

# ST MORRIS

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### April



Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> – Easter Picnic

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – International Children's Book Day

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Julia and her woodwind trio

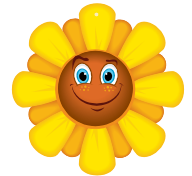
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> – Autumn working bee



### Tiffanie

# WELCOME

We would like to welcome Tiffanie to the Centre. Tiffanie is replacing Rocky during his leave until the end of the year.



Tiffanie started her child care career in Queensland before transferring to NSW with her partner who is in the RAAF. They have now transferred to Adelaide where Tiffanie has been doing some casual relief work at the centre before securing a position with us. Livia, Judith and Tiffanie will make a great team in the ELC. Please introduce yourself and make her feel welcome.

### Emergency Evacuation Drill

We regularly practice these drills with the children so that if there ever was a true emergency staff and children feel confident that they know what to do. We were all safely out onto the St Morris Oval and accounted for in about 3 minutes which was fantastic!



If your child ever comes home talking about a fire at the centre please know that it probably a result of a drill that day. There were a couple of children who were here, but not signed in. Please note that in a real emergency this could prove disastrous. It is really important that children are signed in and out each day.

## Easter Picnic

Just a reminder about our annual Easter picnic

**When:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012, 10-11.30am

**Where:** "The Gums" Shakespeare Ave, Tranmere

**Who:** All St Morris Child Care Children and Staff and their Families

**What to bring:** Something to sit on, hats and if you like, something to eat and drink.



Easter Bunny has told me he is hopping in for a visit with Easter Eggs for the children.

Please talk to Sarah beforehand if you will be attending and if you have any allergy needs in relation to Easter Eggs.

## Fundraising

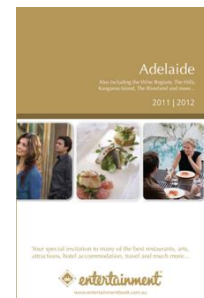
This year St Morris is involved in selling tickets for the People's Choice Community Lottery.

100% of the proceeds from the sale of the tickets go towards the centre to add to our fundraising efforts for the year. This money will go towards our new flooring in the Pre-Kindy Room.

If you are able to sell a whole book that would be great, please see Sarah, Lin or Danielle.

Tickets are \$2 each and the money needs to be given to Sarah, Lin or Danielle upon purchase. The lottery closes on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July.

We are also selling Entertainment books again this year. Pre purchase orders have recently gone into pigeonholes. The first 20 pre-purchase orders receive an additional sheet of vouchers. Books will be available to collect on 4<sup>th</sup> April and can be used immediately. The books are \$65 each and \$13 goes directly to the centre towards our fundraising.



## Flu Shots



Just a reminder that we will have an immunisation nurse here from Eastern Health Authority on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30am. She will be administering flu shots to staff and parents who want one. The cost is \$22 and we can create an invoice if you need one for reimbursement purposes. If there are any parents who would like to have one please see Sarah.

## Babes

It's nearing the end of term already, and Easter is fast approaching. As usual with a new term we will be welcoming some new children and families as well as farewelling some children as they transition to the Pre-Kindy room. We wish Isabella, Layla, Molly, Anoek, Jack, Jesse, James, Alice and Max the best of luck and look forward to still seeing them around the centre. We would like to welcome Cooper and Annabelle and their families who have started with us over the last few weeks.



Tressie has been enjoying her time away and we look forward to having her back soon as the children have missed her, and the experiences she brings to the room.

This term the children have been enjoying the cooking experiences we have been offering as part of our group program, including making play dough, and next week we will make muffins together. Cooking develops social interactions, simple maths concepts such as 'more' and 'less', science concepts such as 'hot' and 'cold' and 'cooked' and 'uncooked', as well as sharing and turn taking skills.



This term we have also been spending time lots of time playing outside, and we will continue to do so as the cold weather approaches so could you please bring a jacket for your child so they can continue to enjoy outdoor experiences and fresh air.

If you have any skills to share with the children we would love for you to come in and share them with us. This could include, but is not limited to, cooking, reading stories, or playing an instrument. Please let us know and we can organise for you to come in and share this with us.



