



Kirrawee Child Care Centre Newsletter

April – June

Watching them grow

We are very fortunate to be able to not only watching them grow but to contribute and influence the way they grow.

I have no doubt all parents are as disturbed as much as me by the finding of that mother killed her four children one after the other.

The impact and result of that mother being neglected and never felt being loved in her early years as a child, resulted in her state of mind when she became an adult, yes it is a very sad story.

Yet we got to be thankful we love our children care for them and get them to feel that love and care through what we do with and for them.

We as child carer and developer are very proud of our profession and of what we do and more than not achieve with the children.

Yes there are moments of being less successful than what we hoped for.

But in balance and when things put into perspective, yes the children's future is bright .

It is a fact also “we as parents and professionals should have realistic expectation of our children”, and treat them as children.



watching them grow, influencing their behaviours is a joint effort between home and the Centre, one can say it is a partnership in the child's best interest.

We are aware of your work and life commitments, We very much appreciate if you have the time to come to parents staff meeting, to take interest in our Accreditation process and survey, maybe even to give us a recipe suitable for children or even cook it for them.

Wombat Room Report

In the Wombat Room the children have enjoyed taking about fire drills and emergencies. We have also enjoyed talking about feelings through our stories and group times.

All the children have been focusing on the letters in their names. All the children can now recognise all the letters in the names, and a few of the children can write their names.

The children have enjoyed dramatic and manipulative activities recently such as party place, dress ups , play-dough, mix and mess and goop.

Over the coming months we shall be

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observing the children, seeing what they enjoy doing and from this plan activities. These activities will promote various school readiness outcomes such as colours, name and numbers recognition and pre-writing and math skills. Science activities will be programmed to encourage the children in cause and effect

Possum Room Report

The children have been involved in various activities over the past couple of weeks for example cooking for mothers day, all the children enjoyed making cookies as a group Experience. This enhanced their turn taking skills throughout the manipulative experience. The children have also been involved in making playdough with the staff, creating their own toys with box construction, a lot of hands on experiences.

A lot of children have been toilet training lately and staff have been constantly supporting their efforts to be independent and go to the toilet with little assistance from staff. They are all coming along very fast Well Done!!!

Our extra curricular activities including dancing has been going well, all the children have been learning about beat, rhythm, and a variety of skills such as jumping and clapping at the same time, enhancing their bi-lateral co-ordination (completing 2 different skills at the same time). The children have improved greatly in the last month and are practicing harder more difficult skills as the weeks go by.

New Staff

Hello my name is Kay and I will be the teacher in the Wombat Room. I currently have an Associate Diploma in social science and I am currently under taking study to obtain my Bachelor of Teaching in Early Childhood which I shall complete July 2004.

I have been in childcare for approximately 14 years as a teacher and Authorised Supervisor.

I am looking forward to teaching your children and assisting them in getting ready for school. If at anytime you would like to talk to me about how your child is progressing, please feel free to speak with me.

Parent Meeting

Our next parent meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th June at 6.15pm. All parent are welcome. Please come and meet our new staff. If there is anything you would like to put on the agenda for the meeting, please come and see Linda of Fikry.



Chocolate Fundraising

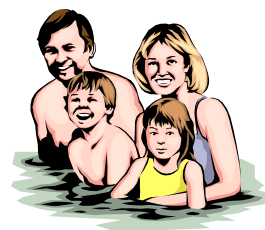
The Chocolate fundraising we had in February raised money that went to buying the children equipment. Arts and craft materials, counting and letter matching, building equipment, balls , wheelies, cultural puppets, hand puppets, and puzzles. We appreciate all the help from parents who sold chocolates for the centre.



Easter Concert

On the Friday the 11th of April we had our Easter Concert. At the Easter Concert the children to dress up as Easter bunnies and sing Easter songs to all the parents. The songs included "Hot Cross Buns", " Little Peter Rabbit", and "I'm a Little Chickie".

The children also enjoyed sitting down with all the parents to have a yummy Easter lunch.



