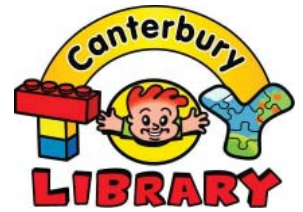


Canterbury Toy Library Newsletter



Term 3, July 2010

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Dear Toy Library Members,

I can't believe that Term Two has been and gone and winter is well and truly here.

Thank you to everyone who attended our wonderful movie night showing Sex and the City 2 last week. We had a great night out and I enjoyed catching up with many CATL girls. Please remember that our next fundraising event is our fantastic bunnings sausage sizzle at Hawthorn and we will be recruiting members to come and help us early in the new term.

I was lucky to attend a fantastic seminar run by Toy Libraries Victoria some weeks ago. We discussed the importance of play and play is how children learn, by exploring, by building cities with blocks, by role playing.

It is all too easy in our society to over schedule our children and not allow free play, which often involves a mess. We all should live in homes with toys on the floor, and half made rocket ships, not display homes with gleaming benches with no signs that children even exist in the house. Childhood is short so let your children play, explore and have unfinished projects on the floor that they can keep coming back to and adding, and marvel at how the simple farm that existed 3 days ago is now a vet clinic with a lego barn!

I look forward to seeing you all soon at the Toy Library.

Louise, Toy Library Coordinator

This poem is one of my favourites:

*If I had my child to raise over again
I'd build self esteem first and the house later
I'd finger paint more and point the finger less
I would do less correcting and more connecting
I'd take my eyes off my watch and watch with my eyes
I would care to know less and know to care more
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites
I'd stop playing serious and seriously play
I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars
I'd do more hugging and less tugging
I'd see the oak tree in the acorn more often
I would be firm less often and affirm much more
I'd model less about the love of power
And more about the power of love*

Diane Loomans

NEW OPENING HOURS !

Mondays
8:00-9:00pm
Duty 7:45-9:15pm

Saturdays
9:00am-1:30pm
Duty 8.45-10:15am
Duty 10.15am-12pm
Duty 12-1:45pm

Diary Dates

- Last day to borrow for Term 2 - Sat 26 June
- Term 3 CATL Opening: Sat 3 July
- Mon 5 July - closed
- Mini stocktake - Wed 4 August
- Bunning BBQ : Saturday 26 August
- Mini stocktake - Wed 1 September
- Last day to borrow for Term 3 - Mon 6 September

More New Toys!

The Toy Library has bought more new toys to keep our kids occupied over the cooler winter months. My boy's favourite purchases are the two new Razor two-wheel scooters in red and blue, and a three-wheel scooter for younger children. These scooters are great for balance and co-ordination, and make a walk to the park much more fun!

Items include:

- Thomas the Tank engine rollercoaster set
- Trio construction set helicopter and airport
- Lego Duplo set – farm set
- Junior clock
- Multi-percussion set
- Swivel globe
- ELC Retro Robot
- Fisher Price learning piggy bank
- Fischer Price Doodlepro
- Fischer Price sit to crawl polar coaster

I hope your children enjoy using these new toys. Please let our co-ordinators know if there is a particular toy that you would like us to purchase, and we will do our best!

Suzie, Toy Buyer

Donating Toys

We are seeking donations of toys in excellent condition. You may bring up to three toys into the Library during a session. Unfortunately we are unable to accept toys with very small pieces (for safety reasons) or toys that are broken or dirty.



MISSING PIECES!

Before returning your toys please ensure that all the pieces are enclosed.

Please take extra care with toys with 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.



President's Report

It has been quite an amazing term with a record number of families now enjoying the wonderful toys and community that is the Canterbury Toy Library. Our members have certainly been kept busy during their duties and we thank you for your patience and enthusiasm in keeping us running as effectively as we can, particularly at times that you may have mistaken our library's corridors for the 'rush hour' traffic home! Thanks also to all of you who supplied us with feedback concerning our opening hours, we do value your contributions and aim to incorporate as many of your ideas as is possible.

