



Kirrawee Child Care Centre Newsletter

April – June 2006

Dear parents,

We are all nicely settled in for the year and very busy in our rooms.

The weather has begun cooling down and we are enjoying the opportunity to spend time playing outdoors before the winter chill sets in.

We have many exciting activities and programs coming up over the next few months and we encourage families to be involved as much as possible.

Each week we are pleased to offer a number of extra activities to the children: on Monday the children enjoy learning dance, Friday is Yoga, and soon we will be having music on Thursdays. The children thoroughly enjoy the variety presented by these specialist teachers.

Lisa has recently returned from a year's maternity leave (with baby Margaret) and will be supervising the educational program throughout the centre, including the new Preschool Programs in the Wombat Room. For those of you who do not know Lisa, she has a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education), 13 years experience in preschool and long day care, and 2 children aged 7 years, and 10 months. Please feel free to make an appointment with Lisa should you wish to discuss your child's educational program. We are also able to provide advice and assistance for your school aged children if you require.

From Lisa



Important Please Read.

If your child away for any reason (sick, holiday, ...etc.) **TWO** things are your duty to do:

1. You must inform the Centre prior to the day or by 9.00 am on the same day.

If the child sick for one day, the parent must bring a single statement, if it is for more than one day a

Doctor's certificate must be submitted to the Centre.

2. On the day the child is back the parent must see the director to sign the roll stating the reason for absence.

Failing to do this will result in full fees being charged as well as informing Centrelink of the child being absent without a reason provided.

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Wombat Preschool Room News:

Look out for the exciting new preschool education programs being introduced in the Wombat Preschool Room over next few months.

Have a look to see how our room is changing to suit these new programs. You will see our Literacy Learning Centre which includes Writing Corner (as you walk in the door) and our Reading Area (at the bottom of the stairs), our Creative Arts Learning Centre (near the bottom windows), 2 Construction Play Areas (so we don't get over crowded), Puzzle Table, and Maths & Science Learning Centre.

Literacy Program:

At the beginning of May we will be launching the **Literacy Program "Reading Matters"**. This program aims at developing the children's interest and skills in all areas of reading and writing.

In addition, your child will soon receive his or her Preschool Book, which will contain material we are learning as part of the Literacy Program. We will be sending home the Preschool Books regularly so that you can see what your child is learning and look through the books together.

More information on this program will be up on the Wombat's noticeboard for you to read.

Getting Ready For School Program:

June will see the introduction of our "Getting Ready For School Program" which will look at:

- What is School Readiness? (you might be surprised!)
- What skills do the teachers at school expect my child to have when they begin?
- How can I help my child prepare for school?
- How will the Wombat Preschool class help prepare my child for school?
- How do I decide if my child is ready for school?
- What schools are the Wombat children going to?

Don't forget to check out the Wombat's noticeboard to find out more about our new learning programs.

Look out also for our new Maths, Science and Creative Arts Programs over the next few months.

You can find each day's Program Plan up on our noticeboard. Please feel free to ask if you have any questions.



Possum Room:

We have all had a wonderful first quarter of the year. It is moving very quickly and the growth of all the children is changing daily. They are developing and learning so quickly it is a wonderful experience to watch them all become individuals.

In the Possum/Babies room we have enjoyed learning about the weather, hygiene, the sea. The children made clouds, a moon and stars.

We have also been doing a lot of dancing. We thoroughly enjoy dancing to Wiggly woo and Hi 5. During the music sessions we have also played the musical instruments and love making lots of noise.

We will be learning about the ABC and counting in the coming weeks and the children will have fun with these activities. We will also be discussing colours and shapes. If any parents have anything they would like to contribute to our themes please feel free to do so.

Babies Room:

Our babies are doing so very well. They are all growing at such a fast rate it is incredible. We have seen babies crawl, sit-up, walk and get their first tooth. It is such a precious time for these little ones. We all thoroughly enjoy taking care of them and watching them grow. Thank you to the parents for entrusting us with your child.

Pam, Krystal, Naomi and Skye

Toilet Training:

If you are in the process of toilet training or would like to begin toilet training please come and ask the staff. We are very willing to support you with this area of development. We have children who are toilet training at the moment and are doing exceptionally well.

Nappies:

Could parents with children that are in nappies please supply us with 3-4 nappies a day that we can keep in their nappy baskets 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:

Some children are bringing toys, which are very precious to your child, to the centre. 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 were kept at home as we do not wish for them to be broken or lost.

Hats! Hats! 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 labelled 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. With the cooler weather moving in could all parents please ensure that their child has a jacket or a jumper to wear. We would also like to recommend that children have some warmer clothes in their bags in case of weather changes.

Meal Times:

The children are enjoying the meals that are provided at the centre. There is plenty of variety each week. Please feel free to look at our weekly menus and if there is something you are concerned about or require a special meal please do not hesitate to speak with Fikry or Pam.. The centre is also a peanut free centre. If you wish to bring along a birthday cake for your child to celebrate please ensure it is nut free.

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:

We have had our first fundraising event for the year. The Cadbury Chocolate fundraiser made just over \$700.00. We have purchased some items for the centre and they are already in use by the children.

Thank you to everyone who sold chocolates on our behalf. It is greatly appreciated and without your support it would not have been possible.

Spare Paper:

Thank you to all the parents who have donated spare paper to the centre. It is so much appreciated and 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. It can be coloured paper, small pieces or large pieces, the children do not mind. So as long as they can do some special drawings, paintings or pastings for mum and dad any paper will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Living Eggs:

On May 1st we are having the Living Eggs Program at our centre. We will have eggs delivered to the centre and for the first couple of days we will be watching and waiting for the first chicken to hatch out. The living Eggs Program will be at the centre until the 12th May.

The children will have the opportunity to watch the chickens hatch out and see their feathers growing. This was a great experience for all the children at the centre. They will have first hand experience of the chicks hatching out of the eggs and then growing their feathers and watching them drink, eat and sleep.

The children will also be able to handle and nurse the chickens. Parents are welcome to come along and visit with the children and share this experience with them.

Easter Bonnet Parade:

On Wednesday 12th April we had our Easter Bonnet Parade. Many of the children made bonnets and they looked fantastic. A number of children had the help of their mum's and dad's. They looked wonderful. Thank you to all the parents for their support with the making of the bonnets. Also thank you to the parents who attended our morning tea and a big thank you to the parents who helped out on the day.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the Easter egg hunt and ate lots of eggs. I think the parents had a lot of fun too. Parents, please look at the storyboard in the foyer, which shows the fun we all had during our Easter Bonnet Parade.

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.

Table of Events

Living Eggs Ready to hatch program
Monday 1st May to Friday 12th May

Hee Dee Ho Demonstration
Thursday 4th May - 10.30am

Mothers Day Lunch
Wednesday 10th May - 11am

Hee Dee Ho
Thursday 11th May - 10.30am - weekly
event

Sutherland Shire Belly Dancers
Thursday 25th may - 10.30am
Thursday 21st September - 10.30am

CSI RO - Early Learners Lab on Legs
Wednesday 16th August

Library visits
Sutherland Library
Tuesday 30th May - 10.00am

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Wednesday 26th July - 11.00am

KCCC Annual Fete
Saturday 23rd September

School Photos
Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th Octo-
ber

Fire/Police/Ambulance
Dates to be confirmed

End of year Graduation and Concert
Friday night 8th December

Centre closure for Christmas break
Friday 22nd December 2006
Re-open - Monday 8th January 2007 at
7.30am