



Newsletter Title

WELCOME

It is already mid year, that means our children are six months older and their life experiences and knowledge has been enhanced and grown. That is very important in a child's life at that age. Parents who attended the Children's Brain Research Seminar held at the Centre are aware of that.

As discussed at the last parent/staff meeting, the Centre has added a new feature to it's website, it is a new page called 'Links' where useful links to other sites are provided and answers to parents specific questions and queries about different aspects of child development and behaviours are provided.

Centre Management is pleased to see the rise in the number of visitors to the site as a result. We hope you find it useful and we appreciate the feedback.

Speaking of feedback, there are two surveys coming, the first one is for parents to express their opinion, satisfaction or dissatisfaction and constructive criticism on all the Centre's aspects.

The second is to measure two things, the usefulness and relevance of the information on the Centre's Website, secondly if parents are interested in being able to visit the Centre on a Web Cam camera during activity times through the Internet and see their children.

Your cooperation on the two surveys is appreciated.

program to renovate and improve facilities to the indoor and outdoor areas, parent's participation and opinion is welcomed and appreciated. Please do not hesitate to see me in the office to discuss any related issues as you are always welcome.

Possum Room Report

The Possum Room teachers are happy to announce that all children are managing the daily routine extremely well.

Due to the cold weather these days we have decided to implement a lot more mix and mess activities to allow the children to experience different textures and focusing on children expressing themselves through art. Favourites being goop, rice play, easel painting, shaving cream play, sand play, playdough and many other successful creations from our staff.

We would like to thank all the parents for our wonderful fundraising efforts which has given us the opportunity to buy new equipment for all the children based on their interests. We have a variety of new, exciting activities including a Hammer Set, Magnetic Fish Game, Hobby Horses, Paint, Hospital Play, Pop-up Pets, Poly M, Magnetic Blocks, and many, many more.

A lot of our toddlers have recently started toilet training over the past two months and are moving along very quickly.

The teachers have already noticed children showing increased independence and a positive self-esteem

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towards themselves.

It would be great if all parents could discuss their child's toilet training with staff, to see how they are coping at home and parents can get all the feedback they require from staff on their efforts at Kindy.

Wombat Room Report

All of the children have settled in really well. We have had a lot of fun implementing activities as part of the program based on the children's interests. For example when the leaves started to fall off the trees in the park we thought it would be a good idea to introduce them to the 4 seasons. We have been reading lots of stories about the seasons and learning new songs as a follow up. The children began to collect leaves from the ground so we have done some leaf/nature collage. This type of program encourages the children to develop their curiosity and questioning skills, 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.

We have been focusing on teaching the children to recognise and name letters in their own name (mainly the first letter) and the numbers 1-10. The children are very keen to learn these skills it would be great if you could implement this at home!

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 or concerns about your child's readiness for school next year please see Debbie.

We would like to thank all parents who provided resources for the centre, e.g boxes, material, paper, toilet rolls..... Please keep them coming they all come in very useful and are much appreciated.

Checklists

The Children's mid year Checklists for both rooms will be handed out from Monday 17th June.

These reports are a guideline of your child's development and offer you a general overview of your child's skills in all developmental areas. If you have any queries or concerns please If you have any queries or concerns please

please see Debbie or Linda.

Accreditation

Accreditation is a quality improvement system which rates every child care and family day care centre nationally against a set of standards. The principals relate to Relationships with Children, Respect for Children, Partnerships with Families, Staff interactions, Planning and Evaluation of Programs, Learning and development, Protective Care, Health, Safety and Managing to support quality.

We have been through Accreditation twice and have achieved the highest standard of care both times.

This process is not possible without the help the support from our families. We will be distributing surveys to all families about the above principals and the ways in which we do/ do not meet your needs. It is very important that you complete this survey honestly in order for us to provide you with the care and quality you expect. We would appreciate if everyone took the time to fill out this short survey, you may remain anonymous if you wish. Our next validation visit is due in December and as an accreditation requirement you will be asked to complete a survey closer to the date.

Mother's Day picnic

On Thursday 13th May we had our Mothers Day picnic.

We decided to have the picnic in the back park behind our outdoor area therefore creating more room for the parents and children to enjoy their Mothers Day lunch.

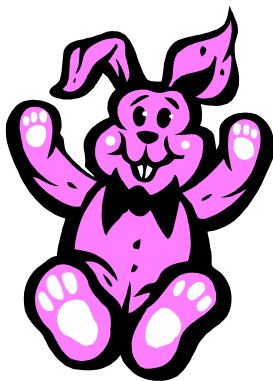
Thank you to all the parents for bringing some fabulous home cooked food it was enjoyed by all the children and the staff !!!

