



Kirrawee Child Care Centre Newsletter

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Our logo at KCCC is to provide Quality Care and Education. What does 'to educate' mean, especially at such a young age some people might ask??? The meaning from the Macquarie dictionary is "to develop the faculties and powers of by teaching, instruction or schooling".

Most people learn through imitation, appropriate role modelling and guidance. This also applies to children.

The qualified and experienced staff at the Centre provide children with many opportunities and experiences to learn skills and behaviours which will help to mould their individual personalities.

Dramatic play experience (e.g. home corner, shopping, hospitals) help children to cooperate and socialise with others. During these activities children constantly role model what they have experienced in their own homes, what mummy or daddy might say or do. With shopping for example children take on the role of the shop assistant and they imitate the verbal exchange between another peer which they have experienced before, this gives them an understanding of the shopping process, the exchange of money for goods etc.



It is also the educators' role to deal with a child's inappropriate behaviour. This is achieved by explaining why the behaviour is inappropriate and the consequences of the child's behaviour to themselves or their peers.

This is successful when the child's limits are consistent from the home to the child care centre and any other setting the child attends often (e.g. home of grandparents).

One of our main aims at the Centre is to provide an educational program that meets the needs and interests of all the children

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The Wombat Room

In the wombat room the 'getting ready for school' program has been implemented. This program will assist children who will be attending school next year but will also benefit the whole group in number and letter recognition. The program is implemented daily and varies from individual and group work. The wombat room also carries out child based interest units; previous units include feelings and transport. These units cover the curriculum areas, mathematics, literacy and arts. The children have 'free play' time where they are able to interact in a variety of child chosen activities to enhance their social skills. Free play is an invaluable part of child development as it allows for children to problem solve with or without teacher intervention, initiate roles (dramatic play) and develop language skills through sharing knowledge and general interaction with peers.

Kristen and Laura

Hi I am Kristin, I began working in the wombat room in August and have enjoyed my first few months. I was given a warm welcome by both staff and children and will continue to enjoy planning for and with children to create lasting memories. I am currently studying a Bachelor of Teaching (early childhood) at the University of Wollongong and will be completing my course in 2006. I have completed Certificate III in child studies at TAFE. Please do not hesitate to approach Laura or myself in regards to the wombat room routine or your child's development/interests, as parent involvement is valued at KCCC.

Thank you,

Kristin



The Possum Room

As some of you know we have been doing a number of themes this last quarter. We have done our under the sea theme, our farm yard theme and next we are looking at Australian native animals.

The children love to colour, paint and paste when we do these themes.

We have been doing a lot of work on counting to five. Our 5 Cheeky Monkeys have helped us a great deal. The children get very excited when the 5 Cheeky Monkeys come out to play. I am sure if you asked the children about the cheeky monkeys they will tell you all about them.

We have also been doing working on our manners. Our "Please' and "Thank you' is beginning to become very noticeable at the table at morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. The children also love to find their name on the board. Some of us recognize the first letter of our name and this is a big step for us.

We have begun to integrate some of the older children into the wombat room as we will be having some new children coming into the possum room in the near future. If you have any concerns about your child and their development please do not hesitate to speak with me, Pam, at any time.

We look forward to a great last quarter of the year. We will be practicing for our end of year concert too. So be prepared, it will be a big one.

Pam, Corinne, and Krystal.

The Program

We are implementing the Emergent Curriculum at the centre. It is a style of programming that takes a little time to integrate into the environment. So far it has worked well and the children love the opportunity to choose what-ever activities they wish to do. The room runs very smoothly and the children are very happy.

The Emergent Curriculum is where the teachers guide rather than instructs the children. This curriculum is based on children, teachers and parents interests. It encourages children to explore and investigate their environment and the journey is ever changing. The room environment is set in a way that supports the children to explore, learn, collaborate, reflect and communicate. It is almost like a second teacher. Have a look on our board in both the Wombat Room and the Possum Room and look at our program for each week. This will give you a clear idea of what we are doing in our rooms. If you would like to discuss our programming further please feel free to ask the staff as we would be more than happy to speak with you and hear your thoughts.

Toilet Training

If you are in the process of toilet training your child or you would like to begin please come and ask the staff. We are very willing to support you with this area of development. A number of children have begun toilet training and have done very well. The children are very excited when they move from a nappy to underpants.

Nappies

Could parents with children that are in nappies please supply 3-4 nappies per day that we can keep in their nappy basket located in the nappy change area. A staff member will be able to show you where these are kept.

Sheets

We would like to ask all parents with children in the Possum Room to supply sheets for their children for rest time. The sheets can be cot size. The sheets will be sent home for washing on the last day of your child's attendance each week.

Toys

We would like to ask that children bring one soft toy for your child for rest time only. It would be greatly appreciated if all other toys be kept at home as we do not wish for them to be broken or lost.

Hats

SLIP, SLOP, SLAP! Sun protection is taken very seriously at the centre. We have a centre policy where NO HAT NO PLAY is in place. If your child does not have a hat they will need to stay on the verandah. We do not supply spare hats for hygienic reasons. Hats can remain at the centre on the hook in their locker.

Clothes

Please ensure that your child's clothes, hat and shoes are clearly labeled with their name. We would like to suggest that parents include 2 spare sets of clothes per day for toddlers and 1 spare set of clothes per day for pre-schoolers. On warm days we have water play and children love water. Also some children may have an accident, such as, spill their drink.

Meal Times

The children are enjoying the meals that are provided each day. Some of the children are having seconds. They especially love the pancakes and pikelets for morning tea.

