



Kirrawee Child Care Centre Newsletter

September — December

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 .



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 commitment s,. 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

We have learnt many concepts over the last few months. Feelings (happy, sad, angry, excited), sharing, families, where do we live?, colours, numbers, shapes, friends and planets. Some children can name all the planets in order.

The children are very interested in experimenting and exploring. This has led into many experiments where they problem solve, use cause and effect and learn to work well as a team. Their favourite experiments

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Dissolving food in water and exploring what wind is?

All the children can recognize their names and most can write them with ease. We enjoy clapping the syllables out and count how many claps it takes to clap our name.

Music and movement experiences have helped develop the children's listening skills while learning different dances. Their favourite dance is "The Gorilla dance".

Favourite song:

Verse

Goldilocks went to the house of the bears
And what did her blue eyes see?

A bowl that was HUGE
A bowl that was small
A bowl that was tiny and that was not all
She counted them 1 2 3

Verse

A chair that was HUGE

Verse

A bed that was HUGE.....

Verse

A bear that was HUGE.....

Possum Room Report

In the Possum Room over the last few weeks the children have really enjoyed playing with the farm house and animals, (especially after the farm visit that they all enjoyed thoroughly), mix & mess, play dough with rice or glitter in it and party place. We have all enjoyed doing paintings using different mediums such as golf balls, blocks, sponges cut out in different shapes, eye droppers and candles.

The songs the children have enjoyed singing over the last month are: Moo moo jersey cow, 1 2 3 mumma caught a flea, Baa baa black sheep and A B C D.

We would like to congratulate all the children who have mastered toilet training and the children who are beginning .

As it is getting closer to Christmas, we will be commencing our Christmas art & craft and starting to learn our Christmas songs.

Parent Meeting

Our next parent meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th November. All parents are welcome. If there is anything you would like to put on the agenda for the meeting, please come and see Linda or Fikry.

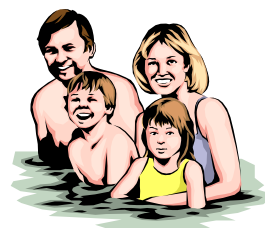
Centre Renovations

The centre has been through a few changes over the months of October and November. These include:

- Painting the foyer area and rooms
- Lockers relocated to each room
- New notice boards with information about your child's day.
- Foyer area—sign in shelf, larger notice board to accommodate important information to parents and families and new pockets for information leaflets.

We are excited about the above improvements and invite parents to offer their feedback.

Sorry for any inconvenience it may have caused.



Life Education

On the 1st of September 2003, Healthy Harold visited the centre. The visit was an entertaining, educational look at hygiene and the importance of eating healthy. The visit covered dental health and protecting ourselves from the sun. The children enjoyed the visit with the "highlight" of the show, patting Harold the Giraffe.

Fete Day

On Saturday 13th September, we had our centre fete. It was a great turn out. There was a cake stall, plaster painting, trash & treasure, face painting, jumping castle and a sausage sizzle. The children had a great time getting their faces painted like their favourite super hero (Spiderman & Hulk). Some people even picked up some great items from the trash and treasure stall.

The money that was raised has gone to buying the centre new equipment. The centre would like to thank the Shaeffe, Fitzgerald and Wolf families and anyone who donated items and their time to making the day a fantastic day out for the families and friends at the centre.

A special thank you to the following businesses who donated prizes for the raffle. Theos, Gynea Beauty Salon, Go Vito Health food store, Blooms Flowers, Franklins, Farmer Johns Fruit Shop and Lily-gift and homewares.



Accreditation

The centre has handed in its self-study report at the end of August to the National Child Care Accreditation Council. The Validator will be coming to the centre to observe us for two days at the end of the year or beginning of 2004.

Thank you to the parents who brought back their survey. If you haven't handed in your survey yet, please hand it to Linda, Penny or place in the fees box. The surveys will be collected by the validator when she visits us.

If you would like any more information on National Child Care Accreditation, please see staff or their web site www.ncac.gov.au

Checklists

The staff are currently completing a developmental checklist on each child.

These will then be given to families by 15th December 2003. This is not an assessment but rather a guide to what stage your child is at developmentally. If you would like to make an appointment to go through it with Linda or Penny, please feel free to ask.

Up Coming Events

Christmas concert and Graduation

The end of year concert will be held on Friday 12th December at 6:30pm. An invitation to this special occasion is attached to this newsletter. Please feel free to invite family and friends. The night will include a visit from Santa and a small concert from the children.

It will be a special occasion for all children attending school next year as they will be participating in our Graduation Ceremony.

A Christmas raffle will be drawn on the night. We hope to see you all there.

On behalf of all the staff we would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and safe New Year.

Centre closes: Wednesday 24th
December 2:00pm

Centre opens: Monday 12th January 2004
7:30am



Dear Parents,

Kirrawee Child Care Centre would like to give parents the opportunity to participate in everyday experiences your children encounter through out the day at the centre. Parents can participate in any part of the routine they wish such as group times, Morning tea time, rest time, activity time or even outdoor activity time.



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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

NAME

DATE

TIME

EXPERIENCE

staff
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will
give
you an