



# EASTMONT NEWSLETTER

## February 2020



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Welcome** to all new and returning families to Eastmont Pre-School for 2020. My name is Cassie and I'm the current President of Eastmont Pre-School. Both my sons have attended Eastmont and are now at primary school. My daughter will be at Eastmont doing 4yo Kinder. This will be my third year as President and final year on the committee. I am looking forward to working with the 2020 committee and meeting many of our Eastmont families over the coming year.

We had a working bee recently to get the pre-school ready for the start of the year. New tan bark was distributed, windows cleaned, leaves raked and blown, vegetation trimmed, the foyer was cleaned, play equipment was repaired, and everything was given a general tidy up. So thank you to everyone who helped at the working bee - Will, Orlando, Adam, Ash, Mark, Amanda, Aisling, Natalie, Dean, Ben, Kim, Arthur, Megan, Melissa and Ash. And thanks to all our little helpers who all enjoyed tidying up their kinder. Thank you also to Selina, Ivana, Amanda, Michelle and Megan who all come in over the holidays to water the gardens and to Will who worked hard to clean up the leaves and branches and the red dirt in the kinder grounds before term started.



### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The children in the Koalas, Possums and Wombats have made good starts, with all children excited to come to 3 or 4yo kinder. The children have been getting to know the staff and each other and are becoming familiar with the daily routine. The children have been enjoying exploring the playground. They have had lots of fun on the swings, slide and playground equipment as well as in the sandpit. The children have also been enjoying drawing with coloured chalk on the blackboard in the cubby house and on hot days, the water play experiences.

Inside, painting and playdough have been very popular as well as collage at the pasting table. The children have been enjoying playing in home corner, with the blocks, trains, puzzles etc. and looking at books in the reading area.

The first few weeks at kinder can be tiring especially for children in the 4yo groups, so if you think your child might

With the novel coronavirus, news on the virus is being updated regularly. If you are concerned, please refer to <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/information-public-novel-coronavirus> for regular updates.

One of the things that makes Eastmont Pre-school so special is our wonderful staff. Sonya, Kate, Sue and Moira are returning to Eastmont again. We are also excited to welcome 2 new staff members to Eastmont this year: Julie and Parneet. Julie is the 3yo Wombat Teacher and Parneet will be working as an Educator with the Wombats and Possums. The staff have done a terrific job so far settling and getting to know all of the children starting this term.

The Social and Fundraising team have an exciting year of family friendly social events planned. The year starts with the Welcome Coffees as well as our Welcome BBQ on Friday 28 th Feb from 5:30pm - 7pm. Both events are a great way to meet other families at the Pre-School.

The Committee of Management are all looking forward to a productive year. Keep informed with what is happening at Eastmont by installing the Skoolbag app and adding Eastmont Pre-school, following us on our Facebook page (search for @eastmontpreschoolvermont), checking your notice pockets regularly and reading our monthly newsletter.

### Cassie

benefit from some shorter sessions please feel free to arrive a little later or pick up a little earlier.

Thank you to Will Loveless (Olivia-Wombats) for conducting a big playground clean up before we started back and to all of the families involved in the working bee. It's lovely starting the year with fresh tan bark, swept paths and sparkling windows!

If you have any queries, please speak to staff at drop off or pick up times or ring or email to arrange a time for a chat either over the phone or in person.

