



Kirrawee Child Care Centre Newsletter JULY_ SEPTEMBER

All of you will be aware that the Centre has been through a tough six months. It is no secret the Centre had some difficulty correcting staff imbalance but this is the reality of the Child Care profession.

This is neither the place nor the time to discuss reasons, but it is the place and time to let you know that management at the Centre addressed the problem and did not shy away from its responsibilities. We are now excited about the high standard of care and education our new teaching team is providing for the children in its care.

This profession is regulated by too many bureaucrats at every level of Governments most of them lack practicality, and children and their families are put aside in the interest of their interpretation of rules and regulations.

Last week two parents asked to bring their children's pet animal to the Centre, we agreed, on the condition it is for a very short time and parents leave the Centre with the animal. Yes it is a difficult issue weather or not to allow animals at the Centre. Due to legal implications we choose not to have an animal policy. This means animals are not allowed at the Centre until the Centre has a policy on the issue. It is appreciated if parents bear that fact in mind for the safety and health for all concerned.

These are some of the difficulties we in this profession deal with.

Parents play a vital role in supporting the Centre in caring for their children. You can become active and get to know how these services are provided in many ways. You can help by providing constructive feedback by writing suggestions in the 'suggestion book' located in the foyer, verbally voice your opinions to the staff and participate in parent meetings.

This service is for every child and will not end by your child going to school. So it is for the benefit and interest of every child including your own, remember they are tomorrow's society, tomorrow's leaders and decision makers.



We share this with you in the interest of all the children at the Centre hoping you will find a few minutes to spare to attend parents meetings or speak with either Fikry or one of the senior staff members.

NEW STAFFING

Hi ,my name is Penny and I'm the new teacher in the wombat room (3-5). I hold a bachelor of education (Ec) and have had over 4 years experience working with children 0-5 years of age If you have any questions or concerns about your child or would like to know more about the program we run please feel free to ask.

As a member of the staff at Kirrawee child care centre, in the possum room (2-3), I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Ann. At the beginning of 2003, my husband and I moved from Melbourne to Sydney and now live in Gympie. Since arriving in Sydney I have been working as a casual child care worker in a number of long day care centres and Kindergartens with age group ranging from 6mths to 5 year old. I am loving working with younger children and am thrilled to have been given the opportunity to become a permanent member of staff at this centre. I look forward to meeting you all in the near future.

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Wombat Room Report

In the Wombat room we've had lots of fun tracing our names. All the children now have their own 'Name Cards', the children have the opportunity to practice their names everyday. A lot of children are on their way to writing their name on their own, all the children are going very well. During craft we've been making beautiful paintings for the bathroom. We've made some colourful Rainbows, butterflies, flowers and bees. You are welcome to come and see the children's craft at any time. In the past few weeks we've been talking about fire safety with the children. The children have learnt that in an emergency they have to call 000. We've also been encouraging the children to learn their phone numbers and where they live. The children enjoyed making cars out of cardboard boxes. We put important things on our cars like steering wheels, horns, seatbelts and headlights. Songs that children have been singing are: 'I am different', 'Mr. clickety cane' and 'vinne vinne'. I'd like to take this chance to welcome our new friends Chris and Angus to the wombat room. We hope you have lots of fun in the wombat room and learn lots of new things.

Possum room report

All children in the possum room have had a great year so far. Their socialization skills have improved dramatically over the last seven months. The children have learnt to use their words and express their feeling. Due to the cold weather we have implemented a lot of mix and mess activities. These include: experiencing different textures like: goop, playdough with rices, mix and mess, shaving cream and easel painting and drawing. In the last couple of weeks we have been practicing what to do if there was a fire at the centre. Children learn that have to sit on the mat when staff blow whistle and say "Fire Fire" then the children will go and hold a rope that staff are holding and walk out of the centre as quick as possible. I would also like to take this chance to

welcome our new friends in the possum room Daniel, Cheyenne, Hannah, Sheetal, Madison and Jack. All children have settle in well.

