

As usual, it is a loooong story, as everything has a history.....

Enterprise afternoons are held on the last Friday of the month. 2:30 set up and Open for business 3pm. The inaugural one was held when we were on our first school site- an old house- when the children wanted to raise funds to visit SciTech in Perth. They spent weeks making things to sell and raised money so we all (whole school- around 6 children) went on the train. Then the concept resurfaced with a group of children investigating enterprise (a curriculum area) as their Big Idea investigation. It cumulated with an enterprise afternoon selling the goods they had researched, marketed, hand produced with 'formal' loans from parents, profit and loss studies, ethics and money made after loans were repaid, materials bought etc... With the combined profits this group then researched a worthy cause to support and investigated where they wanted to invest their money as a social responsibility. They bought sewing machines to support micro-businesses in 3 world countries or mozzie nets, first aid kits, tooth-brushes etc... this was around 4 years ago (ask Jaiden and Nicholas, they still remember). This gave rise to toy trading days and monthly enterprise afternoons... a tradition was born from a curriculum springboard and enthusiastic participants. It now is a whole school community enterprise day involving families.

Our enterprise afternoons offer opportunities for families to:

- Sell any excess garden produce they might have e.g.: flowers, veggies, herbs, worm juice, seedlings, cuttings, eggs from their own backyards
- Work with their children **at home** to bake biscuits, slices, cakes, pizza etc, label ingredients (we have children with different allergies, so labelling ingredients is vital- so that informed purchase can be made), work out prices, learn about money, giving change... the concepts of supply and demand, profit and loss in a fun and practical way
- Create a regular business such as Elliot and Izaak's Crystal and jewellery shop (with quartz collected from grandad's farm), Jaiden and Nicholas's home-made lemonade stall (been doing this together since they were 5 years old- they are now 14,) Danika's paper creations, Connor's choccie biscuits, Jess + Casey's hand-bands, the Dunne's bookmarks, Helen and Mark's real Italian pizza ... (See the Enterprise Whiteboard so that businesses do not double up. We do at times restrict number of food 'treat' stalls). We encourage children to think 'original' and must be made, not bought.
- Socialise as a community, buy a muffin, make a cuppa, and support children's businesses...
- Help children set up and pack up as part of the learning experience. Work **side by side**.
- Parents can offer professional skills like haircuts.

CRITERIA FOR CHILD SIDE ENTERPRISE AFTERNOONS (FRIENDLY TO CHILDREN and THE ENVIRONMENT).

- Home made goods such as sewing, knitting, painting, jewellery, baking, backyard produce, plants, anything useful, beautiful, fun, low cost... Children set up and clean up with help.
- Busking- guitars, other musical instruments (even just a social 'jamming' session-so bring along instruments for the muso corner- both adults and children- add to the atmosphere)
- Labelled ingredients on home-made food- health reasons. Hand-made signs for businesses.
- Paper bags etc so people can take home a 6 pack of biscuits for the week-end etc.
- \$ at own stall to give CHANGE
- A few \$ each to spend. All businesses keep their own profits.

"The future is hand-made"