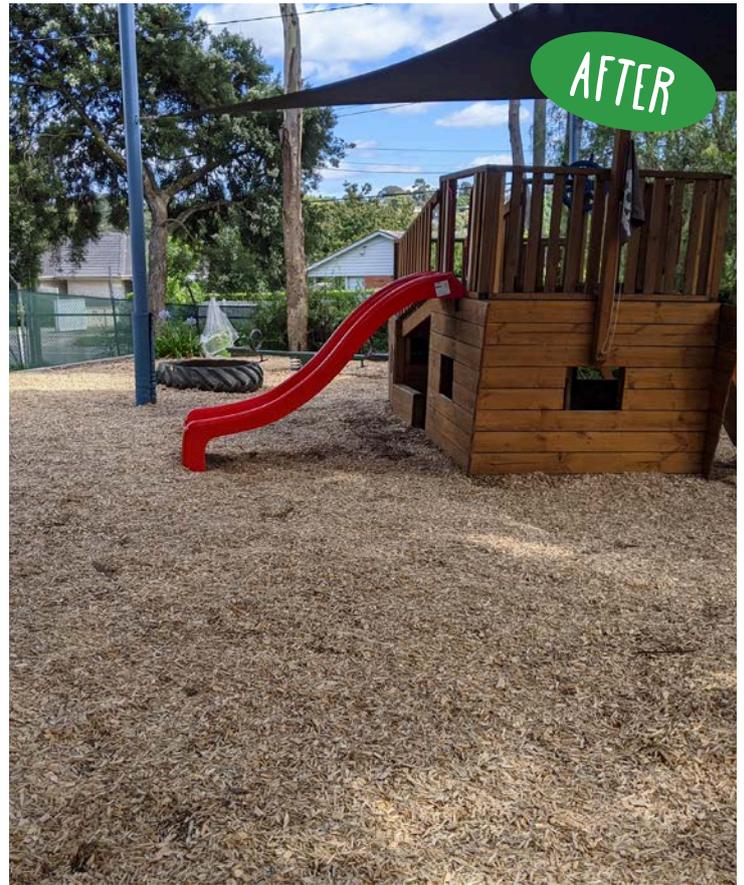
### Sonya

### ANAPHYLAXIS ALERT!

There are children attending Eastmont this year, in the 3 and 4 year-old groups, that are **at risk of anaphylaxis if exposed to nuts**. This is a life-threatening condition so please ensure your child does not bring nuts, nut butter or food that contains nuts (peanuts, cashews, almonds, pistachios, hazelnuts, walnuts, pecans etc.) to kinder.

## WORKING BEE

A working bee was held on the 2nd of February to get everything ready for the children's start. Take a look at the great results - well done team! We'd love to see as many members of our Eastmont community as possible come along next time and join in the fun. Little helpers are very welcome too!



## SOCIAL / FUNDRAISING

Hi my name is Megan and I am the Fundraising Coordinator for 2020, I was the Social and Fundraising Coordinator in 2019, and this year I am lucky enough to be working with Aisling as Social Coordinator. Both

my older daughters, now in Primary school attended Eastmont and my youngest daughter is in the 4yo Koalas group this year. I was happy to continue being on the committee this year as I enjoyed my role last year and loved working with the very supportive committee. I look forward to working with Aisling and the subcommittee team this year and helping raise money for our lovely kinder.

We have started off the year with the 4 year old welcome coffees at Rise and Grind 3133 café, with a good number turning up both times we met. Thank you to Cassie for standing in for Aisling and I when we both couldn't attend. The 3yo welcome coffees were also held at Rise and Grind on Monday and Thursday last week. The welcome coffees are a great way to meet the parents of the other children in your child's kinder group.

For those who were unable to attend, there will be another opportunity to meet other Eastmont families at the upcoming

welcome BBQ on 28th February. It will be a fun evening and I know that the kinder kids love going to kinder "after hours"! Aisling also has a few other social events in the pipeline.

We have a fun year ahead with many different fundraising opportunities organised. This term, look out for the Aver & Line family portrait fundraiser on March 22nd, and Tesselaar's bulb-raising is also coming up. As always we continue to participate in the Dough Raisers program with the lovely team at Bakers Delight Brentford Square, so when you shop there mention Eastmont Dough Raisers and 5% of the sale will be donated to the kinder. There will be cards distributed in the pockets throughout the year giving you loaves of bread.

I am looking forward to a fun year of social and fundraising events!

*Megan*

## STAY UP TO DATE WITH YOUR KINDER



Install the Skoolbag app available in the App Store or Google Play, and add Eastmont Preschool to get all our latest news and notifications.



If you'd like to keep up with the social side of life at Eastmont, you can follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/eastmontpreschoolvermont](http://www.facebook.com/eastmontpreschoolvermont)

## WELCOME, NEW TEACHING STAFF!

A very warm welcome to Julie and Parneet, joining us as 3yo Kinder Teacher and 3yo/4yo Educator respectively.

We are also delighted to welcome back Sue, Kate, Moira and our Director, Sonya.



## SHOP AND SUPPORT EASTMONT

**Bendigo Bank Wantirna Mall** donates to the kinder when you open an account or take out insurance.

**Bakers Delight Brentford Square** donates 5% of any purchase to the Kinder through their Dough Raisers program.

**Bright Star Kids** donates 20% of your purchase price if you select Eastmont Pre-School Vermont at checkout.

**Scholastic Book Club** donates back 20% of any purchase for the Kinder to purchase new books and educational aids.

## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Wednesday 26th Feb</b>	Road Safety Presentation (Possums)
<b>Friday 28th Feb</b>	Welcome BBQ at Eastmont (5:30pm - 7:00pm)
<b>Tuesday 3rd Mar</b>	Road Safety Presentation (Koalas)
<b>Monday 9th Mar</b>	Labour Day public holiday (no kinder)
<b>Tuesday 10th Mar</b>	Responsible Pet Education Presentation (Koalas)
<b>Friday 13th Mar</b>	Responsible Pet Education Presentation (Possums)
<b>Wednesday 11th / Thursday 12th Mar</b>	Kinder photos - 4yo groups
<b>Sunday 15th Mar</b>	Term 2 invoicing goes out
<b>Sunday 22nd Mar</b>	Aver & Line portrait fundraiser
<b>Friday 27th Mar</b>	Last day of Term 1/ Term 2 fees due
<b>Monday 13th Apr</b>	Easter Monday (no kinder)
<b>Tuesday 14th Apr</b>	Term 2 starts
<b>Sunday 19th Apr</b>	Term 2 Working Bee - all welcome! (9:00am start)

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