

Kirrawee Child Care Centre Newsletter

One year gone many more to come..

An other year is almost over, we hope the result is a positive impact on the children attending the Centre. Yes we as the staff have enjoyed the year, and added a great deal to our professional experience.

Every child at the Centre is unique as we watch each and every one grow and develop, as we see how we can contribute to each child's development it becomes a unique, enriching and satisfying experience.

End of year is always a meaningful one as we see the result and count the score. Myself and on behalf of the staff I say to all parents thank you very much for entrusting us with the most valuable investment you have in your lives, your children.

Of course in some areas we could have done it better, but yes we can sleep at night with a clear conscious as we know we have done our best and that we applied our knowledge and experience to the fullest. Next year we will use the extra we learned this year.

We are eager to hear your opinion at the next parent meeting on Tuesday 20th November at 6.15pm, as we are looking forward to next year with much anticipation.

Yes we are already preparing for next year. The staff decided to add score to the extra curricula program, enhance the school readiness program, and improve the level and method of communication with parents.

Our web site will provide you with extra help and involvement in the area of child development.

You will also notice improvement in the method of enrolment and parent orientation as the Centre has updated all policies and the means of applying them.



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Possum Room Report

The staff in the Possum room have been focusing on developing the children's skills in recognising colours and counting. We have included some activities to our program such as number blocks, colour and number lotto, number mat with counting objects and the computer to increase the children's recognition of these concepts. Books we are reading are 'Five Cheeky Monkeys', '10 in the Bed' and '10 Play Hide and Seek'. We have noticed that the use of the computer has encouraged the children to cooperate with a small group of their peers.

As they year is coming to an end we have seen the children gain confidence, agility and coordination in dancing, kindy gym and tennis. These extra curricular activities have been of great benefit to the children.

We look forward to the remainder of the year and to next year.

Wombat Room Report

This term most of the children have been participating in the school readiness program. They have really enjoyed doing the activities in their 'special school folders' and have all developed their fine motor skills enormously. The worksheets consist of pre-reading, pre-writing and pre-math/science skills.

Recently in the Wombat room we got some new pets "tadpoles". Thank you to Rachael and Georgia for bringing them into the Centre. Over the past few weeks the children have excitedly observed the tad-

poles change and gradually turn into small frogs. This has been a great learning experience for the children and a lot of fun!

For group time recently we have been focusing on the alphabet and numbers. The children have enjoyed listening to stories about the alphabet and numbers, and recognising them on flash cards.

The children have become very good at recognising most of the letters and numbers.

We have continued doing the 'reward books' this term, in which we use stickers and surprises to reward children's positive behaviour. Every child has a book and they look forward to doing their books everyday and they really work hard to achieve their goal of 10 stickers in order to get a surprise.

We have all had a lot of fun this term with one of our favourite activities being 'musical statues' which we play to 'Bob the Builder' and 'Strawberry Kisses'.

To the children attending '**Big School**' next year we hope that you have as much fun there as what you have had at KCCC. We will all miss you very much and we hope that you come back to visit next year in your new school uniform.

Halloween Disco

On Friday 26th October KCCC was transformed into a dark and scary place. There were children dancing, parents chatting and music playing. The fairy lights, skeletons, spider webs and jack-o-lanterns all added to the excitement of the night. The children's outfits were great! Thank you to all the families that came, brought food and dressed their children up, you made the night enjoyable.

Life Education NSW

On Friday 30th November an educator from Life Education NSW will be visiting the Centre with an aim to introduce the children to the concept of taking some responsibility for their own personal hygiene, safety and nutritional needs.

Through various exercises and activities (dance, drama, creative expression) the children are introduced to the need for exercise, sleep, a healthy diet, appropriate personal hygiene and sun safety. The children enjoy a very child-centred 40 minute session.

The fee is \$3.50 per child which must be returned with the permission form by Friday 23rd November.

Shopping Tour

Our shopping tour is on Saturday 24th November. This is a great opportunity for you to do all of your Christmas shopping in one day. For \$30 you receive a champagne morning tea, lunch in the park and the opportunity to shop at over 30 outlets. Bring your family and friends along for a great day out. Please pay at the office by Friday 9th November.

Parent Meeting

A parent meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st November at 6.30 pm. Mr Richard Morey, Principal of Jannali East Public School, will be our guest speaker for the evening. He will discuss the transition from pre-school to kindergarten and school readiness. We will also be discussing future Centre events and issues related to our service. The Centre will provide dinner and child minding. We hope to see you all there!

Video –A Year in the Life of KCCC

Throughout the year we have taken advantage of technology and have video taped the children participating in many of the Centre's events (puppet show, fete, dental visit, fire brigade, dance, music, kindy gym and tennis lessons), and we have yet to include our end of year concert and graduation ceremony.

We will have various viewing times during the week of December 3rd to 7th (these will be displayed upon entry to the Centre). A copy of this memorable tape which you can keep for a lifetime and play at your child's 21st birthday must be ordered and paid for before you receive it. The cost is \$15 per tape. Please see **Debbie** or **Linda** regarding this.

Benefits of being a trainee

We have 2 trainees at the Centre, Sherrin in the Possum room and Sarah in the Wombat room. At the completion of the 1 year traineeship Sherrin and Sarah will have attained a Certificate III in Child Care Studies.

Traineeships offer many things to you, it is on the job training where the trainees work with the children 5 days per week. It is extremely helpful to be able to observe the children's development instead of just reading about it. Trainees also have the advantage of completing the theory side of the course, therefore learning more about their development. A great benefit is also having the opportunity to work with a number of qualified staff members. This helps enormously as you have the chance to watch and learn from more qualified and experienced childcare educators. The staff give you advice and guidance with the assistance of many other resources. All of these things are essential for the training of a competent child care educator.

End of Year Concert and Graduation Ceremony

We will be celebrating our end of year concert and graduation ceremony on Friday 14th December at 6.30 pm. The children will sing some songs for Santa who will be visiting our Centre on the night.

The children going to 'Big School' next year will be participating in a graduation ceremony and will receive a certificate of completion of their early childhood education.

We hope everyone is able to come, you may bring your family and friends. More information will be provided through an individual newsletter.

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- * Tuesday 6th Nov. School Visit
- * Friday 9th Nov. Money for Shopping Tour Due
- * Wednesday 21st Nov. Parent Meeting
- * Friday 30th Nov. Life Education NSW Visit
- * Monday 3rd to Friday 7th Dec. Video Viewing
- * Friday 14th Dec. End of Year/ Graduation Ceremony

- * Friday 21st Dec. Centre's last day of operation for 2001
- * Monday Jan. 7th 2002 Centre's first day of operation for 2002

