



Kirrawee Child Care Centre Newsletter

Oct — Dec 2006

It is the last quarter of the year, and while it is just another year for us adults it is a very important time for the children at the Centre. No one can deny the importance of the early years of their life.

It is important families and parents using any form of children's services to be involved and contribute to what is happening to ensure the best outcome for their children.

The Centre invites and encourages every parent to contribute to the current policy review taking place at the Centre. Your experience in that regard is invaluable.

There have been some happening during the last quarter including adding the music dance program (Hey Dee Ho) every Wednesday at no extra cost to parent. There were other events such as the annual fete and CSIRO – Early Learners Lab on Legs, and library visits and we hope the fun for the children will continue. As you all may know by now since Pam went on holiday she became a grand mother and she will be getting married this month in Scotland to her partner Robert. As soon as she is back she will be off again to her daughter's wedding in Melbourne..

Many of you may have met Ms. Sarah Mann the Teacher in the Wombat room if you have not please pop in Sarah would love to chat with you.



As the management of the company has grown the work load is proving heavy there for Ms. Kay Doyle from The Australian Childcare Resource Centre will be assisting Fikry.

Our next Parents meeting will be held at the Centre on **Thursday** 2nd Nov. 2006 .

During the Meeting every room leader will highlight and explain the routine and children's program in each of their rooms.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting it is an opportunity to meet Ms. Kay Doyle, Sarah Mann, Lesley Kirkwood and Krystal Johnson.

See you there.

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take this moment to formally introduce myself. My name is Sarah Mann and I have recently arrived here in Sydney from Canada with my partner. I am from a small town south of Toronto where I lived with my parents and minutes away from my sister and her family. I am very proud to have a four year old nephew, Ashton, and a two year old niece, McKenna. Currently I am living with Fikry and his family. I have come to know Fikry through his daughter Sarah who I lived with while we were in Holland on exchange a few years back.

I have a Bachelor of Arts, honours Sociology degree and also my Bachelor of Education. Attaining my Bachelor of Education was a natural step for me as I have spent many years working with children. In the past I have been a Camp Councillor, Girl Guide Leader, Nanny, and classroom volunteer. I am also a swim instructor, and have been for the last eight years. I operate my own swim school in Canada and also manage an additional swim school. Last year during my practicum experience I worked with students aged four and five which I found to be very rewarding so I am very much looking forward to the time I will spend with your children as Teacher in the Wombat room.

I look forward to meeting you and please don't hesitate to ask any questions you may have.

Yours truly,

Sarah Mann

Wombat Room Message

The Wombat room has been busy with action. As some of you have noticed the Wombats have a new daily schedule that has been working out very well. The schedule has a nice balance of spontaneous play and teacher directed activity. As a result of the new schedule students are now outdoors in the morning between 10:00 and 11:00. For a closer look at the schedule please see the Wombat Room message board.

As many students are heading off to "big school" in just a few months I have introduced the Mystery Letter of the Week program. This program is designed for students to gain an understanding of what each letter looks like, sounds like and also how to write each letter. This program is easy to continue at home just by discussing what everyday items begin with the mystery letter of the week. To discover what letter we are learning you can refer to the schedule on the message board, look to see what letter is hanging by the carpet area, or ask either myself or a student. The students have responded very well to this new addition, they have been very eager to learn which is wonderful to see.

For three weeks students have been learning all about transportation. Within this theme students have had the opportunity to make patterns using transportation vehicles, build hot air balloons, make rockets, observe a "rocket launching" using a bottle of pop and Mentos, make boats and discover if they could float, and also books related to transportation have been well integrated into the theme. Students had a great time with this theme they especially enjoyed making their hot air balloons and seeing the "rocket launching".

The upcoming theme students will be learning about is bugs and insects and I am sure we will have lots of fun! Halloween falls within this theme and to celebrate we will be having a little party on October 31st, students are invited to dress up!

I am very open to hear any suggestions, concerns, or questions that you may have so please do not hesitate to bring them to my attention.

Sarah Mann



Possum Room:

We have had a very busy time in the possum room since our last newsletter. We have enjoyed looking at many different topics like Oral Health and Nutrition month where we were all able to make fruit smoothies and foods that are good for our bodies to help us grow big and strong and to keep healthy teeth. We have also looked at different types of animals: sea animals, farm animals and jungle animals. Don't forget to see your child's art work in the bathroom!

The children are really enjoying the weekly visits from Hey Dee Ho and can now sing the Rainbow Song in sign language. Hey Dee Ho is on Wednesdays at 10.30am if you would like to come and see what we do.

Just a reminder that you can look at your child's Daily Communication Book at any time to see what they have been up to and to add ideas for any topics you might like your child to look at and learn about or just a note to the staff.

Could you please send your child a set of sheets with him/her for the week. Cot size sheets would be great.

Krystal and Naomi



Babies Room:

**BABY POSSUM ROOM NEWSLETTER BLURB
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Its been a busy time in the babies room. Pam has gone away on holidays and now Lesley is in with us. Together with the older Possums we have been focusing on animals, all sorts of animals from the farm to the jungle!

We have all been experimenting with craft and music. We are also very busy playing with all the toys in home corner, blocks and puzzles and book corner. Outside play means lots of fun. we can enjoy the sandpit and move around in the tunnels and on the climbing equipment. Its lot of fun!!

I have only been in with the babies for a short time but they have all been surprising me with how far they have come, moving around and communicating more each day. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone better and if you ever feel like a chat about your child feel free !



It is Disco time for children

It is BBQ time for Parents and Families.

November 10th Friday starting 6.00 pm
the children Disco

Mums and Dads and all the family come and enjoy our BBQ and a surprise ????????????????

Parent Staff Meeting



Our last one for the year

Thursday 2nd of November

Come and share the year's happenings with us

Sara Mann the Centre's teacher with Lesley and Krystal the room leaders will share their professional thought and through light on the children's experience.

Please let us know if you need to bring the children, the Centre will provide light supper.

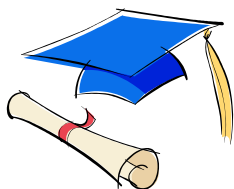
Children's Checklist will be available at the end of November.

December 4th and 5th the Teacher and the rooms leaders will have time to see parents individually by appointment about their own children.

Last but not least



Graduation Party



Friday December 8th

Pam's News

Since Pam gone on holidays she had become a grand mother. By now she got married in Scotland. A week after she is back in Australia next month her daughter is getting married in Melbourne.

Centre closure for Christmas break
Friday 22nd December

Re- open Monday January 8th 2007
at 7.30 am.