



# Kirrawee Child Care Centre Newsletter

## January—March 2006

Welcome all to 2006 especially the new parents using the service for the first time.

Our big news this year is the Centre started to provide its services for children (babies) from nought to two years of age. We have five places and all healthy babies. Though we are all running of our feet we are enjoying the experience and having happy babies.

The other services provided by the Centre also expanded. Oyster Bay Before and after school Care has increased in number and provide Quality Vacation care with CCB at a very competitive cost. Taren Point Before and After School Care started this year before school care for the first time which is making many parents happy.

Those achievements in helping our community in the Shire would have not been possible without the dedication of the Staff at each Centre.

Like every year, this year the Centre has an exiting quality education Program for all the children, the table of events at the end of the newsletter details what is happening this year.



As for the educational program the Centre used the emergent curricula which is largely still in use. The Centre gradually will be moving to the method of instant Teaching, which is in simple terms “capturing the moment” ie. What is the child interested in right now.

The Centre’s Director and teachers will be explaining and talking about this at the next parents meeting on 8th March and we look forward to see you all there.

The Centre is also up dating all its equipments and children’s development tools . The Centre’s staff have a fundraising program and management will match the amount by % 150 for the purpose of purchasing new equipment.

All your written suggestions and positive contribution are welcomed.

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## Parents Meeting 2006

There will be a parents meeting on Wednesday 8th March at 6.15pm.

All parents are welcome to come along and discuss the year ahead. We will be speaking about the programming, the children's portfolio's and a number of other topics.

We look forward to seeing you all there.



*Lasiorhinus latifrons*

### The Wombat Room

Welcome to the Wombat Room. We have begun the year full of enthusiasm, ready to create and learn in a happy safe environment. Our program is aimed at creating an environment where children are able to share their thoughts and knowledge. Our school readiness program will immerse the children in the culture of school, language and literacy and numeracy.

So far we have begun to look at ourselves as individuals and belonging to a group; Wombat room, family, and others. We are also developing self help skills such as tying shoes, washing hands and building friendships. We have done some fantastic craft using our bodies and different textures, as well as learning some great new songs!

Laura and myself (Kristin) would love to hear your thoughts and ideas on any matter (development, craft, cooking) to create an even more positive and happy place for your children to learn.

We look forward to working together with you and learning from your children  
Kristin, Laura and Caddie



### The Possum Room

We would like to welcome all our children to the Possum Room for 2006. A big welcome to our new children. The children are settling in well and are enjoying their time with us. We have already talked about the Farm and farm animals. We have done some lovely crafts—fluffy sheep, painting and collage.

Some of our Possum children have become Wombats this year and I know they will do very well in the Wombat room. It is wonderful to see them all growing and learning every day.

Over the coming weeks we will be learning about health and hygiene and using our manners. If any parents have any ideas they would like to see us implement please feel free to speak with the staff. If any parents would like to come to the centre to do an activity such as cooking, bathing a baby or a craft activity please come and talk to us as we would love to see you involved with the children.

### The Babies Room

As most of you are aware we have begun the year with our new babies. The babies are all settling in very well. The older children love to talk to the babies and the babies enjoy their company.

We have 5 babies each day and they are all doing very well eating and sleeping and laughing.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful year ahead and watching the children grow and learn. If you have any concerns, feedback or require any support please do not hesitate to talk to either myself, (Pam) or Fikry.

Thank you

Pam, Krystal, Naomi and Sky

## The Program

Each room has a program on the board. These programs are designed to support the children with their learning and developmental progress. Each week the topics may change. Some of the topics may be about manners, health and hygiene, dental health, families and many others. If any parents would like to see a particular topic covered please speak to Pam or Kristen as we would be more than willing to look at this.

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.

## Daily Diary

In each room we have a daily diary where you, the parent, can read about your child's day. We take photos of the children at play and doing a number of activities. Please read the diary as the children love to talk about what they have done during the day.

