starting at 7:30pm

**Friday 23rd November:** 4yo Possums Responsible Pet Education Incursion

**Saturday 24th November:** Eastmont Pre-School Christmas Party at Mooroolbark Miniature Railway 4pm – 6pm

**Tuesday 27th November:** 4yo Koala Responsible Pet Education Incursion

**Friday 30th December:** 4yo Possum Excursion to Melb. Museum

**Monday 3rd December:** 4yo Koala Excursion to Melb. Museum

**Friday 14th December:** 4yo Possum's Play

**Monday 17th December:** 3yo last regular session

**Tuesday 18th December:** 3yo Party (for all 3 year olds) & 4yo Koala's Play

**Wednesday 19th December:** 4yo Possum's Party and last session

**Thursday 20th December:** 4yo Koala's Party and last session

## OUR TEACHERS

**Sonya Skok** - Teacher, 4 year old

**Helen Butcher** - Educator, 4 year old

**Moir Doolan** - Educator, 4 year old

**Sue Eddy** - Teacher, 3 year old, Educator 4 year old

**Anita Li** - 3yo & 4yo Educator on Mondays

**Jessica Jones** - Possum Teacher on Fridays

**Nithi Ranjan** - 3yo Educator on Tues and Thurs

**Melissa Crozier** - Lunchtime

## 4 YEAR OLD REPORT

Next week we will be hosting Grandparents / Special Friends over 4 days, from the 13th -16th of November.

Also coming up are excursions to the Melbourne Museum. The Possums will be going on Friday 30th November and the Koalas on Monday 1st December. The children are all excited and looking forward to travelling on the big bus.

The children have been enjoying creating their own stamps, "writing" letters, putting them in envelopes, addressing them and posting them in the miniature Post Box in the Eastmont Post Office.

All the children have also been participating in coding sessions with Cubetto our little Robot. All the children take turns to programme Cubetto to follow particular paths to get to different destinations.

During this term, to develop fine motor skills, each day the children have a short work sheet to complete. Either dot to dots, writing patterns, cutting and pasting-matching shapes etc.

With a grant that Claudine (Callan's mum) applied for we have been able to purchase 3 new large A frames as well as a climbing frame and balance board. The children have really been enjoying playing on the exciting obstacle courses that we have been able to construct with our fabulous new equipment.

We have been bringing percussion instruments outdoors and the children have been enjoying playing them and singing on stages that they have created out of blocks. The children are all taking a keen interest in the seeds and seedlings that they have planted over the last few weeks. The strawberries, beans, potatoes and sunflowers are all growing fast! We have been taking advantage of the warm days and sitting outside on the grass for snack time.

Weather permitting, we will be starting sessions outdoors. Please ensure that you your child is wearing sun screen and brings a hat each day.

Sonya Skok

## 3 YEAR OLD REPORT

We have taken advantage of the lovely spring afternoons and have increased our time outside. This allows the children greater opportunities for physical activity. The addition of the new climbing A- frames has provided an extra challenge as they are taller than our original frames and the children are very happy with themselves when they can climb right over the top.

Our bean seedlings are growing well and are quite tall now and we are waiting in anticipation to see the first signs of beans starting to grow. The children are very keen to water their plants using water from our rainwater tank.

Last week we enjoyed an incursion from "The Drama Toolbox". The theme for the first session held on Tuesday was Under the Sea. The children all had an opportunity to explore the ocean and were able to dress up as underwater divers, Rainbow fish, Octopus, Dolphins, Seaweed and Jellyfish. The circus was the theme of Thursday's incursion where the children all dressed up in costumes to become Lions, Tigers, Tightrope Walkers, Prancing Ponies, Elephants and Clowns. Both workshops provided a fun and interactive experience for the children.

This week our home corner has been transformed into a post office. The children have been busy posting letters and collecting and sorting parcels. They have been taking turns being the cashier and using the cash register

Please remember to apply sunscreen before each session as we play outdoors on most days. There is a bottle of sunscreen next to the sign in book in the main room and also in the foyer/bag room that you are welcome to use.

