



Kirrawee Child Care Centre Newsletter

January — March 2003

From the Centres Directors,

Welcome, To all children, parents and guardians welcome to the centre whether you are returning or coming to the Centre for the first time we hope your year has begun well and safe.

It is great to see the Centre full of happy children as the staff strives to create an enjoyable and educational environment for the children to grow. Indeed it is the Centres philosophy “ to provide high quality care that is both educational and stimulating, whilst catering for individual needs. We are accepting of all individuals and families regardless of structure, gender or background. The Centre aims to provide a caring community in a safe secure environment.”

In order to encourage our children to grow and achieve it is import we, as parents and care givers hold realistic expectations based on a child’s individual talents and traits. Therefore the Centre spares no effort in living up to our philosophy of safe enjoyable individual formulated care, so the children’s esteem and social skills can develop fully. All of this is a part of the childcare profession and is quite a challenging task, which carries rich reward. The Centre try’s to build a community around the children so we can all learn from each other and shared experiences. That is why we hope all parents will get involved where they are able by attending meetings and positively voicing their opinions and coming forward with queries or concerns.

This year the Centre has the added challenge of accreditation and licensing. The Centre has finished reviewing policies and we thank your



for your input and comments. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the staff, who under the leadership of Miss Linda Sellitto have given their all, especially in the last few weeks. Ladies thank you very much

Wombat Room Report

Kirrawee Child Care would like to give a warm welcome to all the children in the Wombat Room. We have all settled in excellently this year. We have all enjoyed singing songs such as: ‘Little Peter Rabbit’ ‘Upsy Down Town’, and Once Upon a Time in a Nursery Rhyme. All the children particularly enjoyed doing craft activities, which are hung around the room if you would like to see their progress. Our extra curricular activities have recently started, the children have participated very well and are improving their skills every week. A lot of the children this year have enjoyed playing with the constructive and dramatic activities, such as: Dress-ups, Hairdressers, Lokko, and Inter-star blocks. We are currently learning about rhyming words in grouptime, we read lots of fun and exciting books, and can rhyme words like Cat-rat, Dog-log, Chair-bear.

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Possum Room Report

Kirrawee Child Care Centre would like to give a warm welcome to all the children in the Possum Room also, its great to have you with us.

All the Possum Room children have settled into the routine of the day and are having a wonderful time. Favourite activities of most the children are manipulative activities consisting of mix and mess, goop, playdough, aqua play, shaving cream play and many more.

The Possum Room children thoroughly enjoy craft time, construction activities such as inter-star bricks, lego blocks, wooden train set, bunny blocks with surprise land and foam blocks.

For parents who are concerned about their child being restless in the morning, there is no need. The staff will continually interact with your child until they are settled into their own play. The new children are experiencing separation anxiety and will eventually settle into the new environment. If parents have any questions for staff feel free to ask Linda, Sarah or Amy, we are happy to answer your questions.

Parents there is a notice board in the Possum Room outlining the routine of your child's day, For example indoor/outdoor activities, group-time stories, what they had for lunch, music time and extra curricular activities will be presented also.

Policies

Parents we have currently reviewed and completed new policies for example Uniform policy, Health policy, Building and Maintenance policy, Hygiene policy, Toilet training policy, Nappy change policy and a few more.

The centre continually reviews the policies to update them with new information as the years change to benefit the children attending the centre.

If you would like to look at the policies we have reviewed they will be presented in the foyer over the next couple of weeks for all parents to read. If you have any questions or suggestions for the policies please feel free to inform staff and we will take it into consideration. Thank you for your help!!!



Extra-Curricular Activities

Kindy Gym-

Kindy gym has started once again for the year and will be held every Wednesday. This year Sarah plans to focus on the children's throwing, catching, bouncing skills and also their balancing. Sarah plans to continue with their jumps and stances and to introduce various physical activities using the center's parachute, bean bags and hoola hoops.

Music-

Music will be held every Thursday by Linda. The children will be focusing on familiarizing themselves with the names of the musical instruments and playing them as well. The children will be learning about rhyme and beat, also dancing to many songs.

Dance-

Dancing will be on Monday, our dance teacher Jennifer is owner/director of "Rogerson School of Ballet".

Jennifer has been at the centre for 6 years, she teacher's children basic dance routines and basic skills such as skipping, hopping and galloping.



Sign in and out

Reminder to all parents when you bring your child in the morning, or leaving the centre with your child to sign the sign in and out sheet located in the foyer. Parents please remember to bring your child into the room or out to the outdoor area where ever the staff are, this ensures the staff are aware your child has arrived.

Away from the Centre

If your child is going be away from the centre for the day it would be greatly appreciated if you notify the centre before 11.00am that day. The centre would like to have a note explaining why your child was absent that day when your child returns to the centre. Also if your child is going to be away for a number of days the centre requires a note listing the dates your child is not coming to the centre.

Reminder for all parents

Nappies-

For children wearing nappies during the day could you please supply at least 3-4 nappies a day and for those who wear a nappy during the rest time period only, please supply 1 nappy a day.

Sheets-

Please supply a sheet for rest time, which is clearly labelled with your child's name each day.

Clothing-

Please ensure all your child's clothing and shoes are clearly labelled with their name and 2 spare sets of clothing are supplied each day for Children toilet training and 1 spare set for other children.

Hats-

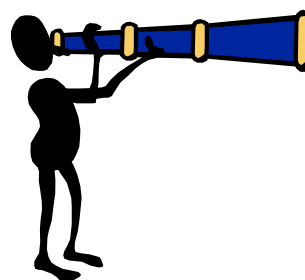
As the weather is now hot could you please make sure your child is coming to the centre with a hat everyday, labelled with their name.

Toys-

Please ensure your child only bringings a soft toy to the centre for rest time and/or for comforters.

Fundraiser

We are currently selling chocolates to raise money for the centre and we would appreciate it if every family could sell one box each. If you would like another box to sell please ask staff. All money raised will go towards equipment for the children and the centre. We thank you for your co-operation.



Parent

meeting

The Parent Meeting will be held on the Wednesday 26th of February. All parents are welcome cake and coffee provided.

Songs-

Upsy down town-

'Down in upsy down town'
'The sky is in the sea'
'The rabbits are in the nests'
'Where the birds should be'
'The rain is falling up'
'Insteasd of falling down'
'Down in Upsy down town'
'There's a chocolate cake'
'As white as snow'
'The more you eat the'
'Bigger it grows'
'We are walking on our nose '
'Instead of on our toes'
'Down in Upsy down town'.

Table Of Events 2003

January

February

1. 1st Newsletter
2. Parents Meeting Wed. 26th

March

1. Library Visit
2. Puppet Show Wed. 26th

April

1. Easter Lunch Friday 11th

May

- 1 Photos Thursday 15th and Fri. 16th
2. 2nd Newsletter

June

1. Parents Meeting Wed. 4th
2. Fancy Dress Disco Friday 20th

July

1. 1st Children's Checklist
2. 3rd Newsletter
3. Life education Visit

August

1. Library Visit
2. Fir Brigade Visit Thurs. 7th
3. Parents Meeting Wed. 6th

Sept.

Centre's Annual Fate
Saturday 13th

October

1. Kindy Farm

Nov.

1. Fourth Newsletter

Dec.

- 1 Parents Meeting Wed. 3rd
2. 2nd Children's Checklist
3. Christmas Concert Friday. 12th
4. Centres Closed for TWO weeks
by the end of Wednesday 24th