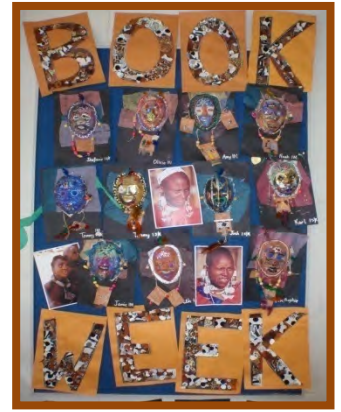




ECC News for You



22 October 2009

Dear ECC families

During the last two weeks the teachers and I have enjoyed meeting the new Kindergarten children for 2010. We welcome all the new families visiting our Early Childhood Centre during our orientation programs and we look forward to you joining our School community next year.

As part of their orientation program, the Year 1 children have spent time exploring the surrounds of the Junior School. There will be several more visits to the Junior School to socialise with their buddies and play in the playground. Teachers are beginning to formulate classes for 2010. If parents feel the need to discuss placement of their child, I invite you to write or make an appointment with me before the end of October.

The Physical Education program is concentrating on skill development this term, in preparation for the ECC Twilight Picnic Races to be held on Wednesday 25 November from 5 – 7pm. This promises to be a fun evening with all children participating in a number of events. There will be opportunities for family members to join in the activities - some with a Christmas theme. You are invited to bring a picnic dinner to enjoy with your family. **Please notify Mrs Pike if you are unable to attend as this will affect teams and groups for the planned activities.**

The weather is unpredictable at the moment and we recommend that sunscreen be applied before school each day. The children can re-apply their sunscreen at lunchtime. **We are a SUNSMART school and school hats are a requirement for outside play this term.**

Thank you to all those families who participated in the Operation Christmas Child Appeal. The Christmas Boxes that the children thoughtfully prepared, have been delivered ready to be sent overseas.

The ECC children have been busy preparing for Grandparents' and Friends' Morning on Wednesday 28 October. They are looking forward to welcoming their special visitors to their classrooms and selling their handcrafts at the mini-market. The proceeds of this event will be used to purchase equipment for the Kinglake Kindergarten, destroyed in the bushfires earlier this year.

We have two Information Evenings next week:

- **Kindergarten Information Evening Monday 26 October at 7pm in the Pavilion**
- **Prep Information Evening Wednesday 28 October at 7pm in the Prep classrooms**

This term seems to be flying by. Please make sure that you check the list of upcoming events in the Weekly Bulletin on the school website.

Louise Cook
Head of Early Childhood

DATES TO REMEMBER

MONDAY 26 OCTOBER
WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER

MON 2 & TUES 3 NOVEMBER
WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER
TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER
FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER

INFORMATION EVENING FOR 2010 KINDER 3 & 4 PARENTS - PAVILION 7pm
ECC KINDER 3 – YEAR 1 GRANDPARENTS' DAY & MINI MARKET
INFORMATION EVENING FOR PREP 2010 PARENTS – PREP CLASSROOM 7pm
MID TERM BREAK / MELBOURNE CUP HOLIDAY
ECC TWILIGHT PICNIC RACES 5-7PM (FAMILY) – HARRY MCDONALD OVAL
CHRISTMAS CHAPEL SERVICE
FINAL ECC & JS ASSEMBLY 10 - 11AM ANSETT HALL
ACADEMIC PROGRAM CONCLUDES

The following items: block trolley, slide, weaving frame and multi shelves were purchased through the ExxonMobil volunteer program. We thank the Jones family (Olivia 3KW and Harrison 4KM) for their support.



RESILIENT KIDS ARE RESOURCEFUL KIDS

If you want kids to be resourceful then you need to place them in the position to develop their resources. This can be tough because a parent's natural instinct is to care for, nurture and even protect children and young people.

When you provide the space and opportunity for children to solve their own problems and difficulties then you give them the chance to grow and develop the skills necessary to cope.

Research indicates that resilient children are generally independent with effective social skills. They can also draw on past experiences when they meet with difficulties. By protecting them from life's smaller hassles adults rob children and young people of opportunities to promote personal resilience. By Michael Grose

VITAMINS FOR PARENTS

You promote resilience in children and young people when you:

1. Maintain a close loving relationship.
2. Have positive expectations for their future.
3. Encourage active participation in family life.

CRANBOURNE BOTANIC GARDENS

BY ABBY

On Wednesday 1SR and 1M went to the Cranbourne Gardens. First we went for a walk to a sheltered place and had our snack and lunch. Unfortunately it started to rain so we had to stay in the sheltered place for a while and play some games. While we were waiting it finally stopped raining and then we walked to a Lookout. And it looked really pretty! We planted some 'Golden Buttons' which were a type of plant. Then we looked at some plants and also got to hold some worms. I had a baby worm. It was really cute. We also saw some animal bones which were interesting. I had a good time except when we had to walk in the rain.



Grandparents' and Friends' Day Reminder

The Program for the morning will be:

9.30 - 11.30 Market and morning tea for adults in the Pavilion

9.30 - 11.00 Classrooms open for visits

11.00 - 11.30 Recess for children

The Children look forward to sharing this day with you.