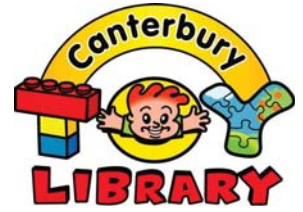


Canterbury Toy Library Newsletter



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Welcome back!

Dear Toy Library members,

Wow what a frantic start to the year and it is wonderful to welcome everyone back to the toy library after the Christmas break. We have a lot of fantastic new toys in stock including dressups, bikes, scooters, games, puzzles and some great wooden cupcakes and bread sets for everyone to enjoy !!

I would like to thank all of the wonderful toy library members who came and helped with stocktake – I thank them for their hard work. It is greatly appreciated. The stocktake went well and we can start the year up to date with all toys fresh and complete.

This term we have the Kew **Traffic School afternoon on March 13th** for everyone to enjoy, it is a great afternoon to bring the kids down to the Kew Traffic School, have a sausage sizzle dinner and then they are ready for bed after all that riding !!!

Camilla and I look forward to seeing everyone again after the break and sending out all our new toys for everyone to enjoy.

Take care,
Louise and Camilla
CATL Coordinators

The Toy Library will open again for borrowing on Saturday 6th February.

Please return all holiday borrowing by Saturday February 20th.

OPENING HOURS TERM 1

Mondays

8:00-9:00pm


Duty 7:45-9:15pm

Saturdays

10:00am-1:00pm

Duty 9:45-11:30am

Duty 11:30-1:15pm



Traffic
School
Day

Bring your bike, trike, pusher, cart, scooter or anything with wheels on and join us for a fun afternoon at Kew Traffic School.

Saturday 13th March, 2010,

From 3:30pm till 6:00 pm

Cnr. Cotham and Grange Rds. Kew

Tickets at the gate: \$5.00 per child, \$10.00 per family (under 18 months free) Sausage Sizzle from 5:00pm

Great family fun day at the 2009 Train Day

This year we had a beautiful sunny day at the Box Hill Train Day. It certainly brought everyone out including lots of members with their families and friends to enjoy a great family fun day.

The trains were running at a good pace for all the children to enjoy rides all morning long. Sarah, our face painter was kept extremely busy creating masterpieces such as lions, Ben 10 faces, butterflies and fairies! The committee did a superb job baking all the tasty treats, cooking the BBQ, setting up and making the day run smoothly for all.

Money raised has gone to new toys, which are already in the toy library. They include lots of great new costumes, two more wooden balance bikes, another mini micro scooter, some Radio Flyer ride-ons, and some new games and puzzles.

We raised over \$1300 profit so it was a very successful day.

Thank you for coming along to support the event - we hope you all enjoyed it as much as our family did!

Suzie Bratuskins



Memberships

Single membership:
3 items for 3 weeks,
\$80 per year

Family memberships:
6 items for 3 weeks,
\$110 per year

Committee members are allowed to borrow extra toys for an extra week!

Join today!

Members' News

President's Report

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our Coordinators Camila and Louise for their wonderful work, especially all the preparation put into the smooth running of our Canterbury and Area Toy Library over the past year as well as our annual stocktake. Supporting their role has been the tireless work of the committee members, many of whom are not returning to the committee in the New Year. Particular thanks goes to Robyn Rodier for her tremendous work for our toy library over many years.

It is with sadness that I inform you that Camilla Hudson will not be returning in 2010 as Coordinator. She injured her knee quite seriously over the holidays requiring surgery and a lengthy time to recuperate. We wish her all the best for the coming weeks and months for as speedy and thorough recovery as possible. We will certainly miss her thoughtful, friendly and encouraging presence at the toy library. While we will be looking for another part-time coordinator, we look forward to Louise's continued work with us as a coordinator in the coming year. Hopefully we will be able to appoint a person able to support her in this work in the near future.

Kind regards,
Rosalie Austin
CATL President

Babies

Congratulations to the following members who had babies in Term 4, 2009

Claire Nichol
Seslea Yeow
Katie Barnett
Kate Wood
Placido Cali
Carly Bolitho
Vickie Nikitins



MISSING PIECES!

