



Kirrawee Child Care Centre Newsletter

January—March 2008

From The Office

Welcome to the new year. We are all looking forward to a fun filled and educational year here at Kirrawee child care centre. We welcome many new families to the centre and farewell those who begin their primary school years.

While we appreciate the demands on you and your time, we invite all parents to get involved and get to know how we care and provide a developmentally appropriate and safe environment for all the children at the centre.

All the staff at the centre are happy to see and listen to you at any time. The T. Authorised Supervisor this year is Amy Thwaites.

Lesley is a trained diploma teacher who will spend 2008 in the wombat room. Sussan is room leader of the possum room and has almost completed her diploma in children's services. Lina, Lauren and Stacey are all doing very well with their early childhood studies and hope to complete them this year.



Could we please remind parents to take care when parking their cars



during mornings and afternoons when you pick up and drop off your children. We ask that you park in the spaces provided and not on the grass areas or where you obstruct pathways, our front gate or other vehicles. Thank you.

Fees at Kirrawee Child Care centre have not risen in over two years. With your support we hope to keep it this way. So we remind families to make their payments regularly and on time.

We hope you have a fantastic year here at Kirrawee Child Care Centre. Please feel free to arrange times to speak with any of our staff members or email us at:

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Parents Meeting 2008

There will be a parents meeting on the **13th of February 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 portfolios and a number of other topics.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

There are four parent's meetings a year one each quarter every parent is welcome .



The Wombat's 3-5's

We have had a fantastic start to 2008 and we are all so busy already. The children are showing great interest in the computer, dramatic play and construction. Our new pergola has been a wonderful addition to our centre and program. The children enjoy quiet activities here during quiet time and the hotter parts of the day.

We welcome Lesley into the wombat room who is now the teacher of the 2-3's. It is great to have Lesley around as many of the Possums transition to our room.

We are trialing a new program format which is displayed on our notice board. Please feel free to take a look and ask any questions or add to the program.

Amy.



The Squirrels 2-3's

Hi everyone. Welcome back. 2008 is going to be a great year!

I have joined the 2-3 year group this year and I am looking forward to programming lots of exciting things for the Squirrels. Within the next couple of months keep an eye out for some fantastic new craft and art experiences. We will be creating our own little window box garden and maybe doing some of our very own cooking. It will probably get a little messy but will be tones of fun!

I would like to welcome to the group Felix, Kiara from the Possum room and Lachlan. S. who joined us this year.

If at anytime you have any questions or would like to talk to me about anything feel free.

That's all for now,
Lesley.



The Possums 0-2's

Welcome back Possums and welcome to our new friends Charlie, Cade, Oliver and Ella-Rose.

We have been very busy in the nursery room each day doing art and craft, group times and enjoying our new outdoor pergola!

Please remember our daily diary on the far white bench in the room, this is where you can see photos of your children and how busy we have been throughout the day!

A sad farewell to the possums who have recently moved to the big room, Kiara and Felix.

Suzzie: Room Leader

Lauren: Assistant

Stacey: Trainee

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 Amy, Lesley or Sussan 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 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 can be involved in the daily activities and to participate with your child and the other children who attend the centre.

We invite all parents into our centre and encourage your participation .

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.

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, some of the meals can also be messy too.

We would like to remind parents of the younger children that we go through an average of four nappies a day depending on the hours they spend at the centre. Could you please bring in 4-5 nappies a day. We are happy to send home those we don't use or keep them in your child's nappy locker.

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. We do provide each child with sunscreen twice a day. If your child has sensitive skin please feel free to bring in your own sunscreen

Communication Diaries

This year we will continue with the communication diaries. We find they are a fantastic way to keep the communication strong with parents on days where we are busy or staff have finished their shift early.

Please feel free to take these diaries home to share with the family. Just return them on your child's next day so that we can keep the communication going and add more photos and information about your child's day.

Meal Times

In 2008 we will continue to have our meals catered by Kids Gourmet Food. Kids Gourmet Food provide the children with three delicious meals a day—morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. If any children have special dietary requirements please speak with Amy and we can arrange alternate meals.

All meals provided by Kids Gourmet Food provide a child with 50 per cent of their recommended dietary intake. Any questions about the food provided please feel free to ask Amy or check out our weekly menu on the foyer notice board.

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.

Hey Dee Ho Sessions

Hey Dee ho is a fun, interactive and educational music experience for the 2-5 year olds. This year Hey Dee Ho will take place on Wednesday mornings at 10am. The cost of Hey Dee Ho is \$5 and is added to your weekly fees

Yoga Sessions

Fridays we have Yoga, a wonderful way to end the week. Children are asked to identify the picture and then attempt the position/stretch. Renee works closely with each child to enhance their confidence, flexibility and posture. Yoga is \$3.00.

All classes begin promptly at 2:30pm in the Wombat room and last for 40 minutes. This year we are trialing running two smaller groups rather than one large group to help enhance involvement, and give the children less waiting time.

Kirrawee Child Care Centre Events for 2008

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 fundraisers 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.

Please see the table of events for a full list of activities to occur this year. Please feel free to suggest more experiences that your child may enjoy.

Table of Events for 2008!

Centre Opens

Monday 7th January 2008-7:30am

Yoga

Every Friday throughout the year-2:30pm

Hey Dee Ho

Every Wednesday throughout the year-10:00am

Disco

Friday 7th March-6:15pm

Easter Bonnet Parade and morning tea

Wednesday 19th March-10:30am

Sutherland Library Visit

Tuesday _____ April -10:00am (date to be advised)

Aboriginal Education-Mathew Doyle's Wuruniri Cultural Program

Thursday 10th April 10am

Cost: \$10 per child

Mothers Day Morning Tea All Mothers and grand parents are welcomed

Tuesday 6th May-10:30am

CSIRO Early Learners Science Lab

Wednesday 11th June 10:30-11:30

Cost : \$10 per child

Fathers Day Morning Tea

Thursday 4th September -10:30am

School Fete

Saturday 27th September

School Photos

October

Disco

Friday 17th October -6:15pm

Centre Closes for Christmas Break

Friday 19th December 12:00pm

Re-opens Monday 5th January 7:30pm

Newsletter is written and designed by Centre's staff, parents contribution is welcomed and will be published. Next newsletter is at the brining of 2nd quarter (April).