## 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.

## Clothes, Hats, Food Items, Bottles

Please ensure that your child's clothes, hats, food items and containers, bottles 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.

## 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.

### Meal Times

The children are enjoying the meals that are provided each day. Some of the children are having seconds. If any parents have any special dietary requirements please speak with Pam.

### 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. We would like to ask that the cakes be nut-free. Thank you

### 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. If children in the Wombat Room need to sleep please send along a sheet for them. Thank you

### 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.

### Dance Sessions

Mondays we have Dance sessions in both the Possum Room and the Wombat Room which the children thoroughly enjoy. We are all learning some great moves and fabulous dances such as the chicken dance and hokey pokey. All parents are welcome to come along and participate or just sit and enjoy.

### Yoga Sesions

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.

### Kirrawee Child Care Centre Evnets for 2006

During the year we have a number of organized events for the children to participate in and also a number of events for the whole family. Some of the events, such as our fundraising event and our annual fete, require the involvement of the parents. So we would like to ask for your support with these events. We greatly appreciate your involvement and contribution to these events. We raise funds to purchase equipment for the centre and the children.

## TABLE OF EVENTS

### Cadbury Chocolate Fund Raiser

Monday 13th February to Monday 6th March

### Parents Meeting

Wednesday 8th March 2006

### Easter Bonnet Parade and Morning Tea

Wednesday 12th April 2006 from 10.30am

### Living Eggs Ready to Hatch Program

Monday 1st May to Friday 12th May 2006

This program is designed so that the children can learn about the hatching of the chickens and their growth over two weeks.

Cost per child: \$7.00

### Sutherland Shire Belly Dancers

Thursday 25th May at 10.30am

Thursday 21st September 2006

The Sutherland Shire Belly Dancers will be visiting the centre twice this year. They demonstrate the cultural dance and the children participate as well. We have a Middle Eastern lunch provided by the centre as well. All are welcome to come along.

### CSIRO—Early Learners Lab on Legs

Wednesday 16th August 2006

This program provides children with hands-on activities and a science show. The children have the opportunity to explore how things work.

### Library Visits

The centre will have two visits from the Sutherland Library services where the children hear stories and have an opportunity to participate in the stories. Dates to be confirmed.

## KCCC Annual Fete

Saturday 23rd September 2006

This is a big day for the centre. It is a major fundraiser and a wonderful day of fun and activities for the children and parents alike. We have a visit from a farmyard, show bags, games, food stalls, market stalls and much more.

### School Photos

Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th October 2006

Good School Photography will be coming to the centre to take individual and group photos of the children.

### Fire/Police/Ambulance

We hope to have a visit from any of the above during the year. Dates will be confirmed as they are set.

### Graduation and Concert

Friday 8th December 2006

At the end of the year we have our Graduation and our Christmas Concert. This is a wonderful evening of laughter and fun. The children going to school will be graduating as well.

### Centre Closure for the Christmas

#### Break

The centre will close on Friday 22nd December 2006 at 12.00 noon for a well earned break and re-open on Monday the 8th January 2007 at 7.30am.

## School Vacation Care

The Centre is running Vacation Care through all school Vacations at Oyster Bay Public School Before and After School Care Centre.

All parents are eligible to Child Care Benefit from Centrelink. Morning tea, Lunch and afternoon tea is provided. Educational and entertaining program with lots of activities will be made available.

Hours are 7.30. am to 6.00 pm. Limited number of children can be dropped at the Centre at Kirrawee the school bus will transfer them at 8.00 am. All children to be picked up from Oyster Bay Public School Centre. 2 Philips St. Oyster Bay.

Cost is \$30.00 per day before applying CCB. \$5.00 penalty for children to be dropped before 7.30 AM. \$10.00 enrollment fees for the four terms of vacation care.

Priority is for saplings at the Centre. Enrolment is taken now. Please see Fikry or ring Oyster Bay Centre direct 9528 5009