

TEA TREE GULLY TOY LIBRARY

Newsletter Term 4, 2016

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

Wow! Term 4 already! This is usually the short term, so we hope you are energised and ready for the silly season? We'd like to begin by thanking everyone who attended the A.G.M on Monday, September the 29th. A big thank you to our wonderful committee members, Belinda and Helen, who are finishing their committee duties with us. We wish them good luck with their new adventures and hope to see them in the future. We also welcome the new committee members Emma, Kerina and Jessica, we hope you enjoy your time with us.

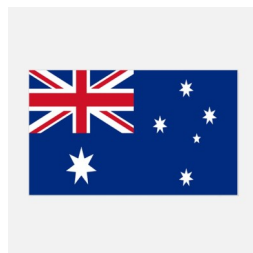
Generally at this time of the year we find ourselves thinking of Christmas or what to start buying (if you are organised). With the crazy weather and so many people being "without" this year. Whether that is without family, without

housing, without business' or "whatever" we thought maybe we should look at "charity begins at home". Children learn best through example. The Toy Library has decided that this term we will collect donations for a charity called " Backpacks 4 SA Kids". Please see page 3 for more details.

We would also like to thank all those who took the time and effort to fill in our "Member Survey". We had a good response and it shows largely that people are satisfied with what we are offering. We feel pleased with the response. The suggestions we received have given us "food for thought" when purchasing the next toys. It is always exciting to hear what **YOU** think. It has also perhaps given us a few ideas for the Toy Library in the future (all we need is the

time and funding!).

On behalf of all the Toy Library volunteers and staff we wish you all safe and happy holidays with your families.



Please remember the Toy Library will be closed on **Australia Day, Thursday January 26th 2017.**

WHERE IS THAT MISSING PIECE???!!!

What do I do if I can't find a piece of a toy I have borrowed?

Keep the toy for another loan period and have a thorough search. Just ask to extend the due date on the toy.

If I still can't find it, what happens?

It depends on the toy, we will either source a replacement piece, or reduce the number of pieces if it doesn't affect the

play value of the toy. Sometimes the entire toy needs replacing, e.g. a puzzle or game.

How much will I have to pay?

Again, it depends on the toy. It could be \$2 up to replacement value of toy. Fortunately this very rarely happens..

If you just reduce the number of pieces why do I still have to pay?

If we are unable to replace the missing piece but the toy can

still be enjoyed with one less piece we have to alter our database, print a new list and contact it to the box. So we pass those costs to you so we can use our funds on **new** toys.

Remember to always check toys when you get them home and let us know of any discrepancies. You don't want to spend time looking for a piece that is hiding in the toy library!

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School Holiday
Closure

The Toy Library will be
closed from Thursday
December 15th at 3pm
and will re open Tuesday
January 24th at 10am

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IT'S A PLEASURE TO TALK TO PAT!

How long have you worked in the toy library? - I have worked in the toy library for 3 years.

What is your favourite toy in the toy library? - They are all very good, but I enjoy doing the jigsaw puzzles the most.

Top toy library tip? - My top tip would be to enjoy the toys and have fun being in the toy library.

What was your favourite toy when you were a child? - When I was a child I really enjoyed playing with tea sets.

Favourite pastime? - My favourite pastimes include reading and spending time with my grandchildren.

Why do you enjoy working in the toy library? - I love working in a fun a happy environment.

What are your roles and responsibilities in the toy library? - My main job is serving customers ,but I also tidy the shelves, check toys and process the new toys.

What has changed in the toy library during your time? -There has been new toys.

What AFL team do you support? -I support the Crows!

What did you want to be when you grew up? -I knew I always wanted to work in an office. I became a secretary/receptionist.



FLIPPING OUT TO LEARN SOMETHING NEW!

In this newsletter we are looking at the "Starter Stile" System. For many of us there is nostalgic memories of sitting in a classroom playing with these. This "system" has been around in several forms since the 1970's and is still going strong. The "Starter Stile" set is a plastic case of eight tiles. It is combined with two books in each set. We have Spelling and Phonics sets and Numeracy Sets. These are found either in the Literacy section or the Numeracy sections of the Toy Library (please ask if you need help finding them!).



It is suggested that when you and your child begin using these sets you work together. Each page is self checking which encourages learning and motivates interest. Getting the correct answers, holds children's attention and keeps them interested in learning.

Independent working shows them how to solve problems and build their skills . Remember to give as much praise and feedback as possible to help encourage your child's learning.



BACKPACKS 4 SA KIDS

It is an important part of life that children learn that they are a one of a larger world and community. This often happens around the age of 3 or 4 years. Which is a great age to start introducing the concept of giving and empathy for others. Setting a good example as a parent by donating or volunteering is a great way to reinforce this behaviour. If children see you doing these things or help out themselves and are encouraged to do so, they will more likely participate again.

We decided to donate to Backpacks 4 SA Kids. They are a local not for profit organization, who provide backpacks full of goodies for children. These children range in age from newborn to the age of 18, who have had to leave their homes in a hurry due to domestic violence. Because of their circumstances, these children often do not have anything other than what they are wearing at the time. The children will go to "out to home" care. "Backpacks 4 SA Kids" provide backpacks full of personal items that the children can call their own. It provides them with a fresh start and something to love in what can be a confronting and frightening time.

We have provided the list that is on the website. If you would like to donate to this valuable organization and would like to read more please go to backpacks4sakids.org. If you would like to leave a donation we will be collecting donations until the end of term.



BABIES / TODDLERS	KIDS	OLDER KIDS
● GLOTHES	● GLOTHES X2 (new/good used cond.)	● GLOTHES X2 (new/good used cond.)
● NAPPIES/ ● DRY NIGHTS	● UNDERWEAR X3 (new only please)	● UNDERWEAR X3 (new only please)
● DUMMY	● PYJAMAS	● PYJAMAS
● BOTTLE/GUP	● TEDDY	● SANITARY PADS
● FORMULA STICKS	● TOOTHBRUSH/ ● TOOTHPASTE	● TOOTHBRUSH/ ● TOOTHPASTE
● WRAP/BLANKET	● GOMB/HAIRBRUSH (travel size)	● GOMB/HAIRBRUSH (travel size)
● TEDDY/SOFTY	● SOAP	● SOAP
● TOY	● HAIRWASH (travel size)	● HAIRWASH (travel size)
● BIBS	● TORGH	● ROLL-ON ● DEODORANT
● TRAVEL SIZE: ● WIPES, BABY ● WASH & SHAMPOO	● ACTIVITY PACK	● TORGH
● GOMB	● TOY/DVD	● ACTIVITY PACK
● PYJAMAS	● BOOK	● BOOK
● TORGH		
● ACTIVITY PACK		
● BOOK		

Boys & Girls,
Aged 0 – 17
Sizes 0000
(newborn)
through to
Size 18

PUT ANOTHER SAUSAGE ON THE BARBIE!!!

What better way to celebrate the beginning of December, than with a sausage sizzle?! Especially a sausage sizzle for a cause. We will be having a Bunnings BBQ at the **Modbury Bunnings** on **Sunday 4th December** from **9am until 4pm**. If you think you would like to help out by cooking

sausages, serving on the day or by donating other goods, please contact Lyn (in person, by email or by phone). All money raised goes towards new toys for the Toy Library.

