

**TERM 4**

**Important Dates**

**Monday 13th November BOTH Centres** will be **CLOSED** as all educators will be attending Professional Development Training in Melbourne.

**Tuesday 14th November Annual General Meeting at Marrang 7.30pm.**

Children’s 2018 Groups will be announced and a new Committee of Management for 2018 will be elected. Plus, opportunities to enter raffles and win vouchers.

**Grants**

Several Grant Applications were submitted in May for State Government Grants.  We have been successful in all three.

* $10,000 refurbishment grant for Cooinda Preschool.
* IT Grant of $1500 which will see iPad incorporated into the classroom and Educators provided with two laptops (Cooinda).
* IT Grant of $1500 which will see iPad incorporated into the classroom and Educators provided with two laptops (Marrang).

The preschool and its community sincerely thank the State Government for making this funding available. Without this support, our Preschools would struggle to maintain the quality facilities and programs for the families of Stawell and district.

**Fundraising**

This term look out for the two fabulous opportunities to support your preschool and win. Try your luck in the;

* ‘Guess How Many in the Jar’ competition - $1 a guess. One at each Kindergarten.
* End of Year Raffle.  $2 a ticket.  No donations required.

**Excursions and Extra Activities**

Recently both Centres enjoyed:

* A kinder swap
* Primary School visits
* St Patrick’s PS Concert,
* Project Platypus session at the Iron Barks
* Transition Days to Primary

**Julie’s Dinner**

You are invited to Julie McClure’s farewell dinner. After 18 years of service in administration The Committee of Management would like to celebrate, show our appreciation and extend an invitation to everyone to attend.

DATE: Friday 24th November

LOCATION: Stawell Tabaret

TIME: 6pm

RSVP: 17th Nov 5358 2357

**Cooinda Report**

At Cooinda children are:

* Painting with tomato sauce bottles and rolling balls through paint - observing the patterns and tracking the ball with eyes (great pre-reading skill).
* Gardening - planting passionfruit vines, preparing garden beds, observing the tomatoes & strawberries growing.
* Dramatic play - extended families, kitchens, doctors and schools.

Excursions

* Farm Visit
* Nursing Home
* Museum Outreach Program
* Halls Gap Zoo

**Marrang Report**

At Marrang children are:

* Using their first name to record attendance
* Creating sea creature environments using playdough, coloured gems, shells and constructing sea creatures
* Building with stickle bricks
* Designing tracks for cars
* Playing with water using sauce bottles, funnels, hoses and containers
* Riding bikes
* Blowing and catching bubbles
* Playing at the space rocket

Excursions and Activities

* Library visits
* Museum Outreach Program
* Halls Gap Zoo

