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COMMUNITY CHILDCARE CENTRE

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September Newsletter

Coming Events-October

23rd-29th Children's Week

Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th - Bruce Hobby photo day/s

Thursday 28th - Grandparent's Morning Tea

Friday 29th - Child Care Professionals Appreciation Day



ADVANCED NOTICE

Friday 24th December 1pm closure and last day of care for 2010

Monday 10th January 2011 - Centre re-opens for care

Reminder-please bring in your child's updated immunization records if you have not done so already. This will help to ensure that our records are kept up to date.

APPRECIATION DAY

Child Care Professionals Appreciation Day is on Friday 29th October. This is a day to acknowledge and celebrate the great job that our Child Care staff members do. Please take a moment to fill in the feedback slip below with some positive comments for a staff member or staff team. Please place the slip in the fee box that is located in the foyer. This will be passed on to staff on the day.

Staff member name/Staff team: _____

Parent Name: _____

Comment: _____

ACCREDITATION NEWS

We passed with flying colours!!! Our final results came through a week ago and I am pleased to say that we rated high quality in every area. I am very proud of the fact that we have such a great centre and a fabulous staff team who are dedicated and passionate about what they do.

Thanks must go to everyone involved in the running of our centre. From the Management Committee who work hard to provide the best possible centre now and into the future to the staff team who come to work each day motivated and ready to create such a warm, caring, safe and stimulating environment for children (and their families). Thanks must also go to all of the families who all take part in making our centre what it is by providing feedback, coming on excursions, attending working bees, reading to the children and even just reading our newsletters. And of course to all of our beautiful children they, of course, are why we are all here!



Management News

The 20th September was our annual general meeting. It was a great night with each of the staff teams presenting a short information session to families. We elected a new management committee who will spend the next 12 months working through policies, finances, environment, staffing, fundraising, risk management and more to make sure that we continue to provide great care to the children and families that use the centre.

The new committee for the coming year is:

Chairperson:	Julie Thomas
Treasurer:	Daniel Fitzgerald
Secretary:	Ingrid Lensink
Director:	Sarah Rendell
Assistant Director:	Emmie Papayianis
Staff representative:	Danielle Mamone
Committee members:	Kreena Smith
	Tricia Hennessy
	Georgie Kain
	Rebecca Lawson-Cooke
	Damian Johnston
	Terri Figueroa
	Fiona Aldridge

REMINDER

Please sun block your child upon arrival each day. This can be done at home or at the centre. Sun block will then be reapplied by staff when required. Please ensure your child has a sun safe hat for use at the centre.

QUIZ NIGHT NEWS

We held our major fundraising / social event for the year on Friday 24th September 2010. We had about 160 people who all had a great time. We had fantastic support from the community and were able to give away lots of prizes. Please take a look at the sponsor list in this newsletter and support the local businesses that support us.

We raised **\$4,905** in total!!!!

10% of that is being passed on to a charity of the quiz masters choice. The charity is the Rett Syndrome Australian Research Fund. Rett syndrome is a development disorder that affects mainly young girls. To find out more about Rett syndrome, or what you can do to help please visit the website: <http://www.rettsyndromeaustralia.org.au/>

The remainder of \$4,415 will go towards our other fundraising efforts this year in the aim of repainting the inside of the centre.

It was really good to see so many current families, staff and past families at the quiz night.

Congratulations to everyone involved in this amazing evening.

Policy Changes

Please note that our safe sleeping policy has had some changes. The new policy is below.

Safe Sleeping

Based on current Sids and Kids guideline babies will be put to sleep on their backs unless the Centre has written medical instructions from a medical practitioner to say otherwise. To reduce the risk of babies head being covered during sleep, babies feet will be positioned at the bottom of the cot and babies bedclothes will be tucked in securely. Sleeping positions will be checked regularly by staff. Quilts, pillows, toys, comforters (with the exception of dummies) and bumpers will not be used in cots for babes under 12 months of age. Staff will communicate with families to develop strategies in cases where an infant under 12 months of age starts at the centre with a sleep comforter. All cots used meet Australian standards and firm, well fitting mattresses are used. The building is a smoke free environment. Information is available to staff and parents about SIDS.

Source: SIDS and kids,

<http://www.sidsandkids.org/wp-content/uploads/SidsSafeSleeping14ppa1.pdf> July 2009

Amended September 2010 with information from SIDS and KIDS.

Developed 2004

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

For a snack in the afternoon try: Tomato Dip

- Ingredients
- 1 packet philly cream cheese (softened)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup milk
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Tbsp mayonnaise
- 1 Tbsp tomato sauce
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp tomato paste

How to do it: Beat philly cheese til light, add other ingredients, taste. May need to add extra mayonnaise or tomato sauce. (Can omit tomato and tomato paste from dip and add avocado)

Serve with pita bread, crackers or cucumber sticks.

Thanks, Nikki

BABES NEWS

As some of you may be aware, Dora has just completed her final overview for her Diploma studies. The children enjoyed a variety of new and exciting experiences that Dora planned throughout her placement. Now Dora is just waiting for her paperwork to come through and then all staff in the baby room will be qualified!

We have been continuing to focus on our inquiry project. We have been observing the children and determining how engaged they are in their play and when this occurs. Some of the new strategies that have been implemented include:

- Rocky came in to play his guitar and sing to the children
- Bianca came in and did a group time experience for the children
- Nikki is planning a cooking experience to do with the older babies in the next few days



- We have developed a list of resources from the older rooms that are developmentally appropriate for the under 2s. The children have been enjoying these experiences.

We will continue to focus on implementing the rest of our goals over the next month.

Emmie, Danielle, Michelle, Dora & Tressie

PRE-KINDY NEWS

The pre-kindergarten children have been utilizing the oval and playground and we will continue this as the weather warms up.

The children recently enjoyed a Sue Harris puppet show about Australia. It was received well by the children, who all got involved and loved every minute.



Welcome to Asuka. She is our Uni student and is doing her placement on Thursdays from 12th August to 11th November and then a 2 week block from 15th November. Please feel free to introduce yourself and make her feel welcome.

Just a reminder that medication needs to be given to a staff member and not left in your child's bag.

Matt & Mary

KINDY NEWS

We have now bought new seedlings to plant in the veggie garden and will be planting them with the children soon. We look forward to watching them grow!

Please remember to label all hats, clothing and shoes. We have a number of unlabeled belongings at the centre. Please take a look and see if they belong to your child. If items remain unclaimed then we will give them to charity.

Nyssa & Rocky

ELC NEWS

The ELC children have been learning about hand washing recently. We received an education program and have been using the resources to educate the children about hygiene and hand washing.

Thank you to James' mum Maree for coming in to do face-painting with the children last week. The children really enjoyed this experience and they looked great!



We have been making our own car track diorama. The children have been adding road signs, parks, police stations etc.

The children have been enjoying a lot of role play/dramatic play recently. A couple of favourites at the moment are hairdressers and doctor play.

Thank you to Anita's daughter, Gabby for coming in for a Police visit today. She spoke to the children about police safety, stranger danger and then let them try on the police hats, have a turn sitting in the police car and listen to the radio and siren. Gabby attended the centre when she was a child, and it's great to see how far she's come!

With the weather warming up we have been enjoying the outdoor environment on a more regular basis.

Anita, Bianca & Tash

Quiz night 2010

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All of these businesses have provided support for our quiz night. We thank them all for helping us to raise funds for our centre.