



Kirrawee Child Care Centre

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WATCHING THEM GROW

Welcome to the Centre's second newsletter this year.

Watching them grow, that is what we do here, and it is fascinating and educational. Most of the time it is a humbling experience.

Watching them proves to one every child is a complete unique individual capable and able to think, make a decision and come to a conclusion. That conclusion might not be the same one an adult would arrive to under the circumstances, never the less it makes sense to the child and helps them to progress from one point to another.

We should never try to shape them into a form of our own making or in our own mind, we are here to just provide a safe environment to guide and encourage them to challenge themselves and achieve their own potential.

The measure of our success is to watch them grow with confidence, for each individual child to develop physically, socially, cognitively, and emotionally to their maximum potential. For each child to be able to chose and make their own decision after considering the impact to oneself and considering the others.

Yes that is achievable and fulfilling to watch .



POSSUM ROOM REPORT

The past few months have been very busy for the children of the 'Possum Room' with new and exciting activities and the welcoming of new children.

We have included into our program more tactile activities such as mix 'n' mess, playdough, coloured shaving cream and coloured ice moulds in water. These activities involve the children to mix, pour and manipulate many different textures.

We have been busy focusing on our topic of families. The children have thoroughly enjoyed looking at their family photos in which has helped them to developed a lot of communication skills between their peers.

The staff in the Possum room have been focusing on the children expressing their feelings verbally in positive and challenging situations. We have noticed positive changes in their individual

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Over the past couple of months we have welcomed some new children to our room. Hannah, Tamara, Kaden, Liam and Alex are all settling and adjusting well to the program.

WOMBAT ROOM REPORT

All of the children have settled in really well. We have had a lot of fun implementing activities and part of the program based on the children's interests. For example when the leaves started to fall off the trees in the park, the children began to collect them so we did some leaf/nature collage, painting on leaves and we read some stories about the wet/cold weather (Franklin and the Thunder Storm). This type of program encourages the children to develop their self-esteem and level of confidence. They are beginning to make choices about what they would like to do and they actually have the opportunity to do it.

Thank you to everyone that brought in photos of their families, the children absolutely love looking at themselves, family members and their peers families. It has been a great way of initiating discussion and story telling between the children and staff. The photos will remain on our family tree for a while longer, if you have not yet seen this please feel free to come in and browse at the photos anytime, I'm sure the children will be able to tell you who everyone is!

Our most recent focus has been learning to recognise and name letters in our own name (mainly the first letter) and the numbers 1-10. The children are very keen to learn these skills.

Our school readiness program will be commencing at the end of June. Each child attending school will have their individual folders with their learning sheets enclosed. If you have any questions about this please see Debbie.

We would like to thank all parents who provide resources for the Centre, e.g boxes, material, paper, toilet rolls... they all come in very useful and are much appreciated.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

On Friday 11th May we went out to the Golden Emperor Chinese restaurant for a Mother's day lunch. We thank everyone who came along, we hope you enjoyed this experience as much as the children did. The children loved all the yummy food, especially the ice cream! The children enjoyed eating out, it was a new experience for a lot of them and we hope they had a great time.



SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR IN-DOOR ACTIVITIES FOR RAINY DAYS

Since Winter is just around the corner and the days will be becoming cooler and wetter we thought you might like some suggestions for some activities to keep the children busy during these times.

All children love **messy play** - **shaving cream** on table, **goop** (corn flour & water), **finger painting** (paint is easily made with cornflour, water and food colouring), **play-dough** (2 cups flour, 1 cup salt, 1 cap full of oil, add food colouring to 1 cup of water, add everything together and there you have it, hours of entertainment, add cooking utensils, match/paddle pop sticks, patty pans and your child's imagination!)

Water/Sand play – you can add sea/farm animals, dinosaurs, funnels, containers, boats

Some active ways to let out all that energy – **obstacle course** (mini trampoline, balance boards, hoops), **basket ball** (large box and big soft ball or bean bag), lots of **dancing** to their favourite artists!!!

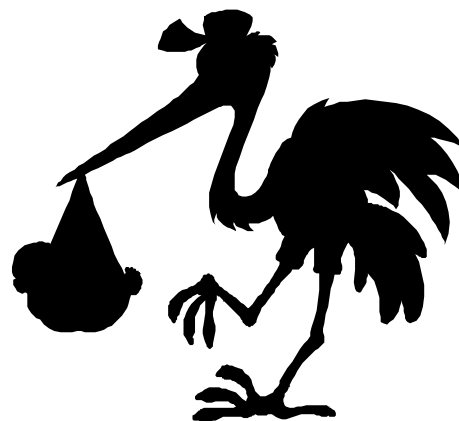
Dramatic play – dress ups, hospitals, home corner, hairdressers...

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Paul, Stephanie, Jessica,

Rebekah and Sarah on the birth of Hannah and all the best to mark, Elizabeth and Tiarne on the birth of Sophie.

We would like to congratulate Paul, Colleen and Chloe on the new addition to their family, Mitchell and Peter, Karen and Alana on their new arrival, Joel. We hope they bring lots of joy and happiness into your lives and not too many sleepless nights!!!



PARENT MEETING

A parent meeting will be held on Monday 28th May at 6.30pm. We will be discussing childcare issues. If you have anything you would like to share with the staff please feel free to come along and participate in the constructive evaluation of our program. A light snack will be provided and children are welcome to attend.

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

Tuesday 12th June - Police visit (10am)

Monday 25th June - Mid year Checklists due

Thursday 5th July - Murphy's Puppet Show at the Centre (information and permission note will be provided at a later date)

Tuesday 31st July - Dental Care Visit (10am)

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If a child lives with criticism,
They learn to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility,
They learn to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule,
They learn to be shy.

If a child lives with shame,
They learn to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance,
They learn to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement,
They learn to be confident.

If a child lives with praise,
They learn to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness,
They learn justice.

If a child lives with security,
They learn to have faith.

If a child lives with approval,
They learn to like themselves.

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,
They learn to find love in the world.

