

A Decade of Enterprising

September 2012

In 2002 Child School and Playgroup operated out of a house in Boyanup. In the early days, there were only 6 children but that didn't stop this innovative and determined group from taking excursions to broaden the children experiences and opportunities.

On one occasion the school was keen to take a trip to SciTech and they came up with the idea of having a fund raiser to pay for the transport costs. To raise the funds the children investigated 'Enterprise' (a curriculum area) as part of their Big Idea investigations. This included planning, making and marketing various products to raise the funds required for the train tickets. From this exercise, the Child Side School's enterprise afternoons evolved.

Today, ten years on, enterprise afternoons still occur on the last Friday of each month from 3pm. These events continue to offer the children many opportunities such as researching, marketing and hand producing merchandise to sell. The produce on offer ranges from vegetables and lemonade to jewellery and art.

In the preparation and running of these afternoons there is great opportunity for parents to support and work with their children. On the day, there is a relaxed and fun environment and time to socialise with other parents, which helps strengthen the school's community.

On the evening of Friday 28th September 2012 there will be a special Enterprise Evening, starting approx an hour before it gets dark. This event is being organised and run by the Year 7 children along with the high school aged children who have graduated primary school and moved into the Family Learning Association, based on site at Child Side.

The evening will offer the opportunity to browse and buy the varied produce on offer before culminating in a spectacular and visually stunning fire twirling display. For more information please visit our website www.childsideschool.wa.edu.au

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