After lunch we all decided to have a run in the park with all the beautiful autumn leaves. The children threw them in the air and rolled around crunching them in their hands. By the end of the day the children were very exhausted and full from their delicious lunch.



Nesquik Bunny

On the 13th of May the Nesquik Bunny came to visit our Kindy. The Nesquik Bunny and his two lovely assistants taught all the children the Nesquik Bunny dance and we all danced to the song. The Nesquik Bunny told us about his exciting adventures on creating Nesquik for everybody to have as a delicious drink in all our homes. All the children gave the Nesquik Bunny a great big hug and sat down to receive a delicious glass of vanilla flavoured Nesquik. The experience was enjoyed by everybody including the parents.



Our New Environment

Just recently Kirrawee Child Care Centre has improved their safety hazards as you have probably noticed. The background has been fitted with soft fall underneath the climbing equipment and nice new green astro turf. Outside we have removed the steps going down from the verandah and barricaded it off with a new railing. Both of these changes outdoors were implemented to further the children's safety and have provided more opportunities for experiences that enhance children's physical development.

Indoors, both the Possum and Wombat rooms have a new look with the lino flooring that has replaced the carpet. The lino floor was chosen in the interest of hygiene and has also proved to be a fun and interesting experience for the children, who loved observing the men pulling up the carpet and laying the new lino.

Living Egg Hatching Program

The living Egg Hatching Program is a hands on learning experience for our kids. They can observe the eggs hatching in a special light box that will be in the Possum Room. After they hatch the chicks will be moved into the Wombat Room where the children will help feed them, give them fresh water, play with them and keep their habitat clean.

This will be an enjoyable experience for all the children being able to witness the eggs hatching and getting an up close view that will teach them about taking care of animals. The Living Egg Hatching Program will be at our centre from Monday 17th June– Friday 28th June. Children are welcome to take a chick at the end of the experience if they have their parents permission.



Sarah's Leaving

Sarah will be finishing her traineeship at the centre at the end of June. To say farewell we have organised an afternoon tea party on the 21st June at 2.30 pm to wish her the best in the future. You are all welcome to say goodbye and good luck to Sarah.



Debbie's Wedding

If you did not already know Debbie is getting married on Saturday 27th July at Resurrection of Christ Greek Orthodox Church, 20 Belgrave Street, Kogarah at 2.00 pm. If you want to go and see her you are most welcome to. Debbie will also be away for her honeymoon from July 24th to September 16th.

Photo days

On Wednesday 26th June at 9.30 am the children in the Possum Room (2-3 years) will have their individual and group photos taken. Family photos will be shot on the Wednesday 26th June.

Wombat Room (3-5 years) will be taken on Thursday 27th June at 9.30 am

New and Exciting Songs

Over the past couple of months the children have been learning a variety of new and exciting songs from all the staff members, to ensure the children can express themselves at home as well as at Kindy we have incorporated a list of songs so all parents can sing along with their children at home.

- *Uspy down town
- *Sleeping Bunnies
- *Winking Blinking
- *I'm a witch
- *Who rocks the house
- *My grandma and your grandpa
- *It's Raining

A Peanut

- 'A peanut sat on a railway track'
- 'His heart was all a flutter'
- 'Around the corner came a train'
- 'And oohhh ooowww peanut butter'

My body makes music

'My body makes music it's easy you will see' x 2

'My hands , my hands go' clap x 3

'My feet, my feet go' stamp x 3

'My mouth ,my mouth goes' la la la

'My body does the cha cha cha'

Books We Are Currently Reading

*The Big Bear and the Red Ripe Strawberry

*Lulu's Busy Day

*The Wide Mouthed Frog

*There's a Hippo on the Hospital Roof Eating Cake

*Ten Play Hide and Seek

*Franklin and the Thunderstorm

*Grow Seed Grow

*Jim and the beanstalk

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR INDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR RAINY DAYS

Since Winter is just around the corner and the days are 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), playdough (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), and lots of dancing to their favourite artists!!!

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

Upcoming Events

- *July 2nd –Parent Meeting
- *July 4th– Crazy Hair Day
- *July 19th– Fire Brigade Visit
- *July 29th– August 26th—Healthy Teeth in Child Care Project
- *August 15th-library Visit
- *August 29th-Colour Day
- *September 21st-Fete Day