

KCCC Quarterly Newsletter



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This term there are a number of things happening at the Centre about which children staff and families are excited.

The Centre received the accreditation results of which we are proud. Thanks to the staff and families who worked together to achieve such a result. I was touched by many parents commenting on how good the Centre looks with the new child friendly furniture and how it is intelligently arranged. The new furniture initiative came from the staff and Ruth from SDN Children's Services (SDN Bright Future Program). This is a children's service organization the Centre works closely with for the benefit of children and families.

As discussed at the last parents meetings (Wednesday 29th August) and part of the continuing improvement process, the Centre has started to review it's policies .

The first policies currently under review are our health , and sickness policies. In light of our legal obligations, the Centre is proposing changes which will have an effect on

the daily running of the service and on families.

Some of these changes are
 * The Centre will practice **only prescribed** medicine . The Policy of practicing Panadol will also be changed. These are issues of importance to families your opinion is valued and welcomed.

The process of reviewing a policy is as follows:-

* The policy under review will be displayed on the policy review board.

* The proposed changes will be also displayed on the notice board and supported by a list of recognized sources.

* The time allowed for the review will also be displayed.

* Parents opinions and contribution are invited and welcomed by any means of communications including emails.

* The result will be displayed for a week if no other submission is made then it is final.

Possibly every one knows by now there will be changes to both the Accreditation system and to the way CCB % is paid.

It is in every family's interest to know about the proposed changes and voice their opinion about it.

Please visit FACSIA web site and get familiar with these changes. The changes in CCB come under CCMS (Child Care Management System).

As for Accreditation please visit www.facsia.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/

and if you have an opinion you can email

ccqa.feedback@facsia.gov.au

These changes will have an impact on the services delivery and the cost of child care.

Last but not least we would like to welcome to the Centre Riley, Lachlan, Mitchell, Christian, Emma, Makayla and their families.

Quite a number of Possums made the move to the Squirrels room successfully it is fascinating to watch them grow.

Special points of interest:

- **The Centre's end of year break will be from Midday Friday 21st December**
- **Re-open Monday 7th January 2008.**



- **Friday 7th Dec Graduation / End of year party**

Possum Room.

Welcome to all of our new Possum Families!

The Possum Room has been very busy, with lots of exploration in their 'new room'. The children are enjoying the more homelike feel to the room and are interacting more harmoniously with their friends.

In the Possum Room we are encouraging children's choice free play. The children enjoy choosing what they are going to play with throughout the day it resulting in more varied productive play.

The children have also been really interested in dancing and moving and we are experimenting with various types of music in the room.

Our older Possums have showed a renewed interest in dramatic play and we are seeing lots of expression through role-playing in the home corner.

Our younger babies are spending time on the mats with older children. This is allowing them to have 'tummy time' and to be part of group.

We are planning group times that involve stories and songs with actions for the children. These songs will be on display on the notice board.

Good luck to our Possums that are becoming Wombats in the coming months... we will miss you.

Parents Meeting



Our last parents meeting for this year is on Wednesday 21st Nov. 2007
Time 6.10 PM

All are invited. Let us know your opinion about the year, what would you like to see next year.

Wombat Room

There have been many new and exciting changes to the Wombat Room over the last few months. Due to our increasing numbers we decided it was time to make adjustment to our program and room set up. We now run an indoor/outdoor program which allows the children to move freely between the two environments. This has been a great success in creating a calmer and quieter atmosphere.

We now also have progressive meal times where children eat when they are ready. This has helped staff respect children's play by not having them pack away their creations before they are ready. This also means that we can now more effectively seat large amounts of children for meals.

Finally, we have been on a shopping spree! As you will have noticed we are currently making changes to our room which the children are loving. New furniture and toys have been purchased which have dramatically changed our room. We now have a more open layout where children have great choices and learning opportunities.

Your feedback on our room is most welcome.

Amy.

Squirrels

We welcome many new friends and family to our classroom. A big welcome to Lachlan, Christian and Mitchell who have recently joined us, and also to Holly, Scarlett, Katrina and Tamara who have moved up from the Possum Room. They have all settled in really well and we are enjoying their company.

The children have had great fun helping work on our garden. We have dug up the dirt and planted new plants and flowers. Great social interactions and

language skills have emerged from this ongoing experience.

We have also been getting into our dramatic play. We have had a hospital set up in home corner which has been fantastic. The children have enjoyed taking turns at being the doctor, nurse, secretary, patient or parents with sick babies.

We have also been learning a new song that the kids absolutely love! The words have been included in this newsletter and if you are lucky your child might sing it for you. (Please ask me if you need help with the tune.

Lina

Lyrics to Slippery Fish

Slippery fish, slippery fish, swimming in the water, slippery fish, slippery fish... Gulp Gulp Gulp!

He was eaten by...

Jelly fish, jelly fish, swimming in the water, jelly fish, jelly fish... Gulp Gulp Gulp!

Then continue with..

Electric eel

Octopus

Crocodile

Great white shark

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Re enrolment 2008.

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Please in the tached enrolment

form. it should be back in the office no later than Thursday 1st November 2007

Please fill in all preferences. While the Centre will take all care and consideration, We have Commonwealth priority of access rules and regulations to follow.

It is harder to change days during the year, and easier to get it right from the beginning.