

# ST MORRIS

COMMUNITY CHILDCARE CENTRE

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## July Newsletter

### Coming Events

#### August

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Kinder gym

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> - Oral care week - Dr Sarah Cranwell visiting children

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> - ELC excursion to Patch - "Sharon Keep Ya Hair on!"

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> & Sun 15<sup>th</sup> - Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraiser at Mile End

21<sup>st</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> - Book Week "Across the Story Bridge"

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> - Kinder gym

#### Advanced Notice

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010 - St Morris Community Child Care Centre Quiz Night

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2010 -last day of care for year 1pm pick up for ALL children

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011 - Centre re-opens @7.15am



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### Car parking



Please remember that the safest place for parents to park when dropping off and picking up children is facing the "Gables" retirement homes. That way, the children are not having to walk across a busy, puddled car park. We like to leave the first 3 car park facing the road free for late staff to park in as they leave when it is dark. Please help us to keep our children and staff safe.

### Policy review

Your Management Committee is about to review our policies. Our current policy document is available on our website [www.stmorrischildcare.com.au](http://www.stmorrischildcare.com.au) If you have any comments or suggestions please talk to Sarah or leave a message in the pigeon hole of a committee member.

## Immunisation reminder

It is important that you keep us updated of any immunizations your child has. Just bring in their blue book or immunisation certificate and we can take a copy for their file. Please note that in the case of an outbreak we must treat all children whose details are not up to date as unimmunized.



## Quiz night - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010

Start organizing your table now!!! Funds raised will go towards painting the inside of the Centre. We have some great sponsorship already including:

- Hoyts - Norwood
- Port Adelaide Football Club
- Curves - St Morris
- Kmart - Firle
- Assaggio Café - Newton
- Officeworks - Trinity Gardens
- Shimmer & Sparkle - Fairy shop
- The Tower Hotel - Magill
- Eagle Boys Pizza - Firle
- Blockbuster - Firle
- Bargain City - Firle
- Shaw & Smith Winery
- Sports Power - Firle
- Jay Roya
- Barrow & Bench Mitre 10 - Malvern
- Target - Newton
- Jane Harris Beauty -Kensington Park
- Rockin' Rocky
- Gloria Jeans - Norwood
- Cherry Blossom - Norwood
- Coles - Firle
- REM Tuition
- Adelaide Crows Football Club
- Walkerville Physiotherapy
- Mum's Happy Nappies
- Jetts Gym - St Morris
- Hungry Jacks - Firle
- Tranmere Meats
- The Oakden Central
- Supa Dupa Castles

Get a table together with friends, work mates, family, other St Morris CCCC families or anyone else! If you would like to come but can't make up a table of your own then let us know and we will create some tables.

Pre-booking and paying for tickets will make you eligible for a door prize.

We will have silent auctions, raffles and games so please bring gold coins and deposits for some great auction items.

It is the night before the AFL grand final so come along dressed to support your favourite team!

## Websites

2 great websites I have come across are:

[www.taste.com.au](http://www.taste.com.au) has delicious recipes and you can search particular ingredients of styles of foods...mouth watering!!!

[www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au](http://www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au) has tips about reading to children, book lists, activities, events and activities.



## Accreditation

We have an Accreditation Validator visiting our centre on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> August for 2 full days. The role of the validator is to independently audit all of our policies, procedures and practices against the accreditation principles. This is just another step in the accreditation process. The validators report will be sent to moderators along with staff surveys and the centre self study report. We used information from parent surveys sent out earlier in the year when writing our report. All of this information will come together to help in the final decision and improvement plan.

Nothing will be different for parents and children on these 2 days but you may see the validator observing while you drop off and pick up your children.

## Review of philosophy statement

It is time to review our philosophy statement. Our philosophy is included in this newsletter. Please have a read and provide any thoughts, comments, feedback etc via the payment slot in the front counter. Our philosophy statement is what all our planning, interactions, practices are based on. It guides the behavior of the staff who work with your children.

## PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

The aim of the Centre is to provide:

- ☺ a safe, secure, stimulating and Challenging environment in an atmosphere conducive to the development of healthy and happy Children.
- ☺ an environment that promotes parental confidence by the provision of quality care, consistent with family ideals and without bias toward religious or cultural preferences.

### FOR THE CHILDREN

This Centre provides an environment where every child:

- ✓ will receive positive reinforcement and guidance to guide and manage behaviour.
- ✓ will be encouraged to accept others and tolerate differences in cultural and economic backgrounds.
- ✓ will be stimulated in a Creative environment to develop their own individuality.
- ✓ will have an equal opportunity to learn and develop in a non-sexist environment.
- ✓ will have the opportunity to foster initiative, independence, confidence and self esteem.
- ✓ will be encouraged to work as a team member and be given the opportunity to develop problem solving skills.
- ✓ will have the opportunity to participate in an inclusive environment, including any additional needs.

## FOR THE PARENT

- ✓ We encourage open communication between parents, staff and the Management Committee.
- ✓ Parents will be kept informed on all aspects of the Centre, with staff welcoming discussion about their child's care.
- ✓ The Centre encourages parent participation at all times.
- ✓ The Centre aims to provide support to Parents in the care and upbringing of the child.

