**POINT COOK PLAYGROUP INC.**

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April, 2010**President's Report**

Firstly, welcome to our new members, and welcome back to our returning members. I hope you all had a pleasant Easter and had a relaxing break. My apologies for the length of this report, but it is imperative that you read all of it as it contains important information which everyone must be made aware of.

Term 1 has seen some changes to the committee. Miriam Spiess (Activities Officer) resigned during the term for personal reasons and Toula Papadimitropoulos (President) resigned at the end of term due to change in her work hours. The committee would like to wish them the best and thanks them for the work they did during their short period on the committee.

The remaining members of the committee held a special meeting on Sunday 11th April, and I was appointed replacement President for the playgroup. By now, I will have visited all sessions to introduce myself. I would normally put a small "bio" about myself here, but you would all know me as your Treasurer (as introduced in the last newsletter). Therefore, I am doing two roles on the committee.

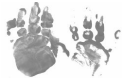
The two resignations leave us with 6 people on the committee, which is the minimum requirement under our Rules and Regulations. In order to ensure we do not fall below this number, and risk the playgroup folding, we are asking if any members would be interested in joining the committee as "General Committee" members. This would give you the opportunity to have some input into the running of playgroup. We meet once per month, usually the last Sunday of the month, for a couple of hours. If anyone is interested in joining the committee as a "General" member, would like to take on an official role (Assistant Fundraising Officer, Assistant Activities Officer etc), or would like to discuss the roles, please contact me as soon as possible either via email president@pointcookplaygroup.org.au or call me on 0409 170 749. Please note that in accordance with our rules, Group Leaders cannot be on the committee, and no more than two people from each session can be on the committee.

Speaking of our Rules and Regulations, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about our Standards of Behaviour for Members. Unfortunately there were some instances in Term 1 where this rule had been breached, and the committee will no longer tolerate such behaviour. To quote Rule 12 - Standards of Behaviour for Members

Point Cook Playgroup actively promotes a positive and enjoyable environment for all members. As such unacceptable behaviour for both children and adults includes, but is not limited to:

- Offensive Language
- Physical Aggression ie: hitting, biting, slapping, kicking, pushing, etc
- Bullying
- Intimidation
- Sexual Harassment
- Racism
- Neglect

If a group/member is experiencing any of the above issues, they are to refer to the Grievance Procedure or Discipline, Suspension or Expulsion of Members.



Please advise a committee member if you experience any of these issues, even if it seems trivial, and we will determine the appropriate course of action. Our job is to ensure playgroup is an enjoyable environment for everyone, and if we aren't made aware of any problems/issues, we cannot rectify them. If you would like to read the Rules and Regulations, a copy can be found in the attendance folder.

I have been asked to remind everyone that if you or your child is unwell to please refrain from attending playgroup until you are well to avoid passing anything on to everyone else in your group. Also, as we have a number of children with food allergies, all tables must be wiped down and floors swept at the end of EVERY session – your session may not have children with allergies, but the next session might. In addition to this, all toys must also be put away at the end of each session. The only items to remain out for the next group are the tables and chairs – this is due to the fact the toys may not be age appropriate for the next group ie: small choking hazards for babies.

Each group must have a Group Leader and Assistant Group Leader. The basic guidelines for these roles can be found in your attendance folder. Group Leaders receive a partial fee refund of \$20.00 at the end of each term. We ask that Group Leaders and Assistant Group Leaders for Term 2 let both the Enrolment Officer and I know of their role as soon as possible

Congratulations to Oliver Koolen (Thurs 9am – PCCLC) and Pearl Smaragdas (Mon 11am – JWCC) who won the random prize draw for Term 1. This was a one off, as the committee have decided not to continue with the prize draws.

A reminder of the fundraising events we currently have planned.

1. Bunnings BBQ – Sunday 25th July, we will require volunteers for this event and sign up sheets will be placed at each centre (2 volunteers per session would be great)
2. Playgroup Victoria Raffle – Term 2. Everyone will be issued with a book of raffle tickets shortly (if not already). Please sell as many tickets as possible. Due date for money and any unsold tickets (lets hope there are no unsold tickets!) is Friday 28th May.
3. Playgroup Photos – The photographer has been booked for the first two weeks of October. Further information on this fundraiser will be advised in the Term 2 newsletter.
4. Shopping Tour – Mid to late October. Further information will be advised on notice boards, via email and in Term 2 newsletter once date is confirmed.

