



Kirrawee Child Care Centre Newsletter

April – June 04

1. Family Forum

Our Centre is one of the founders and driving force behind St. George and Sutherland Independent Child Care Centres.

Together with the cooperation and support of St. George and Sutherland Independent Child Care Centres we are organising “Child Care Family Forum”, the first of kind for parents using or wanting to use Child Care service.

The purpose of this conference is to give parents the opportunity to listen and discuss child development issues with highly qualified experienced and well-respected child development professionals.

The Conference will be held on Saturday 7th August at Kareela Golf Club between midday and noon. Child Care will be provided for a limited number of children.

Guest speakers include Dr. John Irvine, Child Psychologist Dr. J. Ashton (UWS), Dr. Liz Develin Manager of Nutrition and Physical Education Health Department, Ms Ana Levar Research (UWS), representatives from Centrelink, (FAO), National Accreditation Council, and DOCS. Tickets are available at \$15.00 a family childcare is \$2.00 /child. It is intended to be an annual event therefore your support is needed. For more information please visit Centre’s web site Parents Conference page.

www.kirraweechildcare.com.au.



2. Staff

The staff news is Penny is pregnant she and her husband Steve are expecting heir first child in September. Penney will start easing out her work until she goes on a maternity leave. Mrs. Lisa Collins well be assisting Penny until she goes on Maternity leave. Ms Alex Powys will also fill in for Penny. Lisa is an early childhood teacher with nine years experience; Alex has been working in the field for the last three year and about to obtain her degree from Macquarie university. Please come to the next parents meeting to meet Lisa.

3. Centrelink

Please do not forget to up date your record with Centrelink ready for the new financial year so the Centre receives up to date accurate information and percentage for the new financial year. The Industrial Relation Commission has decided on a wage increase for all workers of about \$17.00 per week, which will have an impact on fees once it comes into effect.

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Wombat Room



We are very excited about the new layout of our room. The children have specific areas set up in the room where they can explore and be creative, or if they wish, spend some quiet time reading a book in the book corner. Families have been our focus over the last few months. Children have enjoyed showing their Family pictures to each other and discussing who whom they live with. If you haven't brought a photo in to put on our family tree, it is not too late.

The Living Eggs program during April was a hit. Children had a chance to watch first hand a chick pecking out of it's shell and hatching. We discussed other animals that hatch out of eggs, colours, textures, (soft, fluffy and hard) and size through our interactions with the chicks.

Some new words we learnt and discussed are as follows :- rooster, hen chick, incubator, egg, yellow and hatch.

Autumn has arrived and over the next few weeks, we will be discussing Autumn. As a follow up from the children's interest on jungle animals, we will be learning more in-depth about them and adding those animal pictures to our jungle near our family tree. If anyone has a book about the jungle or Autumn they would like to share, we would love to read it to the group.

Thank you
Penny and Corinna.

Possum Room

Over the last few weeks all children have been involved with painting and creating our Family Tree. They have enjoyed sponging the tree, painting flowers and butterflies. The children have enjoyed seeing their family photos on the tree. If you have not brought in a photo—it's not too late!

The Possum Room will be undergoing a few changes over the next few weeks. The aim of these changes is to provide a room environment which is warm, friendly, age appropriate and stimulating for your children to enjoy and learn in. If any families have any table cloths, cushions (any size), pieces of material or baskets that they would like to donate—this would be greatly appreciated.

The Possum Room is a friendly place. The staff would enjoy it if any parents or grandparents would like to be involved in our day. We are asking if anyone would like to come and cook a cake, play an instrument or even bath a baby with the children. We are only asking for 30 minutes of your time. Please be brave and talk to the staff. All involvement would be enjoyed by all!!!

In the Possum Room all children are enjoying our new Language Program. The children are split into two groups. The older children with Amy, the younger ones with Pam. This provides more opportunity to further develop your child's language skills through stories, puppets, felts and flash cards. Any questions please talk to either staff.

Thank you to all parents who have been reading our Daily Diary. This can be found on the shelf above the lockers. Thank you for the encouraging words about how you have enjoyed reading about what your child gets up to throughout the day. We have started adding some photos as well—hope you enjoy them.

Any questions—please don't hesitate to ask.
Thank you Amy, Pam and Rebecca.



Welcome

An official welcome to Amy who started looking after the Possum Room children with Pam and Rebecca in March this year. We are delighted to have Amy on our team of child care professionals. She has had over 7 years experience working with children aged 0-5 in both Queensland and NSW. She holds a Diploma of Children's Services.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Penny who is expecting her first baby in September 2004. Penny will be working up until 30 July 2004 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Sheets

Attention parents!!!! It is very important that 2 sheets are packed each day for rest time. This is due to hygiene reasons and to create a comfortable area for your child to sleep on. Please clearly mark your child's name on both their sheets. Please note: No sheets—your child will be resting straight on the plastic beds, which can be cold and uncomfortable.



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 with your child's name written clearly on it each day.

From the 15th May there will be no more spare hats at the centre—due to hygiene reasons. Spare hats are being shared, if the spare hats have head lice, the head lice is being shared. If your child does not bring a hat they will be required to stay on the veranda under the shade cloth. It is the parents responsibility to make sure your child has a hat each day.

CLOTHES

Winter is nearly here!. The days are getting colder. Please provide shoes, socks, jumper and long pants for your child each day. No thongs or slip on shoes—it is getting too cold and these style of shoes can be dangerous on the new bikes. For children to use the bikes they need to have enclosed shoes.



Meal Time

Please remember that the contents of the lunch boxes need to be as nutritious as possible, please avoid chocolate, sweets and cordial that can cause holes in teeth.

For ideas on what to pack in your child lunch box, click on

www.kirraweechildcare.com.au

Up Coming Events

- Fire Brigade visit
- Photo fundraising - 1st week of June
detailed note to follow
- Lipstick fundraising - June
- Healthy Harold (Tentative) - July

Fete

When: Saturday September 11th

Where: Kirrawee Child Care Centre

The fete is a day that all the children and families can come together as a community. There are various stalls, face painting, BBQ, plaster painting, jumping castle and much more.

If you have any ideas for the fete or would like to donate anything for our stalls - " Trash & Treasure " , Cake stall, Drinks, or anything else, it would be very much appreciated.



Parent Meeting

Next parent meeting will be held on **Wednesday 19th May at 6:15pm**. Take this opportunity to discuss issues and to socialize with other parents. Supper, beverages and child care will be provided. Please let us know if you will be bringing your child. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Chocolate Fundraising

Thank you to all who were involved in the buying and selling of chocolates during February & March.

Equipment purchased includes, bikes, paint, paper and other art materials, matching and sorting cards, small dolls for dolls house, plastic food, posters, alphabet cards and other educational resources.

Toys



Please do not let your child bring toys and money to Kindy. They have been going missing and breaking, causing the children to become upset. It is also a choking hazard for the under 3 year olds.

If any toys come inside the Kindy, they will be placed in a box at the front door. It is the parents responsibility to check your child's bag before entering the Kindy. At no time will it be the Centres responsibility.

Thank you for your co-operation

