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NEWSLETTER

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Director's News

Hello all. Well we have had a busy month with new enrolments coming in nearly every day.

I would like to welcome all of our new families to our wonderful Centre. I trust your journey with us will be a very happy one.



What a nice start to 2012, our Centre is being painted. Although it may look a little bare in the Centre, it won't be for long before the wall's will be covered in the children's beautiful artwork. Please be patient throughout this process.

As there has been a bit of confusion in regards to attending extra days, I would like to remind parents that I am unable to swap days for Public Holiday's, however if you do

require an extra day in the week, please ask.

Please remember to always keep your accounts up to date. If you haven't already signed a direct debit form, please come and speak to me as all parent's are required to have one.

You may have noticed all of the wonderful physical activities that are happening in the centre every day,



we have been doing a lot of ball games, running games, duck, duck goose, and a variety of different obstacle courses strengthening and further developing our motor skills. If you have any suggestions or ideas, or if you would like to come and watch or join in please feel free to do so, remember we have an open door policy.

Sun safety

As we all know it is becoming warmer during the day so



please make sure your child brings a hat and water bottle every day and is wearing sun safe clothing.

STAFFING FOR 2012

Nursery	GL	Jodie W
	Ass	Tennille
Emu's	GL	Karen
	Ass	Hayli
Possum's	GL	Amy
	Ass	Belinda
Kindy	GL	Kayla
	Ass	Courtney
	Ass	Elinore
School Readiness	GL	Jodie H
	Ass	Anna
	Ass	Anne
Schoolies	GL	Katrina
Float	GL	Amelia
	Ass	Fiona
	Ass	Beni
	Ass	Melissah



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NEWS UPDATE

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The Australian Institute of Early Childhood Studies (AIECS) is the Registered Training Organisation for the management and staff of Queensland Child Care Services (QCCS). The training college was established in 2002 to act as the primary resource for the QCCS staff professional development and training in Childcare qualifications. The AIECS also provides nationally recognised qualifications in Early Childhood and Training and Assessment as well as first aid and CPR training. The college is run by a team of dedicated Early Childhood specialists, each with over 10 years' industry experience.

The AIECS is currently leading the way in training in industry changes for centres across Queensland. A very important focus for both the college and the centre staff at present is the implementation of the Early Years Learning Framework, which came into practice in July 2010. AIECS and QCCS are amongst the first in Queensland to train and be trained for the transition to an Emergent Curriculum.

AIECS offers

- Certificate III in Children's Services
- Advanced Diploma in Children's Services
- First Aid & CPR
- Diploma in Children's Services
- TAE
- Professional Development

Sign In/Out Sheets

Please ensure you sign your children in and out every day. This means writing your **full name** not just initials. When your child is away please ring us and let us know, also ensure that you sign for their absent day. All children are allowed 30 days absent per financial year.

Parent Meeting

The next Parent Meeting is on 6th February 2012, please feel free to come and join us as we discuss events and things happening within the Centre.

Important Bus Information.

Please remember that all children who attend the morning bus run need to be at the centre by 8am. The bus is on a tight schedule and cannot leave any later than 8:10am.

Also if your child is not going to be on the bus in the afternoon or goes home from school during the day could you please ring us and let us know. The staff become very concerned when children cannot be found and cannot leave the bus to find them.

Daily Requirements

Please remember to bring with your child; a hat, a sheet to rest on, shoes and nappies and wipes if required. Please ensure all items are labeled. If all parents could please donate a box of tissues as our supplies are getting very low and with the current weather there are lots of running noses.



Please remember all children are now provided with a healthy nutritious morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. This is delivered daily from 'Yummies for Little Tummies'.

Koala's News

Welcome to the Nursery for 2012.

We would like to firstly like to welcome our new families and friends to our room, and trust that you will enjoy your time with us.

We are, at the moment, exploring our colours and we have also been focusing on using our walking feet for the ones that can, we also are working on using our gentle hands when playing inside with our friends.



Could you ensure that your child has nappies, wipes, tissues, sheets a hat and that all belongings have are clearly named.

We look forward to a fun and successful year in the Nursery. See you all very soon. Miss Jodie and Miss Tennille.

Emus News

Welcome back to yet another exciting year for 2012. We hope that you all have had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

We would like to welcome all the new families and the children that have started with

us and all the babies who are moving up from the Nursery.

The children have been enjoying singing as we have been singing '5 Little Ducks' and '5 Fat Sausages'



as we have been

looking at the number 5. We have also been singing 'Old Mac Donald's Farm', and enjoying doing the actions with the songs.



We have also been looking at animals and extending on this with a learning pod, as the children are very interested in animals. Please feel free to come and take a look at what we have done.

Just a few reminders, to please ensure that your child's belongings are clearly named and ensure that you have the following items the day your child attends: hat, sheets, drink bottle, spare clothes, nappies, wipe and bottles if your child requires one.

Halyi and I look forward to working with you all and getting to know all the parents and the children. Please if you have any worries or concerns please feel free to come and see us. Until next time, Miss Karen and Miss Hayli.

Possums' News

Welcome back everyone and welcome to 2012.

We would like to welcome all the new families and children to the Possums' Room. The

children love to play dress ups at the moment and are always dressing up to go to the shops to buy some milk and bread. They also enjoy making pots of tea and cooking me chocolate cupcakes in home corner. We also love to create a lot of special artwork masterpieces that range from drawings to paintings, play dough to collages. They love to dance to any kind of music (they usually accompany the music by playing along with our musical instruments) but most importantly love to dance to the Wiggles. Our Wiggles dancing is one of the highlights of the room.



