



Kirrawee Child Care Centre Newsletter.

Welcome

Welcome to all parents and guardians particularly the ones using the Centre for the first year.

Quite a large number of last years children went to school this year, and as a result the Centre has a large number of new children which can be very taxing to accommodate.

I for one congratulate the Center's staff for the effort exerted so far and the result they have achieved.

Please do not hesitate in approaching myself or the Centre's Director / Supervisor Debbie to express your opinion /idea or even a comment on any of the Centre's happenings and the way our Care and Education is conducted.

Through the newsletter one will see the scope of the work done, what we are trying to achieve and how?

I look forward to a new year Caring and Educating our children who are the most valuable investment our country has. Just remember we cannot do it without you and your full cooperation.

Possum Room Report

Welcome to all our new little friends in the Possum room. We have had a busy start to the year with many of our new children settling in quite well. It has been nice to see our friends Chloe, Stella, Bianca, Bryson, Friyana, Jarrod, Reese, Brielle, Maddison, Gabriella, Tayla, Michaela, Georgia, Tyler, Jett and Sam have slowly made the transition into the room.

Our main focus is to familiarize the children with the Centre's daily routine. This involves preparing the children for routine activities such as activity time, lunch and rest time. Initially we will assist children in managing the routine on their own and encouraging their independence and self-help skills.

Many children have begun toilet training at the beginning of the year and they are all going really well. If your child is currently toilet training or you are thinking of starting them it is important to communicate with staff about it and to remember to place at least 3 spare changes of clothes in their bag each day.

The children have enjoyed becoming involved in many experiences such as dramatic play e.g. home corner, dressing up and activities such as shaving cream manipulation, mix and mess, water play, playdough and construction activities e.g. train set, wooden blocks.

If you have any queries or concerns please feel free to arrange a meeting with Megan at a convenient time.

Wombat Room Report

We'd love to welcome everybody to the new year and hope that it brings happiness to all.

The children have settled in well, especially those making the transition from the Possum room to the Wombat room. It has been great to see many friendships develop. We would like to welcome our new friends Chloe, Alana, Zellie, Zachary, Jose, Nam, Jamie

Our main focus for the beginning of the year is to encourage the children to interact and cooperate with their peers independently and to help them to feel comfortable in expressing their needs at all times. We aim to do this by providing the children with activities such as construction and dramatic play where the children have to share equipment and communicate with one another.

We also aim to develop each child's self-esteem through routine experiences e.g. toileting, and every experience the child has at the Centre. Staff have a responsibility to the children to always encourage, assist, praise and support the children in any situation.

On a daily basis we sing our 'Days of the Week' song. The children have already

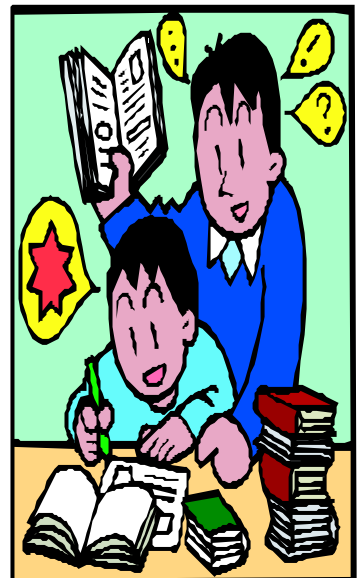
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Wombat Room Report

gained an understanding of the days of the week and enjoy predicting what day it is.

The song goes as follows to the tune of "Oh My Darling



"Children learn through role play"

Clementine" "There are 7 days,
There are 7 days,
There are 7 days in the week,
There are 7 days,
There are 7 days,
There are 7 days in the week,
Sunday, Monday,
Tuesday,
Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday,
Saturday,
Sunday, Monday,
Tuesday,
Wednesday,
Thursday,
Friday, Saturday"
All the children are pro-

gressing well and we look forward to enjoying many experiences with them. If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Debbie.

Parent Meeting

Our first parent meeting for the year was held on Tuesday 22nd February. Staff would like to thank the two parents who attended the meeting.

An issue was raised in the meeting about a more detailed form of communication between staff and parents about their child. The parent suggested a communication book or form in which staff would write on a daily basis. This would include children's activities throughout the day, their lunch and rest routines as well as any other relevant information. After great discussion with staff we have agreed that this process would be very time consuming and that our time with the children is more important and valuable. Staff communicate on the front door of each room daily and a lunch/rest chart is displayed daily for parents to read at their discretion.

