



EASTMONT NEWSLETTER

December 2020



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi everyone - for those of you that don't know me, my name is Courtney and I will be taking over the role as president from Cass in 2021.

Firstly I would like to thank all 2020 committee members in what has been such a challenging year for everyone, and as a 3 yr old parent I would like to say a special thank you to what an excellent job the kinder teaching staff has also done by rising to the challenges faced this year and is very much appreciated by everyone.

You all did an amazing job in a year like no other. The take home packs, Google Meets, temperature checks and countless artworks handed out at the gate were very much appreciated. I look forward to working with all the staff in 2021, along with the new and returning committee members. Thank you.

Lastly but not least, I would also like to thank Cass. When she mentioned during the AGM that she was a teacher I knew that there would be an amazing handover and some great notes. I wasn't wrong. Her care to detail, enthusiasm and passion for the Kinder is something I hope I can continue into 2021. I look forward to what the year brings, it really can't be any worse than 2020!

Have a great break and see you all in the New Year.

Courtney

CONGRATULATIONS TO SUE AND MOIRA

Following the announcement in last month's newsletter about Cassie receiving a Deakin Community Award, we can now add that our wonderful educators Sue and Moira have also been named as recipients of the Award. Congratulations to both of you and thank you for all the time and energy you devote to this community. It is seen and appreciated.



2020 Deakin Community Awards
Celebrating Service to Our Community

A MESSAGE FROM THE STAFF...

As term four draws to an end it's a hive of activity at kinder. After the year that has been, we're all happy to be able to see out the term learning 'on site'. This creates opportunities for the children to continue to develop their social confidence through connecting and negotiating with one another.

The children are getting into the festive spirit as they explore their creativity engaging in Christmas craft - which they are looking forward to taking home to share. Some examples of these are the advent chain, large Christmas trees-replete with decorations, and painted and woven tree ornaments, just to name a few! The children also came together for a Nativity play. Each child had the opportunity to dress up for the play, and many enjoyed trying out the other costumes too. We have photographed the occasion and look forward to sharing the photos with you.

One of the many ways we are continuing to prepare the children for school next year is by supporting the development of fine motor skills through a variety of writing, cutting, and drawing activities during each session. We are also supporting the children to continue to develop their independence by taking responsibility for packing their bags at the end of each day.

The last kinder sessions for the year will be on Wednesday 16th December for the Possums and Thursday 17th December for the Koalas. On their last day at kinder, the children will enjoy a magic show and Christmas party. Although families will not be able to attend these indoor events, we would like to invite you to join us outdoors for the last half hour of each session.

It's been a pleasure for us to teach and care for your children this year and we wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Best wishes from Parneet, Julie, Kate, Nithi, Moira, Sue & Sonya

COMMITTEE POSITION VACANT



There is still ONE spot waiting to be filled on our 2021 Committee of Management - **Grants, Policy and OH&S Officer**. It's not a time consuming position, with the biennial policy review already done this year. If you have good communication skills and would be interested in helping the kinder with funding opportunities, we'd love to hear from you! Email president@eastmont.org.au with any questions or to apply.



FUNDRAISING NOTICES

Thank you so much to all the families that have supported the two fundraisers this term, we appreciate the continuing support. The Pictureproduct templates have been sent and they will start

production in early January after the company shuts down during the holidays, so at this time the products will be ready in early February. I will organise collections times for the families that will be leaving the Kinder this year when they are available, the families that will be staying on will have their products handed out at Kinder.

For the Expressions tea towels, the very cute self portraits and forms have also been sent. Due to the fact that Expressions is in Western Australia and COVID-related delays the post has been slow, but I am keeping my fingers crossed that we will have the products before the end of the year as I know that the tea towels and bags are great Christmas gifts.

Thank you for all the people supporting the Kinder via Scholastic Book Club orders, we were able to get a few new books - the "Macca the Alpaca" book set and a few other lovely books too.

Thank you also to the families who participated in the fun trivia night that the lovely social coordinator Aisling and the social sub committee organised. It was a fun night and there were lots of lovely prizes from the raffle. A special thank you to Aisling who put a lot of effort into the trivia questions plus her enthusiasm and her sparkly hat, also to the social and fundraising subcommittee whom donated lots of goodies for the raffle.

Thank you again for supporting the fundraising efforts this term.

Megan

ACOUSTIC PANELLING COMPLETE



Our acoustic panelling has been installed inside the main kinder room by Waveform Acoustics. The lower panels will also function as pinboards while helping to reduce noise levels! This has been on our wishlist for a long time and it's great to have them in at last.

This completes the works funded by our Federal Community Development Grant. We are so pleased to have been able to achieve these improvements!



FAREWELL FROM JULIE

As you may have noticed, I will be leaving Eastmont for family reasons next year.

Although this year has been unusual, we created many lovely memories together and it is my honour and pleasure getting to know all the children and families. There is nothing more beautiful than seeing our little Wombats growing and thriving at Eastmont.

I really enjoyed working with Parneet and our amazing team. Your commitment and dedication to early years education have always been inspiring me to be a better teacher.

I would like to thank Sonya, who is a great teacher and team leader, for your guidance and encouragement in the past year.

I would also like to thank Cassie and the parent committee for your generous support through these challenging times.

It is hard to say goodbye and I will be missing all of you here.

I wish you all the best for next year!

Julie

INTRODUCING... YOUR 2021 KINDER COMMITTEE!

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