Before returning your toys please ensure that all the pieces are enclosed. Please take extra care with toys that have small or numerous parts so that they can be returned safely for the pleasure of the next borrower. We all want you to avoid any fines for missing pieces and to be able to enjoy the toys fully in the future. Also, just a reminder that it is your responsibility to return the toys in clean good working order.



PARTY KIT HIRE

Remember folks we have a super packed TOY PARTY KIT for hire to help take the stress out of having children's birthday parties at home. The kit has several high quality large toys to entertain the children. Cost \$25.

We also have a SURVIVAL PARTY KIT for hire that consists of 2 tables, 12 chairs, plastic cups and table settings for 12 children. The survival party kit complements the toy party kit to keep parents and children happy. Cost \$20.



New Members

A warm welcome to our new members:

Melissa Rule (Jenkin), Jacqui Richmond, Elizabeth Mazzocca, Susan Agnew, Dana Brandl, Gerti Rauscher-Moar, Lisa Barello, Sarah Ross, Jing Zhang, Gayle Fitzpatrick, Gridget Ward. Christine Birch, Rebecca Comer, Margarita Condello, Lisa Dobson, Parsapour family, De Martino family

Classifieds

One of our co-ordinators, Camilla Hudson has resigned due to an injury. She has been with us since August 2009 and we will certainly miss her cheerful face and helpful and encouraging manner. To compliment the work that Louise undertakes, we have decided to try and recruit another co-ordinator.

If you potentially know someone that might be interested in our co-ordinator's position that you ask them to drop us a line at this email address. Please ask your neighbours, kinder mums, playgroup friends, book club mates – anyone that you think might be interested in joining our busy, dynamic and social toy library!

DYNAMIC, SOCIAL, RELIABLE PERSON SOUGHT

Canterbury Toy Library is looking for a person fitting this description to co-ordinate our exciting, busy and evolving toy library. The toy library co-ordinator will assist members in finding suitable toys for their children, maintain stock and handle administration via a computerised system. Applications should be mailed to 190A Canterbury Rd, Canterbury 3126 and enquiries by email to catltoys@hotmail.com

CAMBERWELL STRUCTURED PLAYGROUP ASSOCIATION

Term 1, 2010: Tues 2nd Feb - Thurs 25th March
Join us for lots of fun with activities like painting, craft, dress-ups, play dough, stories, songs, outdoor play, books & heaps of toys.

Structured Playgroup (birth to 5 years)

Opportunity to meet other parents & socialise your child. Group leader at each session.

WHEN: Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings from 9.30am to noon.

COST: \$95 per term, \$150 for 2 children. (plus annual Playgroup Victoria insurance \$25 per family) Children under 1 are free when accompanying sibling.

Afternoon Activity Groups (3-5 year olds)

Does your child need an afternoon of interaction, play and learning? Leave your kids with our experienced staff and rostered parent attendance (like kinder). Can be used in place of or in addition to kindergarten.

WHEN: Wednesday and/or Thursday afternoons 12.45pm – 3.15pm.

COST: \$165 per term, \$310 for 2 children/sessions. (plus annual Playgroup Victoria insurance \$25)

A: Corner of Aird St and Riversdale Rd (church hall) Camberwell Melway ref 60 A1. T: 03 9539 2926 (leave a message and someone will return your call)

NANNY AVAILABLE FOR 2010

Samantha Palmer has childcare qualifications and over 10 years experience in childcare and nannying. She brings her son Tommy (1 1/2 who provides a playmate for your child). Samantha comes with excellent references from a Toy Library Member (Jenny Bailey). Contact Samantha on 0423 459060.

NEW TOYS

Recently, new items that have just gone into stock include lots of new costumes such as a fighter pilot, pirate, knight, Spiderman, Superman, Batman, Sportacus, Stephanie, Tinkerbelle, Aurora, Princess, fairy and dog!

We have also just received lots of new games and another wooden balance bike so now have three of these in stock to borrow.

There is a new wooden stove top, and lots of beautiful wooden food to use for role play.

Come down and have a look once we are open for borrowing again in February 2010 to see all these wonderful new toys that you and your children will love to play with. Enjoy!

