



Newsletter Term 4, 2015

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN...

It looks like Father Christmas has come early to the toy library in the shape of three years of funding from the State Government. This welcome decision is a relief to the management committee and the volunteers of the toy library who can now continue to see this service thrive and grow. While the State Government's funding covers a great deal of the toy library costs, everyday expenditure and insurance costs have also risen. It is with much consideration the management committee has voted to raise the cost of enrolments to \$35 in 2016. This will maintain the high quality service and toys that the Tea Tree Gully Toy Library provides.

With the Christmas pageant fast approaching and the twinkle of Christmas deco-

rations in the department stores, it can only mean one thing-toy buying time is here again!. Choosing toys for children can be difficult, it is best to remember toys that provide "open ended" play are the best. Toys such as balls, blocks, cardboard boxes, dress ups and craft items for creating are essential for promoting imagination, creativity and problem solving skills.

With this in mind there are also three important factors to remember. The child's interests, their stage of development and the age-range information. When choosing toys for any age child it is important to make sure that it is safe for that age group. The age range information will help with this decision, it is usually

found on the packaging.

Don't forget that the best idea is to give a gift that will keep on giving, a Toy Library gift voucher! All the toys they could want for a year!

Raisingchildren.net.au

Ezinearticles.com/?Top-10-Tips-For-Buying-Good-Toys-



LOOKING FOR SOME ADVENTURE?

Does your daughter like making friends and learning new skills? Would she like camping, games, adventurous activities, campfires and songs? Then why not try Girl Guides?

Greenwith Girl Guides run units in all ages from 5 to 17 years.

Girl Guides exist in over 145 countries and welcome girls from all backgrounds.



Contact Jenny Wood
0402 417 638 to arrange a free visit.



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School Holiday Closure

The Toy Library will be closed from Thursday December 17th at 3pm

and will re open Wednesday January 27th 2pm at 10am

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SAY HELLO TO SUE

How long have you worked in the toy library? - I have worked in the Toy Library for 1 year.

What is your favourite toy in the toy library? - My favourite toy is the dress ups.

Top toy library tip? - I think my top tip would be to check everything before you play with it.

What was your favourite toy when you were a child? - When I was a child my favourite toy was my dolls.

Favourite pastime? - My favourite pastimes include reading, craft, sewing and computer games.

Why do you enjoy working in the toy library? - I love working with kids and my colleagues.

What are your roles and responsibilities in the toy library? - I am treasurer for the management committee, I also do the checking and cleaning, as well as the booking in and out of the toys.

What has changed in the toy library during your time? - It has definitely got busier since I started.

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

What did you want to be when you grew up? - I always wanted to be an air hostess.

What one (or two) words would you use to describe yourself? - I am an easy going person.



A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR....



As a member club of Rotary International, **The Rotary Club of Golden Grove** has been associated with the *Tea Tree Gully Toy Library* for the past three years. We know that our donations have been used by Lyn and her team to add value to the excellent service they provide to our community. Our volunteer members have enjoyed this association and look forward to it continuing into the future.

While Rotary International is truly an *international* organisation, our Rotary Club has been involved with the **local community** since it began in 1991.

Each year we sponsor local students to attend State, National and International science forums. We also provide access to Rotary youth leadership opportunities and we help at local school fundraising events. Every year we enjoy selecting the Club's "*Community Service Student of the Year*" Award from a selection of local high school students and we've had a long association with the *Christmas Party for Special Children*.

If you'd like to find out more about who we are and what else we do, please come along to one of our meetings – held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7pm at Sfera's Function Centre, Modbury. You'll be warmly welcomed.

For more information, please call Mark on 0412 349 029.

Alternatively visit our website www.goldengrove.rotaryvaustralia.org.



TEGU BLOCKS

The Tegu Company motto is "Potential, Goodness and Quality" These brightly coloured wooden magnetic blocks provide children with the opportunity to develop fine motor skills, pattern recognition, imagination, problem solving and story telling. The Tegu Company provides growth and development for the company members in Central America and this leads to better living standards. They believe in harvesting wood re-



sponsibly and supporting reforestation. The toy library supports any company that does good things for the community and the world. I found the magnets quite fun and certainly great for holding my creations together. It would be wonder-

ful to have a few more pieces, but good for small scale building. See www.tegu.com for other designs and the story behind the company.



BETTER TO BE SAFE, THAN SORRY!



The toy library is a great place to discover new toys, meet other people and learn about the way our children interact in a secure environment with others.

The toy library strives to provide safe toys and a safe environment at all times. We do this by adhering to the guidelines set down by various authorities. You will find age appropriateness or "heavy" stickers on some toys or "exit" signs by the doors etc. If you think a toy is broken, although grateful for your help in fixing it, there is sometimes dangerous outcomes if we don't

stick to the safety rules. We might be better off discarding the toy. Likewise, playing in the aisles with train sets or multiple toys at a time, especially at busy times, could be a hazard if we were to be evacuated in an emergency. It may be a better idea to move to the green mat and explore the toy. We appreciate playing in the toy library is what makes it special, but a bit of care will make it safe for everyone.

Silly Season Tips n Tricks!

* Use your diary or Calendar!

* Christmas cards or emails?

If you are making cards, get the children involved. Great ideas here <http://rainydaymum.co.uk/christmas-crafts-for-preschoolers-and-toddlers-cards>

* Taking a plate of party food?

Why not try party marshmallows?

Dip the end of a marshmallow in melted chocolate and pop an M&M on top (look out for Xmas pack)

* Looking for a craft activity?

There are so many to choose from here

<http://www.sparklebox.co.uk/topic/faiths-festivals-celebrations/christmas/activities.html#.VkQHjp0bqUm>

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

