



**BANKSIA**  
Montessori Playgroup

Fun Playtime and Activities  
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for Children 1.5-3.5 Years

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# Banksia Montessori Playgroup

Term 1 - 2010

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## Teacher's Report

Well, here it is half way through the term already and we hope that everyone has enjoyed the start of 2010.

Our new children have all settled in beautifully to playgroup and everyone seems to be having a great time. We have been working on the theme of "All About Me", which still has a couple of weeks to run, and then will be moving on to Easter activities. The emphasis this term has been on colour and routines.

Just a reminder - to ensure that children are wearing play clothes to sessions, as our activities can get very messy.


There are still Playgroup T shirts available for purchase as an alternative to their regular clothes.

Also, please take care to latch the gate at all times, as it can be sticky.

Finally, if anyone has small scraps of material that they could bring in, it would be much appreciated, especially furry or shiny fabrics.

Again, welcome to playgroup and please enjoy the remainder of the term.


Alison and Wendy.

### MOBILE PHONES

Just a reminder to please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off or its ringer put on silent during **mat sessions**. This can be disruptive not only for teachers but also for the children. If you have absolutely no choice but to take a particular call during the session discreetly excuse yourself from the room. Thank you.

Have you checked our NEW website?  
[www.banksiamontessori.org.au](http://www.banksiamontessori.org.au)



## Fundraising

Have you got your box of Freddo Frogs yet...???

For Term 1 we are selling Freddo chocolates for \$1.20 each - there are 48 chocolates in a box which include a mixture of caramello, plain and white chocolate frogs. If you are unable to sell all of the chocolates then please return the left overs and the money for the sold ones as soon as possible to your teacher - we then have the option of passing it onto another families who may be able to sell more - Easter is a great time for this...!!

Can you please give your money (a full box is a total of \$57.60) to your teacher by **31st MARCH** or alternatively you can direct deposit into our bank account: BSB: 066 118, Account Number: 1002 2300, Account Name: Banksia Montessori Playgroup. If you do direct deposit please email a copy of the transaction to Kathy Fransson, Treasurer for our records at [treasurer@banksiamontessori.org.au](mailto:treasurer@banksiamontessori.org.au).

If you have any queries please contact Laura Antucci our Fundraising Officer on mobile 0417 964 452.


For Term 2 we are planning on holding a "sausage sizzle" at Bunnings in Malaga so please note the following dates in your diary - **Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th May 2010**. In the meantime, if you know anyone that can assist in donating or providing at discounted prices bread rolls, sausages, etc please let our Fundraiser Officer know as soon as possible so that we can include them in our planning for the weekend.

## Easter Recipe Ideas....

Make these unique and exciting crackle eggs to wow the kids on Easter morning!

### Ingredients

- 250g Copha
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 4 cups rice puffs
- 3 Tbsp cocoa powder
- 1 cup dessicated coconut
- 1 cup icing sugar
- 80g dark chocolate, melted
- 100g white chocolate, melted
- 2 tbsps hundreds and thousands



In a small pan melt the copha. In a bowl combine the vanilla, rice puffs, cocoa, coconut and sugar. Add the melted copha and stir to combine. Spoon into lightly oiled egg moulds and refrigerate. When set, sandwich the eggs halves together using the melted chocolate. Drizzle the whole egg with a little white chocolate and top with hundreds and thousands. Keep refrigerated.

## Note from your President

Hello everyone and welcome to this first edition of the Banksia Montessori Playgroup Newsletter for 2010. I hope you are all enjoying the term so far and thanks to Wendy and Alison – our fabulous teachers – without you, playgroup just wouldn't be the same.

*So, who are your BMP committee members for 2010?*

I'd like to formally introduce the BMP committee for 2010 to you...

### Banksia Montessori Committee Members Team 2010

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The Committee held its first meeting on Friday 5th March 2010. I am already so thankful for the great group of parents we have on the committee this year – a group of ambitious and dedicated members who are planning to make 2010 a fantastic year for our playgroup.

*Despite this we still need your help..!!*

As you know, BMP is a non-profit community group run by parents for the benefit of children. On joining the Playgroup you will have been encouraged to become actively involved in the running of the playgroup, so sessions run smoothly.

It is also encouraged that you participate in the oversight and management of the playgroup by either volunteering your time to a committee position, fundraising activity and/or busy bees. We really need your skills in whatever capacity that might be, as we rely heavily on parent support...!!

We are currently seeking volunteers for the positions of **Vice President** and **Secretary** on our committee so, if you have any interest in joining the team please have a chat with Wendy, Alison or myself.

Likewise if you're keen to contribute to the group when you have spare time then you could also become a Floating Committee member – I guarantee you will have loads of FUN..!!

*And have you seen our new website..??*

A huge thank you goes to Katya of e-designed.com for the development of our new website – it looks amazing and was on overdue update on the old site. If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to visit the site when you have a moment at [www.banksiamontessori.org.au](http://www.banksiamontessori.org.au) and send the link to friends and family that might be looking for a playgroup for their children.

*So, what else..??*

Thank you for finding us, for your referrals and ongoing belief in our services.

I hope you enjoy this first edition of our newsletter for 2010 and look forward to your feedback to make it more relevant, informative and of course fun!

*Janelle*