Birthdays

When your child is having a birthday we would like to encourage parents to bring a cake so we can celebrate your child's birthday together. If you require any further information about having a birthday celebration for your child at the centre please do not hesitate to ask the staff.

Fundraising

Our year is drawing to a close and we have one final fundraising event to come. Our FETE. We hope that all parents will support us with our fundraising event and make it a successful one.

Dress-Ups

The children love to dress-up and pretend play. They take on many roles and enjoy being someone other than themselves. We would like to ask for parents support. If you have any old shoes, handbags or gloves that you could contribute to our dress-up corner it would be greatly appreciated and enjoyed. Just one of two items would be fantastic. Thank you

Spare Paper

At the centre the children love to draw, cut, paste and paint. We would like to ask parents if you have any spare paper you would like to recycle we would love to take it off your hands.

Parent Involvement/Participation Plan

At the centre we believe parent involvement and participation is of the utmost importance.

It is a way in which you - the parent - can be involved in the daily activities and to participate with your child and the other children who attend the centre.

We are asking for parents, both mum and dad, to commit to visiting the centre and participating with the children. By this we mean coming along and reading a favourite story to the children, baking cakes, bathing the new baby or even an art or craft activity.

You can even come along and talk to the children about what you do at work. You might work with the police, ambulance or fire brigade. You only need to spend an hour with the children.

We understand you all lead very busy lives, however, the children love having mum or dad or even the grandparents visit the centre.

So please think about the above as it is so important to have parents involvement and participation and this in turn supports the children's development.

Please feel free to talk to the staff about what you can do at the centre.

Dance and Yoga classes

Mondays we have Dance classes which the children thoroughly enjoy. We are all learning some great moves and fabulous dances such as the chicken dance and hokey pokey.

Fridays we have Yoga, a wonderful way to end the week. Children are asked to identify the picture and then attempt the pose. They get very excited and proud of themselves when they accomplish the poses.

All classes begin promptly at 10.30am in the Possum room and 11.00am in the Wombat room. All children are welcome to attend.

Feel free to join us. There is a cost of \$4 and a permission slip is required for Yoga. You may only stay for the duration of the activity, so no extra fees are incurred.

Our Annual Fete

Our fete is taking place on Saturday 22nd October 2005 and we would like to ask all parents to support this event. It is a major fundraising event for the centre and it is our final fundraising event for the year. It will enable us to purchase new equipment for the centre.

Goodies for Hampers

Please bring along goodies for our food and wine hampers and any parents that can help on the day please see Pam.

Fete Stall

If you would like to have a stall please see Pam. We would also like to ask for any donations for our monster raffle. We already have a nights accommodation valued at \$450.00, opal & diamond jewelry valued at \$400.00, wine packs, and food hampers plus more. Please make this a monster effort. Thank you.

Raffle Tickets

We are also asking all parents to sell raffle tickets for the centre. This is a major event for the centre and your support is needed and greatly appreciated.

Food Hampers

Could each family please donate two non-perishable food items. Suggested items are: bottles of wine, tinned fruit, tinned biscuits, salad dressings, jams and more. These will be made up into food hampers for our monster raffle. Also soaps, laundry detergents and powders.

Trash and Treasure Stall and Book Stall

We will also have a trash and treasure stall. If you have any trash and treasure please bring it along to sell. We can store these items in the side sheds.

There will be a **second hand book** stall.

Market Stalls

We will also be having a number of market stalls. So if you would like a market stall for the day. Please speak to Pam if you are interested.

Help on the day

If you are able to help out on the day please speak to Pam.

Attractions: farm yard animals, face painting, hair braiding, colour hair spraying, show bags, lucky dips, games and more.

All money raised will go towards equipment for the centre.

We thank you in anticipation of a wonderfully successful fete.

Event

On Thursday October 6th we will be having a visit from the Rangers on The Run. This is an environmental Educational Program and it allows the children to delve into the fascinating world of creepy crawlies. This program is called Backyard Bugs. All parents should have received a permission form from staff. If you did not receive one please see Pam— cost is \$1.00.

Christmas Concert and Graduation

Our Christmas concert and graduation will take place on Friday evening the 9th December. More information will follow at a later date. Please mark this date in your diaries. It will be a memorable night for all.

Centre Closure for the Christmas Break

The centre will close on Friday 23rd December at 12.00 noon for a well earned break and re-open on Monday the 9th January at 7.30am.

Donation of Raffle Prizes

Kirrawee Child Care Centre would like to thank all the following businesses and parents for the donations of the great prizes.

Show Group Travel

**One night accommodation at and Medina, Vibe or
Travelodge in Australia Value: \$450.00**

Only Opal

**Opal & Diamond Pendant and earrings
Value: \$450.00**

GyMEA Bay Fitness Studio

**3-Months Membership to GyMEA Bay Fitness Studio
Value: \$395.00**

Kirrawee Cycles & the Lawler Family

**Children's Bike
Value: \$99.00**

Baby Business GyMEA

**Baby items
Value: \$50.00**

The Stonnill Family

Donation of Wine and Spirits for our Wine Packs

The DeGraaf Family

Variety of Toys

The Bassiuoni Family

Variety of items for Hampers

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations

Table of Events for End of Year

October 6th - Thursday

Backyard Bugs

October 22nd—Saturday

Centre Fete

November 2nd & 3rd—Wednesday & Thursday

School Photos

December 9th—Friday

Concert and Graduation

December 23rd—Friday

Centre closes at 12.00 noon for

Christmas break and re-opens on

Monday 9th January 2006 at 7.30am

