



# Bundoora Pre-School Newsletter

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## WELCOME

Welcome to all of the new and returning families at Bundoora Pre-School for 2010. We look forward to sharing another exciting and eventful year. Our first event for the year will be the annual family bbq, to be held on **Friday 12 March**, details to follow.



## THANK YOU

Many thanks to the Shannon family, Trapani family, Cassim/Philip family and McCleary family for volunteering to water the garden over the summer break. Due to the wet summer, not everyone was required to water, however your efforts are greatly appreciated.

## WORKING BEE

The kindergarten runs one working bee per term and the for 2010 will be held on **Saturday 20 March** between 9am and 12 noon. Working bees not only help to maintain a neat, safe environment for our children, but also keep the annual fees down, so your support is greatly appreciated.

Participation in two working bees, or equivalent, entitles families to a refund of the annual \$50.00 maintenance levy. A minimum of two hours attendance is required. Details of the working bee will be posted in pockets soon and we look forward to seeing you there.



## KINDER SUN SMART POLICY

### HATS:

Bundoora Pre-School's sun smart policy requires all children to wear a sunhat outdoors during terms 1 and 4. Please ensure that your child brings along a named hat for each kinder session. Legionnaire's Caps with the kinder logo on them are available for \$6. Please see staff if you would like to buy one.



### SUNBLOCK:

Parents are reminded to apply sun block to their child before attending kindergarten, however there is also SPF 30 sun block available on the windowsill above the taps in the bathroom.

## THOMASTOWN BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER

The kindergarten will be hosting a Bunnings BBQ fundraiser at the Thomastown store, corner Dalton and Settlement Roads, Thomastown on Sunday 14 March. Families are invited to participate on the day, cooking sausages and serving. Participation counts as one 'working bee' towards redemption of the maintenance levy and is also a great way to meet other kinder families and have some fun too. Money raised will go towards external blinds for the kindergarten.

## FRUIT DUTY

Parents on fruit duty are asked to check the notice board in the kitchen for your group to see which children (if any) have allergies.

### **CLOTHING FOR KINDER**

Parents are reminded to ensure that their children are wearing comfortable clothes for kindergarten. Long dresses and skirts, thongs, rubber boots, crocs, clogs and slippery soled shoes are not suitable for kinder as they are dangerous when children climb in the playground. Also, please provide a change of clothes (including socks) in your child's bag.



### **FOUR YEAR OLD KINDER INFORMATION**

- Parent morning teas for the 4 year old groups have been organised for Tuesday 23 February 10:45 – 11:45 (Possums) and Wednesday 24 Feb 11:15 – 12:15 (Koalas). These morning teas will be an opportunity for parents/caregivers to get to know others in the group, and Ros will talk about the 4 year old program. She will also be happy to answer any questions you may have about the year ahead.
- An excursion to the Bundoora Maternal and Child Health Centre (next door!) for both groups will take place on Tuesday 2 March during session time. The children will have an opportunity to be weighed and measured.

### **MELAMINE PLATES FROM 2009**

Unfortunately there were some problems with the melamine plates which were ordered by kinder families in 2009. These problems have now been rectified and we are expecting the plates to arrive by the end of February.

### **DONATING BOXES**

Cardboard boxes donated to the kindergarten are greatly appreciated however parents are reminded to ensure that the donated items are free of nuts and traces of nuts as we have several children with life threatening allergies.

### **PICK UPS AND DROP OFFS AT KINDERGARTEN**

Parents need to ensure the gate is shut when dropping their children off and picking them up. Only let your own children through the gate or ensure that each child has their parent with them. Please remind your children to hold hands through the car park.

All children need to wash their hands before entering the kinder room at the start of every session.

### **TERM DATES**

Term one runs from Wednesday 27 January to Friday 26 March. Please note the kindergarten is closed for Labour Day on Monday March 8. Term two starts on Monday 12 April.

### **AND FINALLY.....**

When picking up your children from kinder, parents are asked to remain away from the windows. The children are asked to sit on the mat at the conclusion of kinder and they find it extremely difficult to wait quietly when their parent/sibling/grandparent is waving to them through the window.

If older children use the play equipment while they are waiting for kinder to finish, could you please ensure that it is returned to the original position, for safety.