



Newsletter Term 1, 2019

WINNING TAKES THE CAKE!

2019 sees the Toy Library celebrating its **40th birthday**. We would like to think we still have many of the qualities that the original Toy Library began with. Started in 1979 to provide families with an affordable way of accessing toys. This community group has moved home several times to its current home within the Tea Tree Gully Library. With a larger than ever membership and toys that are original and from new categories such as STEM and Sensory, we hope that the Toy Library continues for many years to come.

As a part of our 40th celebration we are hoping to collect stories, anecdotes or photos from anyone that may want to share in this birthday journey. If you have anything that you might want to contribute please contact Lyn at the Toy Library or email ttg.toylibrary.stories@gmail.com. By reading others stories we will discover the true value of our wonderful Toy Library.

The Toy Library was nominated again for an award at the annual CTTG Australia Day Awards this year. It is with much pleasure that we

announce our successful win on that day. It was very exciting to be chosen and we indeed very thankful for everyone that contributes to this service. As "**Community Group Of the Year**" we hope to continue to be a valuable and worthwhile organization for the community, especially in our 40th year.

Our fundraising from last term (term 4, 2018), was the collection of money for the Australian Red Cross Drought Relief. Whilst our strange country has delivered some curve balls and many of these areas are now suffering flood and fire damage. No doubt the Red Cross will still use the money for **RELIEF**. We managed to raise \$100, which we are sure can be used for some good. Thankyou to all those who contributed!

Have you been somewhere lately and wished that they had some extra toys on hand? (a café, a school waiting room, a specialists waiting room). Do any of these places need some new toys? **We have the answer.**

We have made up some "toy boxes" from excess toys. If you are interested please contact Lyn.

We hope that 2019 has started well for all our members. We look forward to the busy year ahead and lots of "birthday surprises"



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School Holiday Closure

The Toy Library will be closed from Thursday April 11th at 3pm and will re open Tuesday April 30th at 10am



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PLAY IT SAFE

As parents we do our best to provide the safest environment for our children. We are told from before their births to buy this or that product to enable their protection. As soon as they are able to crawl or move about this becomes more of a challenge. A device that can be downloaded and assembled easily may be the answer to what is a hazard in many homes - **choking**.

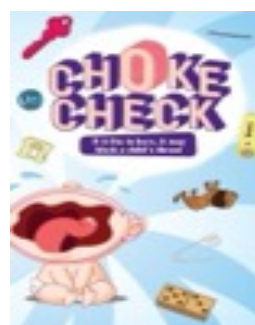
The **Choke Check cylinder** imitates a child's throat up to

the age of 3 years. Although it is only a guide, it demonstrates what items could get stuck in your child's throat - these are many are varied and children see them from a different level to adults.

To get information or to download a copy of the **Choke Check cylinder**, visit either

www.productsafety.gov.au

www.recalls.gov.au



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WE'RE KEEN TO HEAR ABOUT KATHY!

How long have you worked in the Toy Library? - I have worked in the Toy Library for four months.

What is your favourite toy in the Toy Library? - Sensory play kits are the toys that interest me the most.

Top Toy Library tip? - Kathy's tip very much represents the person she is, she suggests to "go with the flow".

What was your favourite toy when you were a child? - When I was a child I really enjoyed playing with my bride doll.

Favourite pastime? - My favourite pastime is painting

Why do you enjoy working in the Toy Library? - I love working with the great people and in a great atmosphere.

What are your roles and responsibilities in the Toy Library? - On Thursdays I work with the team to check toys and help members with their borrowing.

What has changed in the Toy Library during your time? - I haven't been here long enough to see any major changes.

What AFL team do you support? - I support the Adelaide Crows and Port Power.

What did you want to be when you grew up? - I always wanted to be a mum. I became a mum and a grandmother.

What one word would you use to describe yourself? - I would like to think I am a "Happy People Person".



LET'S PLAY!