All money raised through fundraising is used solely for the children's Christmas party at the end of the year. If anyone has any other fundraising ideas, please contact the Fundraising Officer.

Finally, if anyone has any problems, issues, complaints, or suggestions regarding playgroup, please contact a committee member. We are all very friendly and approachable (HONEST!!).

I look forward to my journey as President, and I hope I do a good job by you all.

Regards

Kylie Kennett



2010 Committee Members

President/Treasurer
Kylie Kennett
Wed 11.00am JWCC ph 0409 170 749

Vice-President
Kayla Hutchison
Fri 11.00am PCCLC ph 0466 589 165

Secretary
Racheal Priestley
Mon 11.00am JWCC ph 0432 021 962

Enrolment Officer
Tracey Van Der Linde
Wed 11.00am JWCC ph 0414 332 794

Fundraising Officer
Nicole Watt
Mon 11.00am JWCC ph 0438 547 579

Activities/Purchasing Officer
Narelle Watt
Mon 9.00am JWCC ph 0433 495 441

Weekly Craft Activities for Term 2

Week 1: Threading
Week 2: Stamping/Paints
Week 3: Families
Week 4: Flower Pots
Week 5: Cats and Dogs
Week 6: Play dough
Week 7: Lolly Pops
Week 8: Picture Frames
Week 9: Suns
Week 10: Crowns
Week 11: Collage

Toy Cleaning

At the conclusion of each term, all the playgroup toys and equipment at Jamieson Way are cleaned by the parents. This ensures that our children have clean toys to play with, and enables us to see whether anything needs to be replaced or repaired. Toy cleaning is done on a rotation system. A huge thank you to the two Monday groups who turned out in force during the school holidays to clean the toys. With the excellent turn out, they had the toys cleaned in no time and certainly prove that "many hands make light work!"

Tuesday groups will be responsible for toy cleaning at the end of Term 2. Reminders will be sent to groups closer to the end of term. When organising your clean up session, please contact Melinda at the Community Centre to book a time, as the centre is used by other community groups. When the date and time is booked, please let the President know so she can make herself available to let you into the centre.



Fundraising

We are seeking expression of interest for the Melbourne Entertainment Book that is produced each year. They are normally approximately \$60 with a small portion of sales going towards playgroup. If we can get a minimum of 10 people interested we would be willing to hold this as a fundraiser. If anyone is interested please contact Nicole, Fundraising Officer or Kayla, Vice President.

Treasurer Report

A friendly reminder that Term 2 fees should now have been paid. Numerous reminder emails have been sent out, but there are a number of members that still have not paid their \$37 term fee. As the term fees pay for rent, activities etc, it is imperative they are paid on time. Therefore we ask that if you have not yet paid, please do so ASAP. If you are not returning to playgroup, please advise the Enrolment Officer immediately (there have been cases in the past where members have left playgroup and not advised the committee – as we will "work it out eventually". We only find out when we call following up on overdue payments weeks later). It is not fair to those on the waiting list that we cannot give them a spot as we have people in sessions that have no intention of returning. If anyone has any queries relating to the payment of term fees, please contact me.

Thanks

Kylie Kennett



Group Leader Reports JWCC

Term 2 2010

Group Leaders

JWCC

Mon 9.00-11.00

Group Leader: Deanne Jones
Assistant: Coralie Firth-Zsembery

Mon 11.00-1.00

Group Leader: Kelly Carter
Assistant: N/A

Tues 9.00-11.00

Group Leader: Paula Gray
Assistant: Kirsty Evans

Tues 11.00-1.00

Group Leader: Chantel Walker
Assistant: Alexis Ben Ezra

Wed 9.00-11.00

Group Leader: Sreekanth Sarikonda
Assistant: Cassie Dullard

Wed 11.00-1.00

Group Leader: Peta Maddaluno
Assistant: Nicole Fahey

Thurs 9.00-11.00

Group Leader: Claire Farmer
Assistant: Cheryl Slimmon

Thurs 11.00-1.00

Group Leader: Rachael Barrand
Assistant: Catalyna Gellatly

Fri 9.00-11.00

Group Leader: Lisa Peatling
Assistant: Tina Solano

Monday 9am

No report received.

Monday, 11am

No report received.

Tuesday, 9am

No report received.

Tuesday, 11am

No report received.

Wednesday, 9am

No report received.

Wednesday, 11am

No report received.

Thursday, 9am

No report received.

