

Dates for the Diary

30 October (Sun)	Preschool Working Bee – 9am-12pm
4 November (Fri)	Mittagong Preschool Art Exhibition & Twilight Market – 7-9pm
15 November (Tues)	Parent Committee Meeting at Preschool – 7pm
1 December (Thurs)	Christmas Family Night – 5.30–7pm
6 December (Tues)	Parent Committee Meeting at Preschool – 7pm
13-16 December	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)
16 December	End of Term 4

Preschool Notices

HELP WANTED: WORKING BEE

We have planned a Working Bee for Sunday, 30 October 9am – 12 noon. There will be a list of jobs for completion, including some fix-it maintenance jobs, planting, weeding, mulching, tip-trips and weed poisoning around the back of the preschool. Please make a note of the date on your calendar.



Art Exhibition & Twilight Market

Reminder to all parents: Mittagong Preschool's Art Exhibition and Twilight Market will be on Friday 4 November - 7-9pm. Entry is free.

Please join us in the top room of the preschool to view/purchase your child's artwork for \$10 per painting.

While you are at the preschool, pop on down to the bottom room for a fun and relaxing night of shopping at the Twilight Market. There will be lots of interesting stalls, including Susie Webster's Wearable Art, Tupperware, The Cowshed Shop and much more.

We hope to see you there for this parents only night feel free to bring along a friend or two!

HELP WANTED - Please see Leanne in the office if you are able to help out by preparing nibbles or a plate for the night.

President's Report

Welcome back to the final term of preschool for 2011! I hope everyone's school holidays were relaxing and fun-filled.

Although the weather certainly hasn't seemed very spring-like lately, it's almost time for our spring working bee at the preschool – scheduled for Sunday, 30 October. Please sign up to help out if you can – there will be jobs for every level of skill and ability (even for those like me who are, to put it politely, somewhat “challenged” when it comes to gardening or repairs).

I hope to see you at the combined Art Exhibition/Twilight Market on Friday, 4 November from 7-9 pm. The children are hard at work on

their paintings. The evening will be a great chance not only to view/buy your own child's artwork, but to see all the children's beautiful paintings in one space.

We've combined the art exhibition with the Twilight Market to make it a fun Friday night out for the grown-ups (and I happen to know there will be some yummy treats served as well....).

Thanks again to all the staff, families and members of the community who continue to support Mittagong Preschool.

Cheers, *Deanna Pagnini*

Director's Report

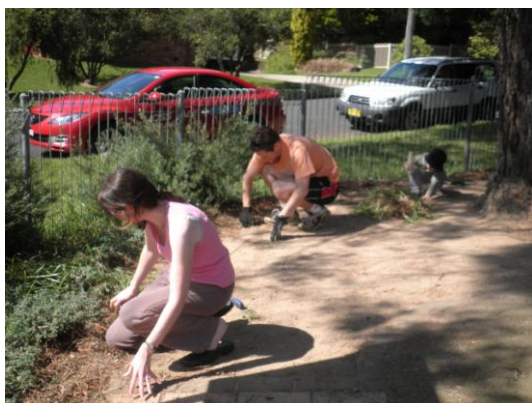


We have had a very busy start to Term 4 – with a week full of excursions to the inspiring environment of Sturt Gallery, Pottery and Woodwork workshops.

This is a wonderful springboard and motivation for the children, as they paint

their canvasses in readiness for our Art Exhibition and Twilight Market on Friday, 4 November. Please mark the date in your calendar and come along for a nice evening out to support our last fundraiser of the year.

The Working Bee is planned for Sunday, 30 October. From next week we will be displaying a sign-up sheet so we have an idea of numbers. The jobs planned for the day include weeding, moving sand from the gardens, planting some new plants, mulching the gardens and poisoning weeds around the back of the preschool. If the weather in the week prior is dry, it will also involve oiling the fort, bridge and tree-seat ... now that I have actually suggested that, flooding rains are almost guaranteed!



The enrolment process is nearing completion. In the middle of November, I will be holding the orientation sessions for new families. If your child is returning, please finalise the placement paperwork and payment as soon as possible.

We welcome Sandra back after her practicum experience and wish her well with her final exam coming up. Two students from Moss Vale TAFE continue with us —Ellen (Koala Room) and Chantelle (Possum Room) —with their final practicum placements at the preschool, with their planning weeks in middle November. We also have two students from the Christian School, Stephanie and Bethany, on 17-18 October as part of their Year 9 Service Programme.

On 15 September, all the staff went to a training session at Bowral about the new National Quality Standards. It was quite informative and provided us with much food-for-thought as we plan forward to next year when the new standards will be in force.

Preschool photos are planned for the week 7-11 November. A specific note and order form will come out next week, so watch for your email or note in your child's pocket.

On a programming note, we are busy at the moment working on the children's individual programs as we run up to the end of Term 4, finalising the portfolios and individual developmental summaries.

It's hard to believe, but we will be starting some Christmas craft and songs in November in the lead up to Christmas – such a happy time of the year to share with your children. We look forward to the festivities ahead.

Thanks, *Pauline Iacono*