



# MONASH TOY LIBRARY

May - 2007

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## COORDINATOR'S CORNER

It's quite concerning when you sit down to write the first real newsletter of the year and you discover it's May!!! Somehow this year has taken off and I'm still trying to catch up. What a year we have had with stock takes and renovations. Again I am reminded of the calibre of our membership and thank you all for your support, encouragement and resilience.

The most pressing issue is the renovation taking place at Burton Street. The council assured me that by the beginning of May the building would be complete and all would be back to normal. Well, unfortunately this is not the case and we continue to operate out of a very disrupted building site. I so appreciate the fact that despite the restricting of children's attendance, members continue to come to the library, borrow toys, turn up for duty and remain members during this difficult time. I don't have any answers from the council regarding how much longer the renovations will take but I am hoping the end is in sight.

If you are finding it difficult to come to library, have you considered meeting a friend or family member at the library and supervising each other's children in the park next door while you borrow toys. If you really are struggling, please feel free to contact Tania Edmonds (9806 1950) who is willing to help you out in some way.

Thank you again for your interest and care and I hope I can email everyone soon with good news.

## TOY LIBRARY DUTY

Thank you also goes out to those members who offered to be Duty Leader Assistants - it takes the pressure off the leader and spreads the load without the responsibility. Thank you for taking that initiative.

## PARTY PACK

The Party Pack has been repackaged to make it easier to borrow. It is very popular with all members so I encourage you to plan early for your party and book in advance with Fiona Gould (9807 6934).

\*\*\* BY THE WAY, IF ANYONE STILL HAS THE **LIMBO STICK**, PLEASE COULD YOU DROP IT OFF AT THE LIBRARY \*\*\*

## NEW TOYS

Shuli Law, our Toy Buyer, and Tania Edmonds, the Treasurer, have been extremely busy purchasing new toys for the library. Of late, at least 25 new toys have been added to our stock. Look out for the following:

In the Aa category....

Step-A-Long logs, Toss-A-Ring, Basketball set, Post office and Shop Tent, Adventure World Tent, We Play Motor Skills, Adjustable Balance Beam and Joey Jump Launching Board.

In the Ab category ...

Mini Motors and Fold Away Train

In the Ca category...

Safari Park Blocks and Magnetic Blocks

In the Da category...

Fish Pond, Mosaic Roller and Discovery Maze

In the Ga category...

Scrabble and Fun 2 Learn Computer

In the Hc category...

Mr Face Felt and Miss Face Felt

In the Ic category...

Airport, Princess Wedding Palace and Puppet Theatre

In the Ja category...

Bean Bag Activities CD

In the Party Pack...

Jumping sacks, Pin the Tail on the Donkey, Bubble Machine, Egg & Spoon Set and hoops.

Look out for these great new items and look in the picture catalogues or ask the Duty Leader if you can't find them.

#### QUERIES & CORRESPONDENCE

Often I receive emails from members with a query of some sort. I thought I might take this opportunity to explain what happens with your email and why you may not receive a response from me directly. I redirect your email to the appropriate committee person who deals with the various aspects of our Toy Library. In due course, you should receive a response from them and have your query settled. I am always willing to read your emails or take your phone calls, however, your issue will be handled a lot faster with the correct person dealing with it.

For that reason, below is a list of who you should contact depending on your query:

Samantha Dry (sam\_dry@yahoo.co.uk) - membership, general toy library suggestions, praise (these I respond to the fastest!), complaints (these I respond to the slowest!)

Tania Edmonds (taniaedmonds@yahoo.com) - fees, fines, general money issues, membership detail changes, correspondence i.e. not receiving emails

Sarah Alexander (sjalex78@gmail.com) - duty and roster

Fiona Gould (9807 6934) - Party Pack

Shuli Law (shulilaw@yahoo.com) - toy queries of any sort.

\*\*\***PLEASE** respect the fact that these people volunteer their time to help run the committee so a response from them may take time\*\*\*\*

FINALLY

That seems to be the end of the update and hope you are all still enjoying your membership.

WELCOME to our new families this year and we hope, in time, you will become a more integral part of our Toy Library.

Until next time.....

***Samantha Dry***

***Coordinator Monash Toy Library***