

Kirrawee Child Care Centre Newsletter

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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 thmeans



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 all have developed their fine motor skills very well. The worksheets consist of pre-reading, pre-writing and pre-math/science skills which the children complete with individual guidance from a staff member.

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 tadpoles 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 sounds and the alphabet. The children have enjoyed listening to stories where they have to imitate different sounds and recognise alphabetical letters on flash cards. The children have become very good at recognising most of their letters and numbers.

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.

Dental Care Program

Life Education NSW

On Thursday 19th December 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 13th December.

Parent Meeting

A parent meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th November at 6.30 pm. We will discuss the transition from preschool to kindergarten and school readiness. We will also be discussing future Centre events and issues related to our service. We would like to give parents an opportunity to convey their thoughts, ideas and constructive criticism. The Centre will provide a light snack and child minding.

We hope to see you all there!

Annual Fete Day

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our annual fete day. It was a great day had by all we hope the children and their families enjoyed it as much as the staff did.

We raised \$1000 which has already been well spent on equipment for the children. We bought musical instruments (bells, castanets, cymbals, tambourines and shakers), a large parachute, Lokko Shapes (construction set), 4 dinosaur puzzles, a frog layer puzzle, geometric shapes puzzle, interstar bricks and blocks (construction set), 3 bear family counters and various craft equipment.

End of Year Concert and Graduation Ceremony

We will be celebrating our end of year concert and graduation ceremony on Friday 13th 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 participate 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/invitation.

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- * Wednesday 6th Nov. Jerral Puppet show
 - * Wednesday 27th Nov. 6.30pm Parent Meeting
 - * Friday 13th Dec. End of Year/ Graduation Ceremony
 - * Thursday 19th Dec. Life Education NSW Visit
 - * Friday 20th Dec. Centre's last day of operation for 2002
 - * Monday 6th Jan. 2003 Centre Re-opens
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of applying them.