Our committee members have chosen to extend our opening hours from 9:00am -1:30pm on Saturdays. We will trial 3 shifts during this extended session from Term 3, as reflected in the duty roster that has been up at the Toy Library over the past few weeks. As this is a new venture we do ask for your patience once again as we deal with any new issues that may arise. Wendy does a fantastic job organising the roster so please make sure that you assist her by arranging for a member to replace you well ahead of schedule if you can foresee a difficulty in fulfilling your duty session. If you have not received your roster and newsletter by the first weeks of Term 3 or if you subsequently misplace them, please consult our fabulous website which has all the necessary details. This is especially important as we now have many more members involved on any particular morning.

Special thanks goes to our Coordinators, Louise and Julie who have been doing a fantastic job running our library, offering up many additional hours to keep everything flowing smoothly. You may also see a few new faces around the library assisting them as we aim to keep up the role of Assistant Coordinator for the Saturday sessions.

I'd like to take this opportunity, to thank Robyn Rodier, our former President and Treasurer, for doing a fabulous job in assisting us while we have been awaiting a new Treasurer. We are also thankful to David Smith, one of our newest committee members, who will take up the position of Treasurer until the Annual General Meeting.

We hope that you continue to enjoy our toy library and to feel a part of our community. As well as being on duty during the term, a great way to meet our members is to come to our fabulous social and fundraising events throughout the year. In the coming months, get your apron and tongs ready for our annual Bunnings BBQ and gear up for fun train rides for the family at Box Hill Miniature Railway as we head into Spring.

Our most recent fundraising event was a great night out with the girls at Balwyn Cinema to watch Sex in the City 2. Special thanks to Louise and her team for selling 60 tickets and for supplying us with delicious chocolates to savour throughout the film!

We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead. Happy holidays!

Kind regards, Rosalie Austin, CATL President

No Food in Library

Please be aware that no food may be brought into the Library. A number of children who attend Playstation during the week as well as other catl members, have life-threatening allergies to certain foods.

New Members

A warm welcome to our new members:

Gabrielle Anderson
Jacqui Berger
Rebecca Boothe
Rhiannon Broomfield
Josie DeMartino
Astrid Fernandes
Melissa Gallagher
Margot Khoo
Mandy Lau
Heather Lipscombe
Namita Madan
Clare Morgan
Vanida na rong
Kirill Obolenskiy
Nafise Parsapour
Jill Rossouw
Sonika Ryan
Rachel Shaw
Flur Shelley
Jodie Sproules
Samantha Wallace
Anna Sam Xu
ZiJuan Yang

Babies

Congratulations to the following members who had babies in Term 2, 2010

Malliga Suresh, Jackie Pearson
Chantelle Davies, Lisa Somerville

Movie Night Wrap Up

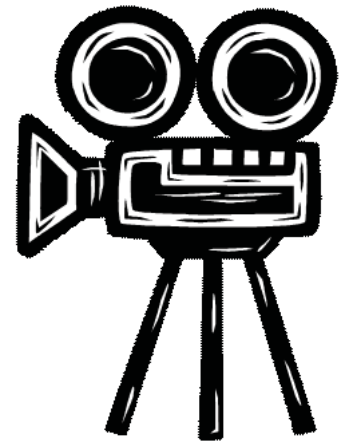
Thank you to all those who recently attended this term's social function on Thursday, the 3rd of June. A wonderful time was had at Balwyn cinema featuring one of the most anticipated movies of the year, Sex and the City 2. In true Carrie Bradshaw fashion, 60 ladies from the Canterbury Toy Library braved a cold, foggy evening to be part of this rather glamorous and unsurprisingly mainly female dominated audience.

A big congratulations must be given to Louise and Melinda who organised this successful event. Securing a spot on the second night of screening was a great achievement. Furthermore, in keeping with the stylish spirit of the movie, providing each of us with a beautiful gift bag of

gourmet chocolates was all part of this lovely, fun experience.

Thanks again for supporting this event and on a practical note, the money raised will go to purchase new toys for the library.

Margie



Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

Next Event

Grab your apron and come and help us at our annual

Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 26 August at Hawthorn Bunnings.

The roster will be up in the Library a few weeks before.

