

## Dates for the Diary

<b>1 December (Thurs)</b>	Christmas Family Night – 5.30–7pm
<b>6 December (Tues)</b>	Parent Committee Meeting at Preschool – 7pm
<b>13-16 December</b>	Christmas Party Days: <u>Possum Room</u> Monday-Wednesday Group – 14 December (Wed) Thursday-Friday Group – 16 December (Fri) <u>Koala Room</u> Monday-Tuesday Group – 13 December (Tues) Wednesday-Friday Group – 16 December (Fri)
<b>16 December</b>	End of Term 4

## Preschool Notice



### Calling all handy parents .....

We need some helpers to carry out a few jobs around the preschool:

- Fixing loose screws on the children's wheelbarrows;
- Fixing hinges on both indoor and outdoor storage boxes;
- High-pressure hose cleaning of the verandah; and
- Oiling the fort, bridge and tree-seat.

Please see Pauline if you can help with any of these jobs.

## Community Notice

### Triple P Seminar (Positive Parenting Program)

Sydney South West Triple P Project in partnership with Wingecarribee Shire Council invites parents to the Triple P parenting program that will provide practical answers to everyday parenting concerns. This seminar is for all families with children aged 3-8 years.

Bookings are essential and places are limited. Please call 0407 708 626 to book your place.

Date: Tuesday, 22 November 2011  
Time: 6.30-9pm  
Place: East Bowral Community Centre  
Cnr Rowland and Boardman Rds  
Bowral (behind the Scottish Arms)

## President's Report

This term is just flying by. Soon it will be time for school holidays and then off to big school for a number of our children.

I'd like to say a big thank you to all the families and staff who came along and helped out at the working bee on 30 October. The weather was good and it was the biggest turnout of helpers that we've seen in years. Our outdoor area looks great and all the jobs got done (with the exception of oiling the fort because of the potential for rain, but don't worry you'll still get a chance to help out on that before the end of term!).

Of course our other big event was the combined art sale/market night. I was so impressed with how truly beautiful the children's artworks were and it was so lovely to see them all hanging together.

I'd like to thank the staff for sitting down with each child individually to give them the chance to make a piece of art that I'm sure their parents will treasure forever. The little laminated picture of the child and description of the painting in the children's words was also a brilliant touch!

I'd also like to thank all the staff and families who helped prepare the rooms, hang the artworks and prepared delicious nibbles and desserts for the evening. Thanks also to our stallholders and to everyone who came along to the evening.

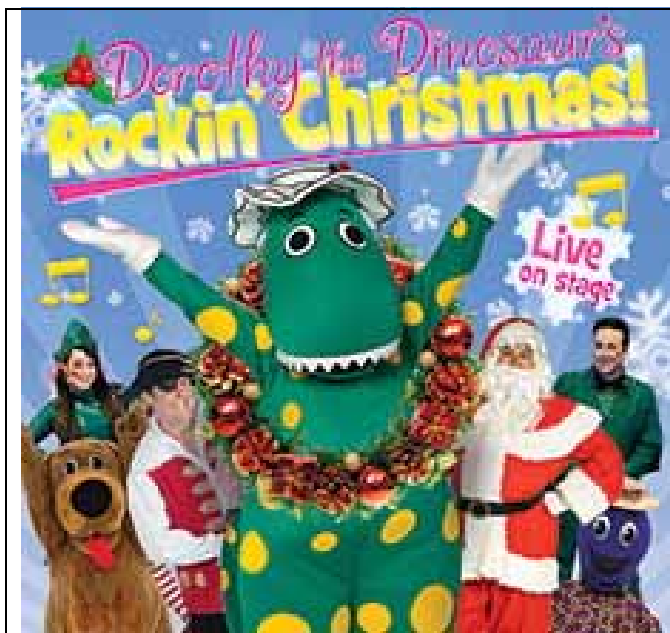
This week is orientation for our new children and families for next year, so I trust everyone will make them feel welcome (particularly those whose firstborn will be making the transition to preschool next year).

Our reputation in the community continues to be as strong as ever. Just last week at cricket one of the mothers asked me whether my son River was at preschool (there's a lot of time to chat at cricket). When I told her he goes to Mittagong Preschool, her face lit up and she said that she'd heard wonderful things about the preschool from heaps of people. That kind of reputation is testament both to the quality of our staff and the level of involvement of our families.

