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**Public Holidays**

Melbourne Cup Day 7 Nov  
Christmas Day 25 Dec  
Boxing Day 26 Dec

**School Term Dates**

Term 3 3 July to 15 September  
Term 4 2 October to 21-December

**Special Dates**

Grand Final Day 29 Sept  
Spring Racing Carnival Week 6 Nov  
Christmas Concert (Preschool) 9 Dec (t.b.c)

**COMING UP:**

**Grandparent & Special Friends Morning:**

Wednesday 23 August (9.30 – 11.30am)

As one of our favourite annual events we are looking forward to some very special people joining our little people in a variety of activities that everyone will enjoy.

**Trivia Night:**

On October 14 2006 the staff of Kids on Collins is again organising a Trivia Night to raise money for Beyond Blue. A Live Auction and Raffles will raise money for a great cause. Please see Nell at Reception or Lauri Ryan in Pre Kinder A if you have any items you could donate for prizes. And of course we will hope you come. An invitation will be found in pigeon holes very soon.

**Congratulations Nicole on completing an outstanding first year as Head of Kids on Collins!**

**Notes from Nicole**

**Reminder to all parents:**

A spate of missing or broken toys brought from home have prompted us to remind all parents to ensure children leave their own toys at home.

We thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

We also wish to remind parents that ALL clothing should be labelled. There are piles of lost property that are mute witness to lost garments.

**Birthday Cakes**

A reminder to parents if they are bringing in cakes for their child's birthday they **MUST** include a list of its ingredients so that it is ensured that children with allergies are safe and protected – they must never contain nuts of any kind.

**Parents / Staff Interviews**

- Pre-Prep:** 21 August – 29 September
- Kinder A, B & C:** 21 August – 1 September
- Pre-Kinder A & B:** 4 September – 11 September
- Juniors A & B:** 4 September – 11 September
- Nursery A, B & C:** 18 September – 29 September
- Infants A, B & C:** 18 September – 29 September

These will be occurring during August and September during the

weeks listed above. Each Room Leader will list the times available in the weeks allocated. These interviews will give you the opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have or ask any questions. Although these are about to occur we would encourage you to discuss any concerns you may have at any time with your child's Room Leader and if necessary, myself. It is much better to bring up any issues or concerns you may have in regards to your child early so we can work together in the best interests of your child.



**New and Updated Positive Parenting Program Tip Sheets**

Do you need help or support in understanding or dealing with your child's development or behaviour? We can access information and tip sheets through the Positive Parenting Program which might provide useful information. This information is available in several languages and covers areas such as Separation Anxiety, Promoting Development in the First Year, Toilet Training, Sharing, Independent Eating, Bedtime Problem, Tantrums, Setting Limits, Fighting and Aggression, Nightmares and Night Terrors, Language, Hurting Others, Mealtime Problems, plus many more. Please speak to your child's Room Leader or me for more information.



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## Thought for the Day

### Property Laws Of A Toddler

- If I like it, it's mine
- If it's in my hand it's mine.
- If I can take it from you it's mine
- If I had it a little while ago it's mine
- If it's mine it must never appear to be yours in any way
- If I am playing with, or building something all the pieces are mine.
- If it looks just like mine, it is mine
- If I saw it first it is mine
- If you are playing with something and you put it down, it automatically becomes mine
- If it's broken it's yours

## ...and Thinking of Others

### PJ Day

PJ Day was a great success; we were able to donate \$250 to the Melbourne City Mission's 'Bad Night Sleep For A Good Night Cause'. It was great to see everyone so involved. We are organizing several others 'Special Days' coming up in the next few months – we will let you know as soon as these have been confirmed.



**Thanks Mike Larkan for helping us to help The Melbourne City Mission.**



## **Thanks from the Allamano Centre Tanzania**

**From: Sisters Michaela, Zita and Virgiliana**

We thank you very, very much especially your kids who have given help to their companions of the same age living far, far away! It is beautiful that you have made people think of others – like helping in a big family. At this time of year, the second semester has started and we have been pretty busy welcoming students, many of whom are children of our patients, reading their school reports and talking and listening to them. We gave them school supplies including notebooks, pens, pencils, school bags and uniform. About 900 students came this time from the nursery up to secondary. They are our **TUMANI** i.e HOPE for a better future. Your donation will also help us pay for more school fees. This year the rain still hasn't come so many people in Tanzania are struggling. We thank you and **MUNGU AMBARIKI WOTE** – GOD BLESS YOU ALL.