



# Kirrawee Child Care Centre Newsletter.

## Welcome

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

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.

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 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.

## Parent Meeting

The first parent / staff meeting was on Tuesday 28th Jan. 2002.

Fourteen parents attended the meeting.

The Centre's Supervisor Debbie explained how the children's program is developed, and how the school readiness program functions.

The three staff in charge of the Extra Curricular Activities (Debbie, Linda, and Katie) spoke about the program how is it delivered and the benefit to children.

The Deputy Supervisor Linda, spoke about the years' expected events, the logic behind them and means of doing them. Please refer to the table of events

at the end of newsletter.

The Director Fikry, spoke about some administration and regulation issues.

The Director explained why **FEES have to increase** and the date(s) the increase will take effect.

Copy of minutes are available at the Centre.

## Fee Increase

The first fee increase of a dollar per day will take effect of Monday 4th March 2002. The percentage of the increase is less than both the inflation rate and the CPI.

The second increase of one dollar will become effective from July 1st 2002.

The Centre does regret having to increase it's fees, but this is unavoidable with the raise in cost and wages.

## Possum Room Report

Everybody in the Possum room has settled into the routine well. We have welcomed many new friends and the children from last year have made some great new friendships. Some favourite activities the children like to play inside are shopping with the trollies, playdough, cars and trucks on the large mat, waterplay, homecorner, musical instruments and outside they like playing in the sandpit, with the lawn mowers and on the see-saws. As young children respond to visual stimulation they love it when the puppets visit and help them sing their favourite songs like '5 Cheeky Monkeys', '5 little Ducks', 'Miss Polly', 'Open Shut Them' and 'Old McDonald' felt board song. One of their favourite stories is the interactive book 'The Wheels on the Bus', they enjoy pulling the flaps in the story to make the wipers go swish, swish, swish or the doors to open and shut or the windows to go up and down.

If your child is in nappies please ensure you

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# Wombat Room Report

provide at least 4 nappies per day and if they are toilet training please provide at least 3 changes of clothing. Toilet training is a very important stage in personal development for a child therefore it is important to ensure that this experience remains positive. This means that daily communication between parents and staff is very important to ensure that it is a positive and successful experience!!!

## Wombat Room Report

As most of the children attended the Centre last year settling in has been free of much anxiety. The children who moved to the Wombat room from the Possum room have made a smooth transition and have adjusted well to their new environment and teachers. We would like to welcome our new friends **Alexandra, Alissia, Christian, Taylor and Emilia**, all of whom have developed some great friendships.

We have focused on the daily routine to give the children some understanding of their place within the Centre's environment at particular times of the day. Most children are able to predict what occurs next.

The program is child orientated and based on their interests as well as their needs. The children get to make choices within the program which gives them a sense of ownership and belonging. Peer teaching is encouraged, this allows children to cooperate with their peers and assists in the development of their self esteem and confidence.

Some activities the children enjoy playing are dramatic play e.g. home corner, hairdressers, dress ups, manipulative activities e.g. playdough, plasticine, water/sand play, reading lots of stories and taking turns on the computer.

## Arrival and Departure

Parents are welcome at any time and we greatly value your contribution. Early morning and late afternoons are very busy times with parents dropping off and picking up their children therefore we would appreciate it if at these times you could keep discussion at a minimum between yourself and staff as it is in the best interest of your child that the staff attend to their needs at all times.

### Toys

Please ensure that your child does not bring toys to the Centre e.g. cars, dolls etc. This will eliminate any conflict between the children. 1 soft toy is permitted for rest time only. A comforter such as a bottle, 'ruggy' or dummy etc. may be brought to the Centre. Please ensure your child's name is on all of their items, this includes clothing.

## Linen and Hats

All parents must provide bed linen for their child. It must be clearly labelled with their name. On overcast days the UV ray reading is quite high and children are required to wear hats at all times during outdoor play. Please remember to place a hat in your child's bag each day of your child's attendance as the sharing of spare hats may increase your child's risk of developing head lice.

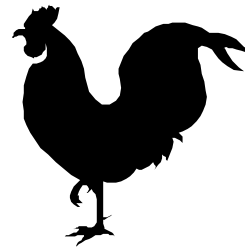
## Fundraising Chocolate Drive

Thank you to everyone that took a box (or 2) of chocolates to sell. The funds raised will assist the Centre in purchasing equipment for your child's use and development. Please return any unsold chocolates and monies to the Centre by Friday March 1, 2002.

## Easter Concert

On Tuesday 26th March at 10.30am entertainers from 'Tick Tock Time' productions will be performing a show for the children called 'Easter in the City'. The cost of the show is \$6 per child. Family and friends are welcome to attend the show and then our Easter luncheon afterwards which will give children and their families an opportunity to socialise with one another. We would appreciate if each family could contribute 1 plate of food for our luncheon. The luncheon will finish at 1 pm.

Children who do not attend on Tuesday are welcome to attend for the duration of the show (approx. 1 hour) and the luncheon afterwards with family and friends.



## 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 favourite is 'going to the beach'.



## Soccer Report

Although this is the newest activity we have introduced to the program it has been quite a hit. The children have participated in activities which will enhance their eye-foot coordination and develop their control of the soccer ball. Some exercises they have participated in are dribbling, passing and shooting between the goal posts.



## Some Stories We Enjoy Reading

The Wheels On The Bus by Paul Zelinsky

It's The Bear! by Jez Alborough

Row Your Boat by Anthony Lishak

My Presents by Rod Campbell

Can We Play? By Stephen Holmes

Monkey Puzzle by Julia Donaldson

## Some Songs we Like to Sing

5 Cheeky Monkeys

Upsy Down Town

Miss Polly

I'm Taking Home My Baby Bumble Bee

Heads and Shoulders, Knees and Toes

A Rum Sum Sum

## **TABLE OF EVENTS FOR 2002**

### **January**

7<sup>th</sup> – Centre re-opens

29<sup>th</sup> – Parent Meeting

### **February**

25<sup>th</sup> – Newsletter

27<sup>th</sup> – Library Visit

### **March**

26<sup>th</sup> – Easter Performance

### **April**

30<sup>th</sup> – Parent Meeting

### **May**

6<sup>th</sup> – Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> – Nesqik Bunny Show

22<sup>nd</sup> – Police Visit

### **June**

24<sup>th</sup> – 5/7 – Chicks ‘R’ Us

### **July**

2<sup>nd</sup> – Parent

Meeting

19<sup>th</sup> – Fire Brigade  
Visit

### **August**

5<sup>th</sup> - Newsletter

15<sup>th</sup> – Library Visit

### **September**

21<sup>st</sup> – Annual Fete  
Day

### **October**

3<sup>rd</sup> – Puppet Show

29<sup>th</sup> – Parent  
Meeting

### **November**

4<sup>th</sup> - Newsletter

### **December**

13<sup>th</sup> – End of Year  
Concert &  
Graduation Ceremony

*(all dates are subject to change & will be confirmed 2 weeks prior to event)*

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