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Kirrawee Child Care Centre

Director's Report

Our logo at KCCC is to provide Quality Care and Education. What does 'to educate' mean, especially at such a young age some people might ask??? The meaning from the Macquarie dictionary is "to develop the faculties and powers of by teaching, instruction or schooling".

Most people learn through imitation, appropriate role modeling and guidance. This also applies to children.

The qualified and experienced staff at the Centre provide children with many opportunities and experiences to learn skills and behaviours which will help to mould their individual personalities.

Dramatic play experience (e.g. home corner, shopping, hospitals) help children to cooperate and socialise with others. During these activities children constantly role model what they have experienced in their own homes, what mummy or daddy might say or do. With shopping for example children take on the role of the shop assistant and they imitate the verbal exchange between another peer which they have experienced before, this gives them an understanding of the shopping process, the exchange of money for goods etc.

It is also the educators' role to deal with a child's inappropriate behaviour. This is achieved by explaining why the behaviour is inappropriate and the consequences of the child's behaviour to themselves or their peers.

This is successful when the child's limits are consistent from the home to the child care centre and any other setting the child attends often (e.

home of grandparents).

One of our main aims at the Centre is to provide an educational program that meets the needs and interests of all the children.

'Children are like a sponge, the more information you provide them with, the more they will soak up.'

and

'Educators are like architects, building the next generation.'

Possum Room Report

The children have been busy and have had a lot of fun participating in activities which have been based on their interests. They are all managing the daily routine involving activity time, language and music group times, lunch and rest time well. The children have developed their self-help skills and are confident in making choices.

Now that Winter is upon us and the days have become a lot cooler and wetter we have tried to implement activities to help let out all of that energy. The children have really enjoyed bringing our outdoor play inside. We have included in our program a variety of obstacle courses, golf, tents and cubby houses, sand play and the parachute with balls. These activities assist the children in developing their social skills amongst their peers and exerting their energy.

Please feel free to share any ideas or to become in-

Wombat Room Report

Busy, busy, busy, that is the best way to describe our third quarter this year. The children have learnt so many new skills and have refined many more! Something that has really surprised us all is the way that most of the children have remembered the names of the days of the week and the sequence that they are in. We try to trick them by placing a different day on the board but they cannot be fooled. The song which we sing every morning is sung to the tune of 'Oh My Darling Clementine' and goes as follows:

"There are 7 days,
There are 7 days,
There are 7 days in a week,
There are 7 days,
There are 7 days,
There are 7 days in a week,
Sunday, Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
Sunday, Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday, Saturday"

Everyone has taken a lot of interest in our art and craft activities, they have been very creative with box construction, collage and group painting.

Our 'School Readiness' program began on 6th August, each child going to school next year is in a group, they complete worksheets from their school folder weekly. If you would like more information about this please see Debbie.

Feel free to contribute to our program at any time!

Murphy's Puppet Show

On Thursday 5th July we had Murphy's Puppet Show come and visit us. It was a one man show which featured many monkey puppets, one of whom was always asleep when the time came to perform. Another puppet did some wonderful dancing and the show was ended by a string puppet, Michaela's mum was fortunate enough to have this puppet dance on her head. The children really loved the show and found it very funny. Afterwards the parents enjoyed tea, coffee and cake outside while the children played.

Dental Visit

On 31st July we had Maureen Chapman come to visit and talk to the children about dental hygiene. She taught the children a song about how to brush their teeth, round and round, scrub and scrub then flick and flick. Maureen read a felt board story to the children about 'good' foods and 'bad' foods to eat. She emphasised that too much sugary food will rot your teeth and showed the children real pictures of rotten teeth. She told them that if they ate fruit, bread and milk and remembered to brush their teeth every morning and every night that they would be very healthy.



Photo Day

The children in the Possum room and any family photos will be taken on Wednesday 26th September at 10 am.

The children in the Wombat room will have their photos taken on Thursday 27th September at 10 am.

Please ensure that children are here by 9.45 am.



“My Child Loves to Read”

‘One of the most important gifts you can give to your child is the love of reading.

Research around the world has shown students who did poorly in subjects such as math or art could still do very well in other subjects. But students who did poorly in reading often had problems in all their other courses. Teachers looked at the subjects that pupils were failing and discovered that even subjects like math and science were based on reading.’ (source: The World Book, Learning Library, reading skills)

Making a special time with your child to read is a key issue. A special blanket that you throw over both of you, a great big cushion to snuggle onto, some way that shows your child that this is a fun, safe, loving and enjoyable time that you set aside every day just to be with them to read stories.

Simple repetitive words with colourful pictures are the ideal books when selecting your child’s first books. Read them often enough and they will know the words off by heart.

It gives me much pleasure as a mother of two daughters to see the enjoyment they both have of reading, and knowing that I played an important role in achieving this.

It gives them much pleasure when they hear you say to others “My child loves to read”.

Dee Saxelby (Possum Room staff member)

Recommended Books

The Very Hungry Caterpillar - Eric Carle

Where’s My Teddy - Jez Alborough

Wilfred Gordan Mc Donald Partridge - Mem Fox

Mr Mc Gee - Pamela Allen

Grandmother - Jeannie Baker



Upcoming Dates and Events

August

Wednesday 29th - Fire Brigade Visit

September

Saturday 8th - Fete Day

Wednesday 26th - Possum Room photo day

Thursday - Wombat Room photo day

October

Tuesday 2nd - Library Visit

Dear Parents,

Some children's records and enrolment forms need to be updated. Please remember to submit to the Centre your change of address at any time and any change in your home, work or mobile phone numbers as we might need to contact you in the case of an emergency. Please fill in the form below, tear it off and place it into the box provided next to the sign in/out forms. Please update emergency contact details if necessary (see Debbie).

Mother's Name:.....

Address:.....Home No:.....

Work Name:.....Work No:.....

Mobile No:.....

Father's Name:.....

Address:.....Home No:.....

Work Name:..... Work No:.....

Mobile No:.....