We understand that being a parent is very demanding but we do encourage you to attend these meetings as they are relevant to your child's development and they give you a better understanding of the program and daily running of the Centre. Parents are given the opportunity to raise any issues or concerns they may have in relation to their child and the Centre. We would appreciate it if more parents could attend our next meeting which will be held on Tuesday 22nd May, 2001, to enable staff/parent feedback and suggestions.



Hats and Spare Clothes

Could parents please ensure that their child has a hat on the days that they attend the Centre (it would be a good idea if the child left their own hat in their locker at all times).

We ask that parents provide at least 2 changes of clothes for 2-3 year old children and at least 1 change for 3-5 year old children in their child's bag each day they attend the Centre.

Could you please assist staff by labeling each of your child's items with their name to eliminate confusion over the belonging of certain items, e.g bottles, dummies, hats, clothes, shoes.

Easter Concert

We would like to invite family and friends to our Easter concert and social gathering on Friday 6th April from 11am—1pm. The children will sing some Easter songs, join their family and friends outside for lunch and then take part in an Easter egg hunt. We would appreciate it if you could contribute one dish of savoury or sweet food for the luncheon. We look forward to seeing you all there!!!



Kindy Gym Report

The Kindy Gym program has commenced again for the year. This year I intend on helping the children to develop their gross motor and coordination skills through activities such as obstacle courses, dancing and simple gymnastic maneuvers like forward rolls. Many of the children already know various types of jumps which they learnt last year and these will be repeated throughout the year in order to improve coordination skills.

Kindy gym also assists children in developing their social skills as much of it involves turn taking and cooperation with their peers.

Katie

Music Report

The children have eagerly participated in music. The initial focus is on familiarizing children with the musical instruments and their names and they have grasped this very well. The children have been learning about beat and rhythm. They have been playing instruments and dancing to songs with a constant beat or rhythm.

Linda

Tennis Report

Tennis has been a huge success this year as it was last year. The children have really enjoyed the lead up activities such as rolling, throwing and catching of the tennis ball. These exercises are designed to develop the children's eye-hand coordination and precision. All the children are very keen to pick up the racquet and have a hit. We will soon be setting the net up and teaching the children how to hit the ball with height over the net.

Debbie

Dance Report

Our dance teacher Jennifer is the owner/director of 'Rogerson School of Ballet'. She has 3 dance studios in the Sutherland Shire. Jennifer has been teaching dance at our Centre for 4 years. She has been teaching the children some basic dance routines to Hi 5 and The Wiggles which they love. The children have a great time practicing basic skills such as skipping, hopping and galloping. At the end of every session the children participate in a mime, their favorite is 'going to the beach'.



Some Songs We Know

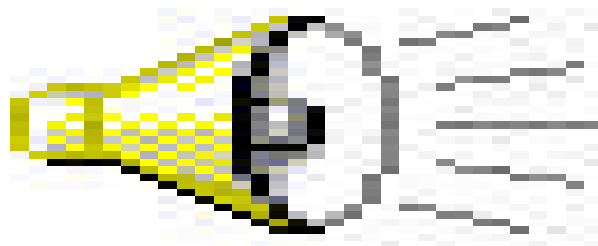
Upsy Down Town

In Upsy Down town,
The sky is in the sea,
The rabbit's in the nest where the birds should be,
The rain is falling up instead of falling down,
Down in Upsy Down town.
There's a chocolate cake as white as snow ,
The more you eat the bigger it grows,
It's walking on your nose instead of on your toes,
Down in Upsy Down town.

Galumph

Galumph went the little green frog last night,
Galumph went the little green frog.
Galumph went the little green frog last night,
And his eyes went Glumph, Glumph , Glumph.
But... We all know frogs go La di da di da
La di da di da , La di da di da
We all know frogs go La di da di da
They don't go Glumph, Glumph , Glumph.

Some songs we know that mummy or daddy might remember are 'Miss Polly had a Dolly', 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' and 'Little Peter Rabbit'



Please note as this is the first time The Centre is facing this problem.:-

1. If your Child CCB is %100 it does not mean the Gov. is paying all the fees Parents are still to pay their part of the fee according to the Gov. formula.
2. Fees must be at least one week in advance otherwise the Centre will withdraw it's service without notice. It is a fact this service cannot be provided without paying fees on time and regularly.
3. Please make sure your receipt is collected every week, and only your receipt not someone elses.



