As I sit down to write my final newsletter at the Campus Preschool I am amazed at how quickly five years has gone!! I am sure the next two weeks will go just as quickly and we do not want anyone to miss out on anything so please take a few minutes to catch up with end of year happenings.

Curriculum
There is glitter everywhere as we complete lots of end of year activities, some of these have a Christmas theme, others are a celebration of a great year and there are others that you will find out about a little later.

We still have lots of our favourite activities- construction toys, story times, outdoor play including lots of watery activities, looking after our vegetable garden and dramatic play.

The silkworms at preschool have spun their cocoons and we are anxiously waiting for the moths to emerge.

Sue Harris who has been to the preschool several times this year returned a few weeks ago and ran puppet workshops with the children. It was wonderful to work with the children as they explored the art of using puppets as a way to communicate and tell a story.

Literacy and Numeracy
Christmas cooking with your child is a fantastic literacy and numeracy activity all rolled in to one as you read recipes and measure ingredients, not to mention a yummy end result.

Governing Council
Governing Council and staff met last Thursday evening for a celebration dinner. I would like to thank all of those parents who committed to supporting the preschool in this way during 2010. You were a wonderful team of people to work with. Thankyou also for the lovely flowers and chocolates which I was given as a farewell gift.

Routines.
Routines inevitably become a little negotiable as the end of year approaches. Please refer to your calendar of events if you are unsure about what is happening at preschool over the next fortnight.

Library visits have finished for the year.
What's happening?

Each year we collect non perishable foodstuff for the local Salvation Army to use in their Christmas hampers. If you would like to involve your child in this we would love you to place donations in the box in the kitchen. Any food items that families enjoy at Christmas time would be suitable.

I have attached a dates to remember section to the bottom of this newsletter to help you keep track of everything that is happening as the year comes to a close.

Raffle tickets are due back this week. At 50 cents/ticket they are great value, there will be some wonderful prizes - including a decorated Christmas cake, some Tupperware and children's books and toys. If you have been thinking of donating something for a prize there is still time to do so.

Parent Involvement
Preschool washing doesn’t go away until the year is over; it would be great if you could help out with this small but necessary task.

There are always extra chores at preschool during the last weeks of a year, if you feel able to help out simply speak to a staff member and we will certainly be able to keep you busy.

On behalf of the staff team I wish all our families a wonderful Christmas and a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break.

The Staff Team.

Dates to remember

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