So I would like to once again thank everyone for your support.

Cheers, *Deanna Pagnini*

## Community Notice



### Dorothy the Dinosaur's Rockin' Christmas at Mittagong RSL

**Dorothy the Dinosaur's Rockin' Christmas Show is coming to Mittagong RSL on 13 December 2011.**

**Dorothy and friends meet Santa Claus in this delightful show with all your favourite Christmas songs. Join us for a rosalicious romp that will get your tinsel toes a-tapping!**

**But get your tickets now as they're selling like Hot Potatoes! Tickets \$20 each, available from Mittagong RSL's reception. Contact: 02 4872 6700**

## Director's Report



We continue to progress through what is turning out to be a very busy Term 4.

The Art Exhibition and Twilight Market on Friday, 4 November proved to be a very successful event. The children's artworks were so inspiring and drew much

comment from everyone in attendance. It was lovely to see everyone so interested, reading each of the descriptions and noting all the different styles.

Special thanks to everyone who brought plates of food or made punch, notably Deanna Pagnini, Paula Williams, Jo Plokstys, Katie Contre, Karen Bramble, Lauren Evans, Peta Dean, Sue Dean, Jenny Bridekirk, Sue Hill-Thomson and Margie Bonwick. Also, thanks to Elizabeth Fairleigh for her help in purchasing the canvases for the artwork and her support with the Koala Room end-of-week artwork. A word of thanks to Rod Noack for putting the display boards together so we could display the precious artworks. Special thanks also to Alan Bertram for framing the large calico paintings from the Possum Room as part of our raffle prizes.

The raffle prizewinners were Paula Williams, Peta Dean, Agnes Bertram and Jane Sealy. Agnes actually gave her prize of a large calico print to her father-in-law Alan (one he had hallmarked as his favourite) – what better thanks!

The Working Bee on Sunday, 30 October was a great success with a huge group of helpers. Special mention to the Warne, Contre, Sarty, Williams, Munn, Evans, Bramble, Cockburn, Moule, Phillips, DiNatale/Haylock and Krueger families, as well as Jenny Bridekirk and Sue Hill-Thomson (with family). Thanks also to Deanna and Jenny for baking cakes and muffins for

morning tea. Thanks also to Alan Bertram, Brad Moore, Agnes Bertram & Zach Bertram, who the next weekend concreted some more rocks into the creek-bed to better direct the water-flow.

This week we are holding orientation sessions for new families. It is so nice to take the time to welcome them, helping the families and children alike to develop a sense of belonging.

We offer a vote of congratulations to Sanndra on the news that she has successfully completed her teaching diploma.

On a staffing note, we have several staff members on leave at the moment – Kristie is currently on a trip with her family (long service leave) and will return on 24 November; Shannon is taking long service leave on Mondays/Tuesdays for the rest of term – she will however be back for Party Day on Tuesday, 13 December; and Simone is taking some family leave on Mondays/Tuesdays. We thank Sue and Jenny, as well as some other casuals for stepping into their positions.

Two students from Moss Vale TAFE, Ellen (Koala Room) and Chantelle (Possum Room) are this week completing their final practicum placements.

Preschool photos were taken 7-11 November. Ordered photos will be available in the next few weeks.

On a programming note, we are busy working on the children's individual programs as we head towards the end of Term 4, finalising the portfolios and the individual developmental summaries.

We look forward to the festivities ahead. See the beginning of the newsletter for further details.

Thanks, *Pauline Iacono*

## The Cowshed Shop – open days

You can search for Christmas presents until the cows come home or you can drop by The Cowshed Shop. You'll find a herd of affordable, interesting and unusual Christmas gifts for friends, family and teachers (especially preschool teachers!).

The shop will open on the following Fridays from 10am-4pm: 2, 9 and 16 December.

The shop's usually only open by appointment, so this is great opportunity to take a peek; littlies are more than welcome to play in the garden while you do so.

Cash or cheque only I'm afraid, but electronic transfers are fine.

For further information, or if you'd like to drop by outside these hours, please call Maree Tredinnick on 0428 231 110.

The Cowshed Shop, Nettlebed, Eridge Park Rd, Burradoo - we're next door to Treekeeper's Nursery, which is next to Hartzler Park.