Sue Eddy

## 2018 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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## EASTMONT PRE-SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

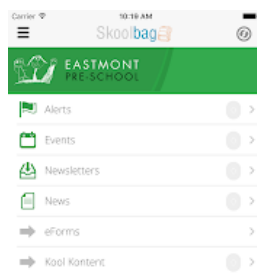
At Eastmont Pre-School we offer a play-based, child centred-curriculum that is guided by the Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework and the Early Years Learning Framework. We aim to create a warm, caring, inclusive environment where children of all abilities feel relaxed, supported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

## EASTMONT FACEBOOK PAGE @EASTMONTPRESCHOOLVERMONT



Make sure you are following us on our new **Facebook** page (search for @eastmontpreschoolvermont). Some people have liked our old page (with 2017 and older posts) so make sure you Like/Follow our new page with our exciting 2018 posts!



### Eastmont Pre-School Skool bag App

Get Specific Updates for our different Kinder Groups

We will now be putting updates for our different groups on our app so subscribe to a group so you don't miss out on anything!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ALLERGY ALERT

There are children attending Eastmont Pre-School this year that have allergies to peanuts. Please do not bring peanut butter to kinder.

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

### SUNHAT

On days when it is estimated that the sun's UV radiation will be three or higher children will need to bring and wear hats to kinder. Families will also be required to supply sunscreen to their children before the session commences. Information about the daily sun protection times is available on the SunSmart website [www.sunsmart.com.au](http://www.sunsmart.com.au) and [www.eastmont.org.au](http://www.eastmont.org.au).

### PARKING RESTRICTIONS

There are parking restrictions on one side of Frank St (the far side of the street to the pre-school). For the safety of the families doing pick up and drop off, please obey the signs and do not park on the far side of the road between 8:30 - 9:30am and 3:00-4:00pm.

We have begun using Who Gives A Crap 100% recycled toilet paper. The company donates 50% of their profits to help build toilets for those in need of developing countries <http://au.whogivesacrap.org/>

And they deliver to your home for free!



## SOCIAL/FUNDRAISING

### Eastmont Christmas Party

The Eastmont Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 24th November from 4pm - 6pm at the Mooroolbark Miniature Railway. This will be a great afternoon for all our kinder families so make sure you save the date in your diaries! RSVP by Wednesday 21st Nov.

All of the events we run at Eastmont are only possible through the hard work of volunteers. We would love to see some new faces helping out! If you can help out in any way with these events, please contact Natalie at

## STORY TIME

### Siblings

(younger and older)

are welcome to join us for **STORY TIME** each week



Wednesday  
3:30pm - 4pm

Thursday  
3:45 - 4:15pm

## EASTMONT UNIFORM



It's great to see so many children wearing our Eastmont uniform.

We are starting to build a collection of pre-loved Eastmont uniforms. All items will be \$5. We would love you to donate any items that we can resell and all proceeds will go towards our 2018 fundraising.

If you wish to purchase or donate pre-loved uniforms, please contact [uniforms@eastmont.org.au](mailto:uniforms@eastmont.org.au)

## CORPORATE GRANTS

Thank you to Wantirna Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank for our garden beds and worm farm. We have flourishing potatoes, strawberries and sunflowers literally growing out of the beds into our scarecrows lap! The children have loved watching this grow, and we look forward to harvesting these and adding to the educational and fun themes of veggie growing, planting, watering and using the worm farm as part of our sustainability practices.

Thank you to Junior Landcare Australia and Momentum Energy for the drip feed irrigation system installed to water our absolutely beautiful gardens. This has made a significant difference to managing and maintaining our growing projects. When asked what was your favourite part children responded by saying "Helping to unroll the irrigation pipes and watching trenches dug and the drip feeders attached." and "Now we can grow really big, juicy strawberries"

Thank you to the City of Whitehorse for our new balance beams and outdoor play equipment. This has been a highlight for both 3 and 4-year olds testing their skills climbing up and over each balance obstacle. It's been a joy to watch how they navigate the new equipment, challenge themselves and engage in a new outdoor activity.

Claudine Foster



## SHOP AND SUPPORT EASTMONT



Don't forget - 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.