



Kirrawee Child Care Centre Newsletter

October — December 04

Another year coming to and end.

In a few weeks time the year will draw to an end. It is always a time to contemplate and learn from our experiences during 2004.

Congratulations to the staff at the Centre for being focused on their main goal, which is the care and well being of our children.

On Thursday 9th of December the Centre will celebrate formally the end of the year and graduation which is always an emotional time to see children heading to school after the years they have spent at the Centre. We look forward to see all the children and their families there at 2.00 PM.

The last parents meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th November at 6.15 PM It is our duty as parents and staff to contribute to the experience for the benefit of our children and we look forward to seeing all parents and listening to their opinion and evaluation of the year.

While we are feeling some sadness to see the year coming to an end we are also looking to the future and to an exiting eleventh year with many more happenings to enrich our experience and to enable us to do what we do best which is providing quality care and educational opportunities for our children in a safe secure environment.

We wish you all the best in the future and hope you have safe happy festive season



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For parents who were asking where I was between 27th Sept and 8th October, no I was not on a holiday I had to fly out of the country for a family reason.

Centre's Fete.

The Centre's fete was held on Saturday 16th October . It was a great success.

The Centre would like to acknowledge parents contribution in particular the Stock' Family who donated the BBQ, the Sheaffe Family who donated the first prize TV, as well as Serenity Hair dressing (Mr. Perkinson) Kaden and Bronte's mum, Ms. Moon Saban's Mum and Mrs. Rosevear Jessica's mum for their donations and contribution to prizes also thanks to all Mums and Dads for helping on the stalls and carrying out the many tasks to make the day such a success.

The organisation and effort which goes into such a day is tremendous and it is a credit to the staff of this Centre and a big thank you to every one of them.

What happened since the last newsletter

Yes Penny had a healthy baby boy but that is not all.

On the 28th July we had **Science day** with a visit from CSIRO staff. The children were exposed to what they called tricks which is really science they enjoyed the day greatly .

On the 5th August we had a visit from Sutherland Library staff, the children enjoyed a fabulous experience.

On the 7th August it was the Parents forum at Kareela Golf Club. Thanks to all parents attended The benefit was great.

On 3rd September the Centre shared in the National Simultaneous Story Time where the same stories are read to all children nationally at the same time.

On 6th Sept. we had Morning Tea for parents it was good to see so many parents at the centre sharing with the children.

On 13th October we had the dental care visit, which was a positive experience for all the children. They learned about caring for their teeth and each child received a tooth brush.

On 14th October we had morning reading by Jodie from Sutherland SUPS program.

Possum Room Report

Over the last few months all the little Possums have enjoyed any thing to do with music. They have enjoyed dancing, animal games, free dancing with dress-ups. As we all know dancing is a fun activity that increase gross motor skills and increase co-ordination levels. At language time most children have been mesmerized by staff telling stories and songs with puppets. The Possum Favorites are 3 Jelly Fish, 5 Cleey Mon Keys

and Old MacDonald. Listening and acting at language time increase vocabulary and attention span. Outside all the Possums have been enjoying the water trough with boats and bubbles.

As the weather becomes hot please ensure your child has a spare pair of clothes each day so they can enjoy all activities at preschool. Over the few weeks until Christmas the Possums will be decorating their room. All donation of tinsel, Christmas cards or Christmas paper to help with the room decoration are welcome.

Through the year a number of Possums have grown up and a number of them will become Wombats next year.

All parents, grand parents, aunts and uncles thank you for a wonderful year and thank you for your support. We look forward to next year with great excitement.

Parent Meeting

Our next parent meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th November at 6.15 PM. All parent are welcome. If there is anything you would like to put on the agenda for the meeting, please see Fikry.

Wombat Room Report.

What a busy time we have been having in the Wombat Room. The hot weather and rain meant we spent more time than usual indoors and have some very creative ways of using up excess energy such as obstacle courses, dancing and building with the big foam outdoor shapes.

Our learning program as always, is based on the need and interests of the children.

We have been learning about our bodies, fairytales, creepy crawlies, reptiles & planes. At present we are learning about texture in our Maths and Science Corner. Another important part of our program is literacy development. The children are all very interested in letters and sounds and we are very excited by their growing awareness

of how words are made up. We very much enjoy reading books together— some are so popular that the children have memorised them and now help us read them! What great readers they all are! Reading together is the best way of encouraging your child's reading development in the future.

One of our favourite Story time activities is poetry— you will see two of our favourite poems (Tiny Tim Alligator Pie) are in your child's preschool book. Other favourites include Mice, The Fat Old Witch, The Little Turtle and Fire is a Dragon. We hear the children saying the poems to themselves during mealtime or play—what a great way to learn language skills!

Have you seen your child's preschool book yet? The children love their workbooks and have working very hard. We have been learning about numbers, letters, words, shapes, colours, poetry, and science. Thank you so much to the parents who covered their child's books—they look fabulous and help us tell all the books apart! Thank you also to all parents who have taken the time to sit down at home with their child to look through the preschool book—the children really appreciate it,

A couple of reminders:

- Please remember to send your child with a HAT every day, labelled with your child's name. For the children's safety anyone without a hat cannot play outside.
- When you send fruit with your child for morning tea or lunch please ensure it is already cut and wrapped properly in a hygienic manner. It is for your child's health and safety.

Checklists

The staff are currently completing a developmental checklist on each child. These will then be given to families by 15th December 2004. This is not an assessment but rather a guide to what stage your child is at developmentally.

Up Coming Events

Christmas concert and Graduation

The end of year concert will be held on Thursday 9th December at 2.00 pm.

Children going to school will receive Diplomas and all the children will sing songs.

Please bring a plate to share with afternoon tea. Parents, family and friends are welcome.

Centre closes: Friday 24th December
12:00 Noon

Centre opens: Monday 10th January 2005
7:30am