Regards,

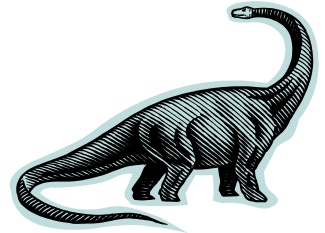
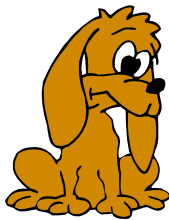
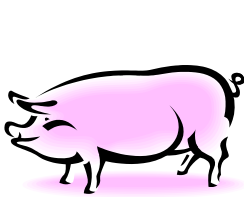
Suzy, Megan, Michelle, Nyssa, Dora, and Tressie.

## Pre-Kindy

We have had a very busy month in the Pre-Kindy room, and our children have really been enjoying cooking. We have made mini Pizzas, Pancakes and Vanilla muffins which were delicious. They all enjoyed helping with the process of pouring the milk or stirring the mixture, then seeing the end result they all find it amazing and are all so proud of themselves.



The Pre-Kindy children are also very interested in Animals, Dinosaurs and Insects, the children will ask on a daily basis to have the animals out or listen to the Lion story and they are using animals in their general day to day play. Mary and I are going to start setting up the environment in different ways to incorporate their interests so watch out for this over the coming weeks. If anyone has any ideas of ways we can extend on the children's learning let us know or bring something into share.



Currently most of our Pre-Kindy children are at the stage where as soon as they go outside their shoes come straight off!! Most children are able to recognise their own shoes; but we do have children with the same shoes so it would be great if all shoes are labelled so that we can ensure they go into the correct bags and children aren't going home in the wrong shoes!!

We have a lot of children that are currently toilet training and are doing such a great job but during this time, can all families make sure that enough spare clothes are packed each day as accidents do happen and some children do not like to wear our spare clothes!!

We hope everyone has a great break over Easter!!



Mary and Danielle





### April Working Bee

On Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> between 10am and 1pm, we are having our first working bee for the year.

If you can help on the day, even for an hour, please fill in the form that has been sent home and return it as soon as possible.



We will throw some sausages on the BBQ and get some drinks in, to keep everyone's energy up!

Children are welcome but please be aware that gates etc will be open so keep a close eye on them.



### Kindy

*\*Already April!!*

We are focusing on self help skills in Kindy, "do things ourselves." We are also looking at communication with our peer and generally getting along.



Dramatic play has been popular over the last month with supplies from Ben's mum from a Hospital.



We are trialling a new system for our beds and sheets, if anyone hasn't brought a pillow case yet please do so at your earliest convenience.



Weather has been brilliant, so please don't forget to keep sun blocking your child on arrival to Child Care. Also please check your child's hat is still fitting and is here daily.

Thanks for your time,

Matt, Bianca and Tash

## Hats



We have just received more St Morris hats for children in a range of colours and sizes.

The hats now cost \$7. If you would like a new hat for your children come into the office and see Sarah, Lin or Danielle about purchasing one

## ELC



We've had a busy month in the ELC, it's been a period of transition for us. Rita has taken over Rocky's position for 6 weeks. She's stepped up and supported staff and children whilst we interviewed for the fulltime position. Thanks Rita for your flexibility and commitment during your time with us.

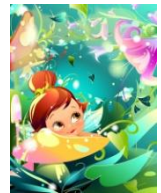
Tiffanie, our new colleague will begin next week, we welcome Tiffanie and please ensure you all introduce yourself to Tiffanie.

Many thanks to our parents supporting us and the children with our show and tell, photos, recipes and scrapbooks.

Show and tell has encouraged shy (quieter) children to be more confident in speaking with their peers. The children have enjoyed looking at the photo board on a daily basis. Often we find them talking with their friends and learning more about their home and family life. We have already used one of recipes as a cooking experience for the Friday children, YUM!



A few children have started drawing and writing in their scrapbooks. Children of this age begin to show an interest in print. They are aware of the text in picture books are 'symbols' with a meaning. They become aware of the first letter and/or sound of the names. We support their interest on a daily basis. The scrapbooks are one element of extending meaningful literacy experiences in the ELC.



And finally, we have re-established the late Anita's Fairy Garden in the ELC. The children have assisted in preparing the garden with a variety of 'treasures' left over from the original garden. This project will complement children's social and outdoor learning and development over the coming weeks.

Thanks Rita, Judith, Livia x