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# Kirrawee Child Care Centre Newsletter

## August — October 04

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### Child Care Forum

#### Why the Forum?

In our experience we find parents are always looking for opportunities to understand children's needs, rationale behind children's behaviour and how to influence or even change the behaviour. Parents are also looking for opportunities on how best to prepare their children for school, what is the link between child care Centres and home.

As parent's time is very precious our Centre with a group of other Centres took the opportunity and put together an informative day for parents to answer their need.

Our Centre is proud to be an instrumental part of the thought and organisation putting The Parent's Forum together. As you know by now the date is August 7<sup>th</sup> at Kareela Golf Club between 11.30 am and 4.00 pm.

The speakers and presenters at the Forum are among the most imminent and experienced professionals in their fields, such as Dr. Jean Ashton and researcher Anna Levar from UWS, Ms. Elizabeth Develin Manger of Nutrition and Physical Education NSW health, and



Dr. John Irvine one of the most well known child psychologist in the country, as well as representatives from Centrelink, DOCS, and Childcare National Accreditation Council.

Topics of discussion will vary according to parent's needs and questions. The response from the public and parents not attending formal C.C. services are encouraging which indicate it is an answer to a real need in the community

I hope every parent makes use of the opportunity, talent and experience, which will be there, and we look forward to seeing you at the forum

Tickets & Bookings please see Fikry

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Hope to see you all here.	

## Wombat Room



The Wombat children have been very busy lately, creating, thinking, and developing many skills.

The learning centres have encouraged them to explore and investigate their interests further and at their own pace.

Creativity is following through our talented children, with the use of a variety of art/craft materials, paint, sticky tape, paper, boxes and odds and ends. If any one has any materials they would like to donate, we would very much appreciate it. (As you can imagine, they go through them very quickly.)

Our writing centre is constantly being added to, to give the children a wide range of writing/drawing implements, paper, scissors, magazines, word/letter/number/name cards and stamps. The children have used these to be creative and develop their writing and reading skills further.

Please remember to check the Wombat Room notice board for information on the children's interests and investigations they engage in each month.

Interests so far: Dinosaurs, hot/cold, numbers, bugs, transport.

Remember to check the Daily Diary for all the fun and exciting things your child engages in each day. This is displayed near the notice board in the Wombat Room.

## Portfolios:

The children's portfolios give an excellent overall look at your child's development. Writing samples, photos and formal observations make up the majority with checklists being completed 6 monthly. If you have any questions regarding your child's development after 23rd July 2004, please see Lisa. (Teacher & Room leader Wombat Room during Penny's maternity leave.)

Penny, Corinna, Alex and Lisa

## Possum Room



Welcome to all the new children who have joined us in the last few weeks. We hope you have settled in quickly.

In the Possum Room the most popular activity in the last few weeks has been "Dress—Ups". Many children have taken delight in trying on a wide variety of dress ups. From fairy skirts, police outfits to jackets and hand bags. This activity has increased the children's self help skills— as it teaches them to use buttons, zippers and bows. Dress ups also teaches children how to interact in a group setting and to use their language skills to communicate with one another.

Another popular activity has been the home corner. Children are role modeling adults in their lives. Children have been observed

Cooking dinner and ironing the clothes. To further develop this interest the Possum Room plans to hold a cooking class every fortnight for the children to participate in.

### Portfolios

Thank you to all the parents who gave positive comments concerning their child's portfolio. Many hours has gone into these portfolios and staff appreciate the positive comments.

Amy, Pam and Jacqueline

### Staffing

Over the next few weeks a few changes are happening.

Penny :

As of Monday 26th July Penny will be commencing Maternity Leave for one year. We will see Penny back in August 2005

Pam :

As of Monday 26th July Pam will be going overseas for approx. seven weeks. Everyone will see her back around the middle of September.

Jacqueline:

Since the last newsletter Jacqueline has joined our staff. Jacqueline is on a one year traineeship and will be working in the Possum Room full time.

Due to these changes this will be the staffing in each room.

Wombat Room

Teacher—Lisa—Monday, Thursday and Friday

Alex — Tuesday and Wednesday

Assistant — Corrina Full Time

Possum Room

Teacher—Amy Full Time

Assistant—Rebecca Four days

Trainee—Jacqueline Full Time

We also have Laura on staff as our main casual. She will be here approx. two—three days each week.

Amy Taylor is now the Centre Supervisor. Any questions concerning your child or the centre—please don't hesitate to ask.



## 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.

## Clothes

Winter is 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 as it is getting too cold.



## Meal Time

Thank you to all the parents who have ceased providing peanut butter, musli bars and nutella in their child's lunch boxes. As you are aware we have children with severe anaphylactic reactions to peanuts attending at this centre. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## Up Coming Events

- School photos - 13th & 14th October
- Science visit - 28th July  
10:30 - 11:30am
- Dental visit - October
- Parent meeting - 10th August 6:15pm
- Library visit - 5th August 10am

## Fete

When: Saturday October 16th

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, show bags 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 **Tuesday 10th August 2004.**

Guest speaker - Jodie Hines, will be speaking about "Transition to School". Jodie works for Sutherland Shire Children's Support and Resource Team. Jodie has great tips and ideas about how best to get your child ready for school. There will be opportunity to ask questions regarding your child's transition to school.

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 there.

More information please read note up in foyer.

## **Parent / teacher interviews**

Thank you to parents for coming to teacher / parent interviews. Parents were pleased with the content of the portfolios as it helped them to see easily where their child is up to and any strengths and areas of development needing to be strengthened.

Portfolios will be available to view on request. If you have any further questions regarding your child's development, please ask Amy or Lisa.

## **Welcome**

An official welcome to Amy who started looking after the Possum Room children with Pam in March this year. We are delighted to have Amy on our team of child care professionals. She has had over 7