



Kirrawee Child Care Centre Newsletter

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Welcome to 2004, it was not long ago we were welcoming the new century and we are already in the fourth year of that century.

Yes our children grow as the years pass by, it is our obligation as parents and professional child carers not to let the years pass without them benefiting and being ready for the future and for what lies ahead.

There is no doubt that a formal Child Care environment is the best one to prepare the children not only socially but in all the other four areas of child development.

At our Centre we believe the right ingredients are here to provide this safe educational and developmentally appropriate environment.

Naturally the more cooperation between the child's home and the Centre contribute to the right environment and ensures a better outcome. We are looking forward to 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.



All the staff at the Centre welcome parents contributions, questions and co operation, as long as expectations are realistic.

We are aware of your work and life commitments. We would very much appreciate if you have the time to come to the parents staff meeting, to an take interest in what is happening at the Centre, participate or come to spend some time with the children and share their activities.



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Wombat Room Report

Welcome to all children and their families to this exciting year. We are pleased to say that all the children have settled in very well after the Christmas break.

It is great to see every one eager and ready to learn. Our program is designed so that the children will be learning from their interests.

They are given choices from a variety of activities which will encourage independence, and development of self-esteem.

Topics that will be covered through out the year are as follows: colours, shapes, prepositions, road safety, health & safety, animals, all about me, my family and many more.

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We welcome any suggestions to our program. These can be written in our program book in the foyer, or you can discuss ideas with Penny.

Penny and Corrina

School Readiness

Preparing children for school is an ongoing process. We provide children with many opportunities to enhance their skills in all areas of development. Children learn and develop pre-reading, pre-writing, pre-math and science skills as part of the School Readiness Program. Let us not forget the most important areas of development for children to gain skills in before entering Big school - Self help and social skills. As a team, we encourage each individual child to develop these skills so they are able to fend for themselves and blossom to the best of their ability.

If you have any questions about the program, please see Penny.

Possum Room

Welcome to all the new & old children to the Possum Room. Our focus is to settle your child in to the routine and become familiar with their surroundings and carers. The Possum Room consists of two groups, 2 year olds and 3 year olds. Every program is planned and implemented according to individual needs and interests. As children grow and develop the activities and experiences that are provided for your child do too.

Due to the children's overwhelming interest in the beach, we are beginning the year with the theme 'Under the sea'. If you have any photos of your family at the beach, we would love to see them and encourage the children to draw their experiences from outside the Centre, in.

Toilet training can be a bit daunting. No need to worry. The staff is experienced and eager to assist in this area of development. Please ask any of the staff for advise on how or when to begin.

Nappies

Just a reminder to supply 3-4 nappies a day for your child. To assist staff, please place these nappies in their baskets located in the nappy change area. If not sure, ask a staff member where they are.

Sheets

Please clearly mark your child's name on their sheets, For rest time each child requires 2 sheets (cot size will fit) for hygiene reasons which will be sent home for washing on your Childs last day of attendance every week.

Toys

We would appreciate if children bring only 1 soft toy to Kindy for rest time.

Hats

Sun protection is taken very seriously at the centre and we adopt the policy NO HAT NO PLAY. For this reason, please remember to bring a hat each day. Hats can be left on the pegs in the Possum room at the end of the day.

Clothes

Please ensure that ALL your child's clothes are clearly labeled with their name. We suggest 2 spare changes of clothes per day for toddlers and for pre-schoolers at least 1 spare change of clothes per day

Meal Time

The children are all very excited about their new lunch boxes, showing them off to all their friends. The lunches have been very nutritious and full of goodness. This is great to see. Please remember that the contents of the boxes need to be as nutritious as possible, try to avoid chocolate, sweets and cordial that can cause holes in their teeth.

For ideas on what to pack in your child's lunch box, click on www.kirraweechildcare.com.au

Fundraising

We look forward to fundraising each year because it gives us a chance to update equipment and purchase more paint and art materials to teach with.

On Wednesday 4th February, Cadbury chocolates will be available to pick up to sell. This year, our selection is from, plain freddo frogs, peppermint frogs & Caramello koalas. Mixed boxes are available, so please hurry in to claim your box or 2 and support the centre. Thank you.

Up Coming Events

Please refer to the table of events for 2004, attached to this newsletter.

Please note that the following events have been booked on a tentative basis and updates will be given as they become permanent.

Parent Meeting

Come along to our first parent meeting for 2004. It will be held on **Wednesday 11th February at 6:15pm**. Take this opportunity to discuss issue and to socialize with other parents. Supper and beverages will be provided. We look forward to seeing you all there!



Table of Events for 2004

January July

12th Centres Re opening Healthy Harold (tentative)

February August

4th Newsletter 4th Newsletter

Fire Brigade (tentative) Library (tentative)

Chocolate Fundraising

March September

15th—Living Eggs Program 4th Spring Fete

Library (tentative) Photo Days (tentative)

April October

2nd Easter Concert Police Visit (tentative)

Wendy 25th Total Learning

May November

5th Newsletter 22nd Newsletter

20th Multicultural day 5th Kindy Farm

Lipstick Fundraising

June December

28th Mid year checklist 1st Parents meeting

6th End year checklists

End of year and graduation Concert