## FOR THE STAFF

- ✓ Happy staff = happy centre = happy children = happy parents!
- ✓ All staff will be involved in decision making.
- ✓ Lines of communication between staff and Management Committee will be open at all times.
- ✓ Staff will be encouraged to participate in inservice training and development.
- ✓ Management has a responsibility to provide a safe working environment.

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee will, at all times, implement the Centre's philosophy and policies. It will employ and provide support to staff to ensure the Centre runs efficiently. The Committee will be responsible for managing buildings, grounds and equipment.

## COMMUNITY

The Centre will integrate into existing support networks and take an active interest in other community groups. It will encourage ongoing community awareness through excursions, visits, etc.

## Babes Room News

In Babes room we would like to welcome lots of new babes Archie, Archer, Isabella, Abbey, Eliza, Bailey, Evie, Isabelle, James, Jasmine and Sebastien and their families to our room. We are also about to farewell Charlotte and Henry as they move onto the pre-kindy room. Just a reminder to our new families that we have a picture board in our room of the babes with their families and would appreciate a picture of each babe and their families to that we could put up on our picture board to as our babes enjoy pointing out familiar faces and supports their sense of belonging at child care. As our children's drawers are quite small we ask that parents bring only what is required for their day at childcare and that all bottles and clothing are labeled. The children have been enjoying various art activities such as chalk drawing and contact collage with different textures. The children have been really enjoying the story "we're going on a bear hunt" with most children remembering the stories words and anticipating the actions to the story. We also have a new TAFESA student in the room "Kerys" who will be with Babes every Monday and Tuesday from 26<sup>th</sup> July - November please feel free to introduce yourself to her as she becomes familiar with all the Babes.

Emmie, Michelle, Tressie, Danielle, Dora.



## Pre-Kindy Room News

The pre-kindy room would like to welcome Ben, Jayden, Phoebe, Geordie, Emily, Matthew, Julian, Mya, Alessandro and Elyssa to their room. We have recently participated in activities for NAIDOC week such as indigenous art experiences and storytelling. Matt demonstrated the didgeridoo to the children and Joyce also showed the children Indigenous pictures and artwork. We'd also like to encourage parents to bring in updated family photos for our picture board as a lot of the children have changed as they've grown. Just a few housekeeping reminders:

- Could you please remember to include a home nappy and if your child is toilet training to include plenty of changes of clothes for those small accidents.
  - Please name all clothing including your child's bottles
  - Just a reminder to leave toys at home and only bring child's comforter toys as precious toys become easily lost.
  - Could parents please return children's folders too.
- Matt, Mary and Joyce.

## Kindy Room News

The Kindy room would like to wish the children who moved up to the ELC with Anita the best of luck and are sure they'll enjoy their time in ELC and a warm welcome to the Pre-kindy children who have moved up. We are sure they'll enjoy the new experiences that we have to share with them. We had the wonderful privilege of using a potter's wheel that was lent to us by Edie's mum Maria and Maria has also given up some of her time to demonstrate to the children how to use the wheel, thanks very much to Maria and sharing this wonderful experience with the children. We have still been focusing on volcanoes and with help from the children; we have set up a display in the room with books and the volcano that the children helped make. We also had our volcano erupting with the help of some bi-carb soda, vinegar and food colouring. We also borrowed a DVD from the library that we watched from time to time. Since Anita moved to the ELC we have been fortunate to have Kate with us for a few weeks feel free to have a chat with Kate.



### Play dough Recipe

2 cups Flour

1 cup salt

2 Tablespoons Cream of Tartar

2 Tablespoons Oil

2 Cups boiling water

A few drops of food colouring

Mix dry ingredients together, Mix wet ingredients together,

Mix wet and dry together, knead until smooth. Store in a plastic bag.

## Kitchen News

Hi everyone here is a great recipe for those cold winter nights and keeping tummy's warm, very nutritious. Love Nikki.

### Lentil Rolls

1\_Cup red lentils

2 potatoes

1 grated Carrot

1 onion

½ Cup parmesan Cheese

1 tbs Chopped parsley

2 eggs

½ Cup bread Crumbs

4-6 sheets puff pastry

Soak lentils for ½ hour, rinse and place in large pot. Add diced potatoes, carrots, and onions and bring to the boil. Cook until lentil and potatoes are soft. Remove from stove and leave to slightly cool. Add eggs, parsley and bread crumbs and mash all together to make a firm mixture add more bread crumbs if needed. Divide pastry sheet into 2 and pipe mix in a line.

## ELC Room

I am thrilled to have moved up to the ELC along with some of my Kindy children and am looking forward to providing exciting and fun experiences for the children. This term we are looking at how soy milk is made and will have a go at making our own soy milk ourselves. Some children have been learning about how emails work and if interested please have a chat with Bianca if your child would like to receive an email. As the weather hopefully begins to warm up we are going to take more opportunities to run and climb at the next door playground. In the ELC we love having parent participation therefore if there is anything you would like to come and share with the children please let us know. We currently have TAFESA student Meegan who is bringing in some more exciting experiences to the children. Already the children have made pizzas with her feel free to please introduce yourself to her.

Anita, Bianca and Tash.