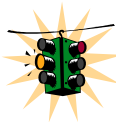
The Puppet Show

The Puppet Show was held on

And was a huge success. All the children enjoyed the show and variety of puppets, performances he provided for them. He used a monkey theme with all his puppets and each puppet had it's own character for example Sleepy the monkey who could never finish his performance since he always feel asleep. He captured all the children's attention and even had parents and staff laughing along with the children. The Puppet Show was a great experience for the children, they enjoyed it thoroughly and to this day some children still talk about sleepy the monkey.

Road Safety

Over the past few weeks we have been talking to the sum Room children about Road Safety. We have



Wombat and Pos about Road Safety. We have been talking

- *Wearing seat belts in the car
- *Where it is safe to play
- *Wearing helmets
- *Getting out of the car via the safety door (Kerb side door)
- *Crossing the road with an adult and when it is safe to cross

There are phamlets available from the centre about Road Safety and also safety door Stickers.

Photos

Photos were held last Wednesday and Thursday and were a great success. The Children all looked fabulous and came with their best smiles

Songs

Animal Fair-

- 'We went to the animal fair'
- 'The birds and the beasts were there'
- 'The big baboon by the light of the moon,'
- 'Was combibg his auburn hair'
- 'The monkney fell out of his bunk' ,
- 'And slid down the elephants trunk'
- 'The elephant sneezed and fell on his knees'
- 'And that was the end of (the monk) x 4'
- 'And that was the end of the monk'

Vini Vini-

- Vini, Vini, Vini, Vini
- Vauna Vauna, Vauna, Vauna
- Talusi, Talusi "Ah"
- (times hole verse by 2)
- Salama somoa
- "OO" "Ah" :OO" "Ah"
- Salama Somoa
- :OO" Ah" hey
- (repeat verse again)

Up Coming Events

Fancy Dress disco-

Is on Friday the 27th June at 6.30pm it's a fun night for children, parents and friends.

\$2 ENTRY FEE per child, adults are free.

Children are welcome to dress up in fancy dress clothes of their choice, and it would be greatly appreciated if parents brough a savoury or dessert dish of their choice for party food, Thanks.



Life Education Week-

On Friday the 4th of July at the centre.
We will learn about nutrition (good and bad food) Personal hygiene, Road Safety, and about brushing our teeth. The cost is \$3.50 per child and must be paid prior to the day.

Multi-Cultural Day-

On Wednesday the 23rd of July the children will get to sing, dance, dress, see, play and eat from all over the world. This will be a great day for all children to learn about each others cultures and the many around the world. If you would like your child to attend but they do not attend a Wednesday at the centre they are more then welcome to come for an hour between the hour 10.00am -11.00am, And join in on the experience.

Fire Brigade-

On Thursday the 7th of August. The fire Brigade will come to the centre to talk to the children about what to do in case of a fire, show their uniform and all children will get the chance to look at the fire truck and even use the fire hose with assistance from the fire Officers.

Library Visit-

On Thursday the 11th of August at 10.00am the Library Lady will be paying the centre a visit. She will be singing a variety of songs and books based on a particular theme of her choice and show the children a video. It will be lots of fun.



Mothers Day Recipe-

Jam Drops-

- *Preparation time 20 mins
- *Cooking time 15 mins
- *Makes 25
- *Ingredients-
 - 80gs– butter
 - 1 third– caster suger
 - 2 table spoons milk
 - Half a tea spoon vanilla essence
 - 1 cup self raising flour
 - 1 third cup custard powder
 - 2 table spoons of raspberry jam

- 1 Oven 180°c, line 2 trays with baking paper
Beat butter, sugar till light and creamy
Beat in vanilla and milk
Add sifted flour and custard powder
Mix to form dough

- 2 Roll 2 tea spoons at a time into balls and place on trays

Press centre of dough with thumb and fill with jam

Bake 15 mins



Dear Parents,

Kirrawee Child Care
opportunity to
children encounter

Parents can
wish such as group

Morning tea time, rest
time.



Centre would like to give parents the
participate in everyday experiences your
through out the day at the centre.

participate in any part of the routine they
times,

time, activity time or even outdoor activity

If parents would like to share any other talents they have, don't hesitate to tell staff we would love the children to experience something new for e.g if you play an Instrument or teach the children a dance.

Your presence can last from half an hour to 2 hours, how ever long you wish to stay. If you wish to participate in your child's day at the centre please see staff and we will give you an appropriate time and day so you are able to attend.

Yours faithfully, KCCC