



Kirrawee Child Care Centre Newsletter

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Welcome to our midyear newsletter.

It seems all parents coped well with the new financial year and national budget changes.

As you will read through this newsletter the babies room settled and the staff coped remarkably well with the changes.

As always the staff in this profession are resilient.

As probably most of you read in the local paper "Kirrawee Child Care Pty. Ltd." has been asked by St. Catherine Labourer Primary School, to provide Before and After School Care we happily obliged as the School has sentimental value and meaning for me. My daughter spent her primary years there, she is nearly twenty five years old now and the school did a wonderful job preparing her for the future. We as KCCC hope we can return the favour and help the school carry on the tradition of providing that standard of care and education to the children and the families of Sutherland Shire.



Important Please Read.

If your child is away for any reason (sick, holiday, ...etc.) **It is your duty to do two things:-**

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

If the child is 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:

We have been very busy Wombats since our last newsletter. It has been wonderful watching each child develop and learn at their own individual pace.

The children have shown enjoyment in all areas of the development program. They are all growing up into beautiful people.

We have also been focusing on our manners and it has been such a wonderful experience to hear the please and thank-you's from the children.

The Maths and Science Learning Area has been a favourite with all the children. They have enjoyed experimenting with weighing and measuring different volumes of pasta, rice and flour. It has been great to see how involved the children have been in this activity—'our scientists and professors of the future.'

As the end of the year is fast approaching we have been focusing on and encouraging name recognition and name writing.

The literacy program is well and truly underway and the children have taken to this area very well. It has been great to see this development.

Parents, please do not hesitate to take their homework books home as this program can continue to be carried through to the home. Also the children will be very excited to have their mum or dad helping them with their homework.

We are encouraging the children to have a short rest after lunch and listen to stories. Could parents please send along a sheet for their beds.

Brooke & Laura

Getting Ready For School Program:

Our

"Getting Ready For School Program" 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 notice board. Please feel free to ask if you have any questions.

Could parents please fill in the notice regarding what school your child will be attending next year.

Thank you



Possum Room:

It has been a fantastic few months in the Possum Room. We have seen the introduction of Hey Dee Ho to our regular program and what a success it has been. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the singing, dancing, puppets and the musical instruments. We have also been learning signing and saying 'hello and goodbye' in Spanish.

We have spent our time looking at the numbers 1-10 and the letters of the alphabet. The children have learnt to count as a group through songs like Hickory Dickory Dock and Five Cheeky Monkeys. We are now starting to look at shapes and the different things they could represent.

You can see all your child's art work for these topics displayed around the room. Please feel free to contribute any ideas and/or feedback about your child or our themes to the Possum Room staff or through your child's communication book.

Krystal, Naomi & Skye

Babies Room:

Our babies are all growing and developing so fast. We have seen many of our babies go from either sitting or crawling to walking tall—and sometimes stumbling—but always getting back up. They love to be able to walk around and get into everything. The babies are making lots of sounds and saying words such as 'dad, mum, ta, bird and many other words we are yet to understand.

Some of the babies are now enjoying eating our food at the centre and thoroughly enjoy it. There have been so many milestones over the past 6 months. It is such a precious time for these little ones.

The babies are all such individuals and all have very different needs. If you have any special needs at all please do not hesitate to ask.

We all thoroughly enjoy taking care of the babies and watching them grow and change. Thank you to all the parents for entrusting us with the care of your child.

Pam

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 Childs at tendance each week.

Hats! Hats! Hats!

Please send a hat with your child every day

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.

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.

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.

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 to all the parents that have donated supplies to the centre. They have gone to great use.

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.

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.

Thank you to all those parents that have come to the centre and read stories, did craft activities and helped out with our events.

Again a great big thank you. It is greatly appreciated.

Raising Children

In this issue of our newsletter we have included some information for parents:

'Encouraging Good Behaviour: 12 Tips'

Over the next few months the centre will be distributing information for parents perusal regarding 'Raising Children.'

Some of the areas that will be covered are:

Talking and Listening

Temper Tantrums

Praise and Encouragement

Please feel free to speak with us if you have any questions regarding the above information.

**KCCC ANNUAL FETE
SATURDAY 23RD
SEPTEMBER 2006**

It is that time of the year again. Our Annual Fete is fast approaching. We will be asking for all parents support with this event. There will be trash & treasure stalls, face painting, show bags, animal farm and much much more. Please watch our notice board for further information. This will be a monster event

Table of Events

1. Hee Dee Ho
Thursday 11th May - 11.00am - weekly event

 2. Library visits
Sutherland Library
Wednesday 26th July - 11.00am

 4. Sutherland Shire Belly Dancers
Thursday 21st September - 10.30am

 3. CSIRO - Early Learners Lab on Legs
Wednesday 16th August

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 - 5 KCCC Annual Fete
Saturday 23rd September

 6. School Photos
Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th October
- 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