Thursday, 11am

Term 1 came and went so quickly and our children were very happy to see their Playgroup friends again after the Christmas break. We have a new addition to our group, Congratulations to Carolyn, Rod and Tyler Stormonth on the safe arrival of Cooper James! We are all very excited to meet him and look forward to your return soon. We also want to wish Catalina Gellatly all the best with the last stage of her pregnancy. We look forward to meeting her new addition also.

Rachael Barrand

Friday, 9am

We welcomed many new faces to the group as well as to playgroup all together. We welcomed Sophie & James, Barbara & Sienna, Linda & Milli, Prue & Max and Kirsten & Jayde to our group. Vanessa and Ray welcomed their new addition, Adam born on the 9 April 2010. We all look forward to meeting Adam. 2010 will welcome two new additions to the Playgroup family. Both Linda and Tina are expecting their second babies. The children had a ball making their activities (and so did the mums!) which included the Dream Catcher and the yellow chicken. On our final week, we arranged an Easter egg hunt for the children but unfortunately we left the eggs outside in the sun for too long (because we were distracted talking about hairdressers!)

Overall, the children had lots of fun and are looking forward to the new term!

Tina Solano



Group Leader Reports PCCLC

Term 2 2010

Group Leaders

PCCLC

Mon 9.00 – 11.00

Group Leader: Kim Boukouvalas
Assistant: Joanne Bogic

Mon 11.00 – 1.00

Group Leader: Eva Loader
Assistant: Lisa Simpson

Thurs 9.00 – 11.00

Group Leader: Vanessa Di Battista
Assistant: Carrie Silke

Fri 9.00 – 11.00

Group Leader: Kerryn Casey-Fisher
Assistant: Tina Bestwick

Fri 11.00 – 1.00

Group Leader: Vanessa Summers
Assistant: Kayla Hutchison

Monday, 9am

No report received.

Monday, 11am

Term One was a fun and interesting time for the Monday 11am group at PCCLC. We had people come and people go, but overall some good friendships were made by mums and kids alike.

The kids loved playing with all the toys and enjoyed riding the bikes outside (and often inside too!).

The craft projects were a real hit with us all, thanks to Miriam Speiss for that. Frankie and Sienna are awaiting the arrival of a new brother or sister any day now with mum Lisa due to give birth in April, so good luck Lisa and best wishes to the whole family!

Hope Term Two is a great one!!

Eva Lyn Loader

Thursday, 9am

Term 1 was thoroughly enjoyable for both kids and parents. We had a few new members join our group for the first time, and everyone got on really well. The kids enjoyed their activities and I think the slide outside is their best activity, they all have a ball on the slide.

We enjoyed making lanterns for Chinese New Year. We had quite a few birthdays so yummy cake was eaten nearly every week.

This term we also have new additions, we all welcomed Noah, Jeremy and Cameron to our group. Also over the Easter Break Natalie Alleblas had a baby girl 'Chloe' which was fantastic news. We look forward in meeting her in the new term. A big congratulations to Natalie and her family.

We also had to say farewell to Anthia who had to leave us due to work commitments. We will miss her and Lucas dearly. We wish her all the best for the future

Overall we are all enjoying our time together, and look forward in spending every Thursday morning as a group.

Vanessa Di Battista

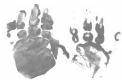
Friday, 9am

No report received.

Friday, 11am

No report received.

Weekly Craft Activity Random Draw Prize Winners



Congratulations to our two winners of the art competition.

1st prize: Oliver Koolen, Thursday 9am PCCLC.

2nd Prize: Pearl Smaragdás, Mon 11am Jam.Way.

We would like to thank those of you who took the time to send in photo's, however due to lack of interest we will not be running this competition in term 2.

Thank-you again to Little 1's and NewsXpress Point Cook for donating the prizes.



2010 Term Dates

Term 1: 1st Feb-26th Mar

Term 2: 12th Apr-25th Jun

Term 3: 12th Jul-17th Sept

Term 4: 4th Oct-17th Dec

2010 Public Holidays

Australia Day:
Tues 26th January

Labour Day:
Mon 8th March

Good Friday:
Friday 2nd April

Easter Sunday:
Sunday 4th April

Easter Monday:
Mon 5th April

ANZAC Day:
Sunday 25th April
(Monday 26th April is the substitute public holiday)

Queen's Birthday:
Monday 14th June

Melbourne Cup Day:
Tues 2nd November

Christmas Day:
Saturday 25th Dec
(Monday 27th Dec is the substitute public holiday)

Boxing Day:
Sunday 26th December
(Tues 28th Dec is the substitute public holiday)