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Don't forget to get all
outstanding money in
from our Move-a-thon,
this week if possible



TRANSITION VISITS- TO SCHOOL

As children begin their visits to school we would love for you to keep us posted on how they are managing the changes.

This year most of the group are going to Woodside Primary School and their visits are on:-

Thursday 21/11- 9.15-11.45am. Parents please take you children to school today- Kindy staff will collect them from school and bring them back to Kindy for the rest of the day.

Tuesday 26/11. 9.15-1.00 As above- parents drop off at school, Kindy staff will pick up.

Thursday 28/11. 9.15-1.45- this is not a kindy day so parents please drop off and pick up today.

If your child is going to another school -please see Robyn about arrangements for Thursday 21/11 & Tuesday 26/11



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Robyn's News

And they're off! School readiness, our style.

Every year in term 4, we watch our older children spread their wings and start to fly. They become masters of their preschool universe.

They are strong and secure in the relationships with their friends, their teachers and their surroundings.

Their play is complex, independent and intricate.

They can do things themselves. Practical things. Self-help things. Problem solving things. Conflict resolution things. Negotiation things.

In fact, if we have done our job well, they rarely need us at all.

They want more, different, bigger, newer, harder, riskier, faster, longer and higher.

They climb - high. They hang upside down. They somersault. They run - fast.

They are at ease.

They love to tease us and joke with us -and to push us.

Their artwork is detailed, and often tells a story.

They push boundaries and limits.

They stand up for themselves.

They are curious.

They question.

They like games with rules.

They build cities with blocks and create magic out of boxes and tape.

They look after the younger ones - mostly.

They tell us what they want, in no uncertain terms.

They take on challenges.

They experiment with power.

They persist.

They play with words.

They write letters. They write their names. They write books.

They create their own play spaces.

They teach us things.

They undertake feats of complex engineering.

They tell us when we need to water the garden, feed the worms, pick the beans or feed the chooks.

They delight in 'real work'.

They roll their eyes but then get on with the business of packing away the block area or the sandpit like a well-oiled machine.

They make us laugh.

They are explorers, artists, scientists, mathematicians, authors, actors, musicians, athletes, dancers.

They give each other comfort and support - most of the time.

They can be still, and are learning that sometimes they need to be.

They know what they like. They know what they can do. They will tell you that they are good at everything.

They still like a cuddle, but then they are off again.

They like nonsense. The sillier, the better.

They strut.

They run through the bush, naming the landmarks along the way. The creek, the short cut, jump rock, the cave, boat rock.

They spend the days as mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, babies, cats, dogs, lions, ninjas, superheroes, aliens, princesses, astronauts and pirates.

They are special. They are needed. They belong.

They don't just belong. They own the joint!

"You are going to cry, and cry and cry when I leave preschool." said one five year old matter of factly.

We tease them that we won't let them leave. "You have to. You have to let us go."



And we do. They're ready

<http://www.letthekidsplay.net/2012/11/and-theyre-off-school-readiness-our.htm>

Move-a-thon



As we near the end of our preschool journey it has been great reflecting on some the wonderful learning experiences and events we have shared together.



One of our favourites has been our recent Move-A-Thon. It was such an awesome community event that allowed lots of interaction between our families, fun and laughter and plenty of exercise.



There are a few special people and organisations that made the day even more special and we would like to thank:



- **Balhannah CFS** – for cooling us down with their hoses!
- **The 16th Air-Land Regiment** with their army truck
- **Green Valley Strawberries** – delicious strawberries for snacks
- **The Lions Club** – Woodsiee for cooking our Bbq lunch
- **Baker's Delight Mt Barker** – supplying bread for our sausages
- **The Coffee Run** – coffee van
- **Poppy Ray** – for fun rides in his special bike.

Congratulations must go to the children (and adults) who completed their laps, and truly earned their stickers and medals.



Thank you to those who sponsored the pre-schoolers, and /or came out to cheer and support them on their challenges. The funds raised will go towards our outdoor learning areas at Kindy.



Wonderful events like these help build a *strong sense of belonging* and community for our families, and leave lasting memories. We still look forward to more happy times together as the class of 2019. Sayonara, Kathy, Jodie & Jane. 😊



Governing Council

Governing Council will have their **final meeting for this year** at the Woodside Hotel on **Tuesday Nov 26th at 6.00pm.**

This meeting is not only a celebration of our achievements this year- it is also an opportunity for any interested parents from our 2020 group to come along and find out a bit more about this important aspect of our preschool.

If you would like to join us for the dinner please let Kindy staff know.

If you would like to know more about our Governing Council but can't make the dinner we would welcome your questions also.

Vinnies Appeal

Every year we encourage children to appreciate the Spirit of Christmas by providing a collection point for one of the local charities.

In keeping with our sustainability focus , we have this year decided to support the Vinnies Christmas Appeal and collect 'clean, good quality clothing'. As we move to summer clothes (*eventually*) , now is a good time to clean out those children's wardrobes of clothes that won't fit them by next year and bring them in to us. We will arrange for them to be collected in the last week of term and distributed to those in need. Recycling at it's best!

Dealing with Big emotions

This is a **free parent workshop** offered by Woodside Primary School and all Kindy families are invited to attend

Presented by Mel Leslie from the Department for Education, all parents are invited to listen to Mel discuss strategies for parents to help children deal with emotions that they can encounter every day.

Monday November 18th at Woodside Primary School Library

2-3 pm or 6.30-7.30 pm

RSVP by Friday Nov 15th on 83897083

Diary Dates

We know the end of the year gets a bit

busy, so here is your helpful list of dates to get you through!

When ?	What ?	Who ?
18 th November- Monday 2-3pm or 6.30-7.30pm	Dealing with Big Emotions At the Woodside Primary School Library RSVP- Fri15/11 83897083	All parents are welcome to attend this free parent workshop which will discuss strategies to help children deal with their emotions
21/11, 26/11, 28/11	Woodside Primary School Transition visits	Children attending Woodside Primary School in 2020. Parents to drop children at school at 9.15. On the final day children will also be collected by parents
14/11, 21/11, 28/11	Pre Entry sessions 9.00-11.30am	Pre Entry children for next year
26 th November- Tuesday	Governing Council Dinner	6.30pm at the Woodside Hotel. New parents welcome to attend
3 rd December- Tuesday	Child Youth Health Screening -at Kindy	People who have made an appointment with Tash
5 th December- Thursday 5.30-7.00pm	Graduation Night & Family Tea- bring a picnic	All families are encouraged to attend to farewell our class of 2019
5 th December- Thursday	All financial payments finalised please	Could we have all outstanding payments made by this day please so that money can be banked and books finalised before the holidays?
10 th December- Tuesday	Excursion to Government House	Kindy Children
10th December- Tuesday	Family Picnic at Marshmallow Park	We would love families to meet us at Marshmallow Park from 12.30 for lunch and a play
11 th December- Wednesday	Last day of Kindy	