Game Name:

Kiwetin

Number of Players :

2-6 players

Age Group :

7years+

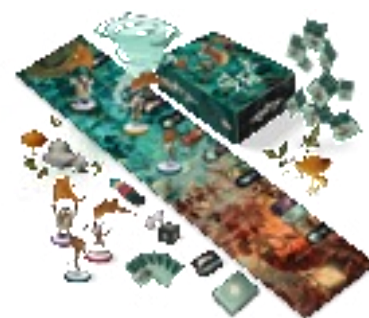
About the game :

This beautifully designed game follows the race of six characters (or as many people playing) to the Sacred Flower. The game involves a large amount of addition and subtraction and is

confusing to start with. However, because the games are quick it is not long before you realise the tricks and the more players you have the better it will be.

Rating:

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MAKE A WISH!

.Birthdays are celebrated in a myriad of ways across the globe. The most popular ways are often with "gifts, birthday cards, birthday party or a rite of passage". Celebrating the anniversary of a person's birth each year is not only a way of marking age milestones, but sometimes used for legal requirements.

Studies show that ancient civilizations of Greece and Rome had a part to play in the origin of "birthdays". Traditions from the Greeks to honor Artemis, the Goddess of hunt and the Moon with a moon shaped cake on her birthday. Lighting the cake with candles to make it glow and to provide enough smoke to carry their prayers up to the Gods. Romans, however were the first to celebrate using cake for loved ones and friends.

It took until the 17th Century for the birthday cake to become popular. These type of cakes were often quite extravagant and required many layers, decorations and icing. They were also only on offer to the very wealthy, who could afford to pay for these expensive items. Thankfully the 18th Century saw ingredients and access to cakes becoming more of a reality to the general population. We owe children's cakes with yearly candles to the Germans, whose "Kinderfest" saw the lighting of one candle for each year, plus an extra candle for "wishing that the child would live another year". The Germans were also responsible for "blowing out candles and making a wish"



Of course what birthday would not be complete without "Happy Birthday" being sung. We attribute the song "Happy Birthday to you" to Patty Hill and Mildred J. Hill, who in 1893 penned the song "Good Morning to All". The song became popular after extra lyrics were added and in 1924 the version we know was heard. The rest is history!



In many cultures, certain birthdays are particularly important. For example :-

> The Japanese celebrate "Coming of Age Day" for all 20 year olds.

>For those Asian countries who use a Zodiac calendar, the 60th birthday is celebrated.

>On a girl's 15th birthday, people in Hispanic countries celebrate the Quinceañera (or Festa de Quinze Anos for the Portuguese).



>The Jewish have special birthdays for a girl's 12th, called a Bat Mitzvah and a Boy's 13th called a Bar Mitzvah.

>In British Commonwealth Nations a special card is sent from "The Queen " to those celebrating their 100th birthday.

Some other fun facts about birthdays are :-

When someone turns the age of their birthday ie someone turning 10 years old on the 10th of a month, is said to be having a "Grand" birthday (or "lucky" "champagne" or "star" birthday).

People born on Leap day (February 29th) are often referred to as "Leapling" or "Leapers". They usually celebrate their birthday on February 28th.

September17th, April8th and September23rd are the three most popular dates for birthdays. Whilst December 25th, 26th and January 1st are the least popular.

Whatever your date, however you celebrate, remember to thank the Greeks, Romans and Germans and sing Patty and Mildred J's song loud and proud and ENJOY!



<https://answersafrica.com/origin-birthdays->

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/birthday>

AT THE PUSH OF A BUTTON!

Last year we received a "**Telstra Kids Grant**", which we used to purchase several new STEM items including **Botley**, the Coding Robot (see T4 Newsletter 2018) and **Cubetto**. The **Cubetto** set is made up of the wooden **cubetto** robot, a wooden interface board, 16 plastic coding blocks, a world map and a story book. All items are beautifully made, gender neutral and Montessori

approved. The coloured blocks slip into the interface board and create simple functions such as forward, backward, left, right as well as function, random and negation. These allow **Cubetto** to follow a child's direction across the world map. **Primo**, the company that designed **Cubetto** have done a wonderful job of making coding easy and fun for children to understand and participate in. **Cubetto** can be

borrowed for a 2 week loan and can be found in the science area of the Toy Library.