Reminder to all parents

What you needs in children bags:

- Sheet of rest time
- Spare clothes
- Hat
- Soft toy for rest time
- Dummy/comforter
- 3-4 nappies if child in nappies
- 1 nappy if wears on to sleep

All items must be clearly labeled with their name.

If you child has medication please give to staff don't leave in your child's bag.

Parent meeting

Parent meeting will be on 27th of August come and meet our new staff a late snack will be provided. If there is anything you want to raise please see Fikry or Linda.

Fancy dress disco

On Friday 27th June the centre held a fancy dress disco. It was great to see all the children dress up as their favorite characters and animals. We had fairies, Spiderman, captain fetherswords, pochanhontist, an elephant and the little mermaid.

All the children had an excellent time dancing to their favorite music.

Multicultural Day

On 23rd of July we had a multicultural day at the centre. During the day the children got to experience all different cultural experiences. We had belly dancers come to the centre and showed children how to belly dance, children got up and practiced how to move with scarf's, tambourines, and their hands, children even got to try on some of their costumes. Children got to try different food like, pizza, pasties, fried rice, lamington, lebanese bread and different dips.

Culture puzzles, puppets and a cultural home corner setting. The children all had a great day.

Song

Upspy down town
-ABC song
-Who stole the cookie
-Open shut them
-Galumph

We have also learnt a new finger play song.

Multicultural Finger play 'I am different'

I am different from my head to my toes
(point to self then to head and toes)

I am different from my eyes to my nose
(point to self then eyes and nose)

I come from a place that is far and wide
(point to self then spread arms wide open)

A place where we all smile with pride
(act like you are tracing your lips into a smile)

I am very different as you can see
(point to self then a friends)

But I still have a lot of love in me!
(point to self, place hand over heart then hug yourself)

Books we have been reading

-We're going on a bear hunt
-It's the bear
-I won't say Please!
-Martian rock
-Fireman piggy wiggly
-Emergency

UP COMING EVENTS

FETE: Saturday 13th September

On Saturday 13th September will be our yearly fete. At the fete the children will be able to play on the jumping castle, paint plaster painting, have their face painted and more, there will also be a number of stalls such as: Trash and treasure, cake stall food and drinks Visit from the Fire Brigade plus more. It is a fun day had by all, everyone is welcome.

LIFE EDUCATION:

Wednesday 24th of September cost \$3.50

KINDY FARM:

Kindy farm will be coming to the centre Tuesday 21st of October cost \$10.00

How to make:

Cooked play dough:

2 cup of plain flour
1 cup of salt
2 teaspoons of cream of tartar
2 cup of water and colour
Mix together in pot Stir over low heat until not sticky. 2-5 min

Corn flour paste/paint:

Mix 2 tablespoons of corn flour with cold water to form a paste.
Add 1 cup water and cook on stove until thick smooth and clear
Stir constantly, add more water if necessary

Goop
Corn flour
Food colouring
Water

Pour the corn flour into a large plastic container
Slowly add water that has been mixed with food colouring
Mix together while adding the water until it is wet not runny
Mixture is ready when it feels dry to touch but will become wet and runny when squeezed in hands.

School readiness

As part of the process of getting ready for school, each child will be provided with their own SCHOOL READINESS folder.

The folder contains activities to assist your child to develop their understanding of math's (positioning, number, time, temperature shapes and colours) and pre-reading concepts (Alphabet, their Name, address, number, and that print has meaning).

The folder will be started on Monday 18th August 2003 and are available to view at all times. Learning different pre-reading, writing, and mathematics concepts is only part of the whole picture.

Each child is encouraged to develop personal/social skills and physical skills before starting school. Please refer to the leaflet on Starting School attached to the newsletter for more information please do not hesitate to come and speak to Penny at anytime if you have any queries about the school Readiness program and/or how your child is progressing.