If you have any queries, questions or want some advice, or even if you just want to have a chat let us know we will be glad to help.

Keep Safe, Amy and Belinda

Kindy News

Welcome to yet again another year, we are very excited to get the next few months started. We first would like to welcome all the new children and families to the Kindy Room.

We also have Miss Courtney with us this year from School Readiness and Miss Elinore who has been doing her training with us. Courtney, Elinore and I are looking forward in meeting you all and working with you all.

We cannot wait until all the children move up, as we are starting the next few months with the basics; such as shapes, colours, and counting.

The children have been interested in animals and Fireman Sam, so we have started learning pods.

Just a few reminders, to please ensure that your children have sheets and a hat each day that your child attends and please take them home each day or at the end of the week to be washed.

If you have any concerns or issues please see Kayla, Elinore Courtney and I, as we are happy to help you with anything you may need. We look forward in getting to know you all so please feel free to come and see us.

See you all very soon and until next time, Miss Kayla and Miss Courtney and Miss Elinore.

School Readiness News

Welcome back to School Readiness for 2012. We hope everyone has had an excellent and fun Christmas and New Year break.

This year in School Readiness is going to be another busy and fun year. January and February we will building on relationships with their teachers, as well as doing an Australia Day pod which will extend on learning about other Countries.



We also will be starting to develop pencil grip and be able to follow different patterns and also write our names.

We would like to wish School Readiness children who are going to Prep good luck. This is a big step for the Prep children as we will miss them all.

Any queries please feel free to come and see myself Jodie and Anna. See you next time, Miss Jodie and Miss Anna.

Schoolies News

As we are entering into a new school year, some families may require a change of day, may need to add a morning or take off an afternoon, if this or any other scenario is the case can you please let the office staff know ASAP as we have very limited vacancies every day.

If you have a child starting Prep this year they will be dropped off to their teacher in the morning and collected from their classroom in the afternoon, as you can understand with several Preps at each school, as well as the older children, we will need to know exactly which class your child is in, if you can also advise your child's teacher that they come on the centre bus, that will help with collection process.

For our new children please show them where to meet their friends to wait for the bus.

- Bethania Lutheran children wait at the

circle of chairs in front of the office.

- Waterford children wait in the undercover area located between the tuck-shop and office.
- Edens Landing children wait between the SEU and the office.

Preps are to wait with their teachers to be collected and will be walked down to meet the rest of the group. Please encourage your child/ren to go promptly to the collection point as this saves staff having to look for late children, as we do get very worried. Also, if your child does not require collection on any particular day e.g. if they are sick, they go

home sick or you arrange alternate pick up please ring the centre. If you also require additional collection as a one off please ring the centre and see if we have places available rather than sending your child to the pickup area.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation and understanding, Miss Fiona.

SUNSAFETY POLICY

Babies and young children have very sensitive skin that will burn easily, which is why sun protection for young children is vital in the fight against skin cancers.

HATS

All children attending the Centre must be provided with a suitable sun hat for outdoor play (we strongly suggest a hat with a wide brim and/or one with a flap on the back). This hat must be named and either brought to the Centre daily by the responsible parent or left at the Centre. We operate on a policy of **NO HAT — NO SUN PLAY**. Children who do not have a hat will be encouraged to remain in a shaded area for outdoor play, where activities will be provided.

Hats will be stored appropriately, eg on pegs not touching each other or in individual children's lockers, and it is suggested that the hat be taken home on a regular basis to be washed.

SUNSCREEN

We believe that children should never be left unprotected in the sun, especially between the hours of 10am and 3pm. We prefer the children are not outside between 10am and 3pm unless they are in shaded areas and kept cool.

Sunscreen ideally should be applied to clean dry skin approximately 20 minutes prior to going out in the sun. However, if this cannot be attained, staff will apply sunscreen to the child upon arrival to the Centre and throughout the day before they go outdoors. A SPF30+ Sensitive Skin Sunscreen is provided by the Centre that staff and parents have access to. Staff will encourage older children to apply their own sunscreen and with younger children will apply sunscreen using a separate tissue as an applicator for each child.

Many children have very sensitive skin and may have an allergy to a particular sunscreen. A reaction may take the form of more severe sunburn, rash, itching, swelling, burning sensation, welts and flares. If this occurs with a child, remove the sunscreen immediately and bathe in cool water. Your local medical practitioner or pharmacist will be able to advise on a more suitable skin protection.

Sunscreen will be applied all year round regardless of weather, as well as being applied every two to three hours. Children at the Centre spend no longer than three hours outdoors at a time, therefore one application prior to every outdoor session is required. All areas of exposed skin are covered including legs, feet, backs of hands, ears, face and arms.

OUTDOOR SESSIONS

The Centre endeavours to organise its programme and outdoor play sessions out of these times, as well as setting up outdoor activities predominately in shaded areas. If due to extreme weather children cannot access the outside areas before 10a.m. and/or after 3p.m. they may do so between these hours remaining in the shade and kept cool.

CLOTHING

The Centre is involved in an ongoing and daily process of educating the children and their families about appropriate clothing and sunglasses to wear in the sun. Children are encouraged to wear T-shirts or shirts with sleeves, collars dark coloured, closely woven fabric preferably made with natural fibre.

STAFF

Staff will act as role models by wearing sunscreen, appropriate hats and can wear sunglasses outdoors. Parents spending time at the Centre and other visitors will be encouraged to comply. Staff will establish and follow a monitoring system to ensure all children have sunscreen applied at all times when outside.

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THANK YOU

Please fill out the following and return.

I am happy with the current SUN SAFETY policy

Yes No

Suggestions: _____
