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## NEWSLETTER

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### Director news

Hello everyone and welcome to the October Newsletter.

We have introduced food to the centre and this has been a fantastic transition from lunch boxes.



The children have taken to the food very well and like the fact that they are all eating the same thing.

We have also introduced a new easier way to pay your fees, everyone is now signed up to either Centrepay or a weekly Ezi Debit which is charged to your account every Thursday, this will ensure your fees are manageable and you will never be behind.

I would like to say a big thank you to all of our families for being so supportive of these changes.

We have some exciting things happening in the next couple of months –

**Christmas party** will be held for the children.

**School Readiness Graduation** ceremony will be held for the children.

These dates will be displayed at the centre a few weeks before the events. Please mark these dates in your calendar; more information will follow a few weeks before these events.

Thank you  
Miss Julie

### Babies' Room

Welcome back to the Nursery Room we have been very busy Babies since the last newsletter, we have been learning lots of new action songs like "Round and Round

the Garden", "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" and "Open Shut Them" we like to listen and join in with Miss Sandra, we are getting very clever.

We have also been learning about our bodies we have been discovering our eyes, ears,



mouth and nose we have been also discovering our hands

and have been doing lots of hands print paintings for our web and learning pod we have also been discovering our emotions on our faces, we like to see all of our babies with big smiley faces.

If you have any questions or ideas about our learning pods please feel free to ask. Can you please remember to bring in a hat tissues and wipes. The new food has been working well and all of the



## TRAINING NEWS – AIECS

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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's staff professional development and training in Childcare qualifications. The AIECS also provides nationally recognized 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 new *Early Years Learning Framework* that came into practice as of July 2010.

QCCS centres' staff are amongst the first in Queensland to be trained by AIECS for the transition to an *Emergent Curriculum* in

children have been enjoying the different variety. They all seem to be enjoying it. If you have any questions please feel free to talk to either Miss Sandra or myself until next time stay safe.

### Toddler Room News

Wow this year is flying by. Firstly we would like to welcome all of the new families in the room it has been wonderful getting to know you and your adorable children. You may of noticed that we have been very busy working on a new pet animal pod the children have been so excited



discussing animals they have at home and or see around their environment, if you have any suggestions or

photos of your animals from home we would love to see them.

Please remember that we ask that each family supply one packet of wipes and one box of tissues each month which will be shared with all children throughout the month. The children have been enjoying all of the delicious meals that are now supplied for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea please see in our kitchenette our current menu for the week and if you have any concerns please let us know.

Thank you  
Anna and Libby

### Junior Kindy News

Hello and welcome to another exciting month in the Junior Kindy. We would like to welcome all the new children to our room we hope you have a wonderful time with us.

We have been very busy



continuing our work on our ocean pod. We have also started a new one on trains. The children are all looking

forward to this. If you have any ideas please feel free to come and see us. We are keeping quite busy learning our colours and our shapes. We are getting very clever. We are also very busy with our artwork making the room bright and colourful.

Just a reminder now that is warming up could please make sure you're packing your child a



named hat and named drink bottle. We also have a lot of children toilet training at the moment if you feel like you and your child are ready to take that next

step come and have a chat with us.

Until next time,  
Miss Amber  
Miss Tahnee

### Kindy

Welcome to the Kindy Room News! Over the past month we have been creating a "Jungle" section. The children were very interested in animals around

the centre so we decided to do a jungle and show them the different types of animals. The children have shown great interest and curiosity



about our new project.

We have also been focusing on developing our hygiene skills, washing our hands regularly after going to the toilet and before eating etc.

Please remember to send a sheet and hat everyday clearly labelled. We are also running low of tissues and wipes would be greatly appreciated if some could be brought in.

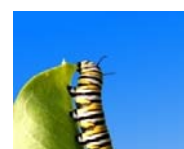
Thanks, Miss Caitlin and Miss Jess

### School Readiness

Like always, it's been a busy couple of months. We've been learning about our town (Gatton) and other towns and cities around the world comparing our services and buildings. We've been learning about the community services including the Ambulance, Fire Brigade and Police and have



had visits from the local stations to educate us about the role they play in our town. We are now learning about



food, with the children

showing an interest in cooking and making pretend food with play dough. We've started off exploring the story "The Very Hungry Caterpillar", and so far have made our own caterpillar and butterfly displayed in our room. We have researched about how a caterpillar morphs into a butterfly and have watched video footage of this on our big TV using the internet. It's very fascinating and Miss Liza and I are continuing to learn along the

way. It's getting very close to the end of the year and we all know what that means – **GRADUATION!** It's very exciting and we've been getting prepared, learning songs that we are going to sing. These include The Australian National Anthem, a Phonics Song, and the Skeleton Dance (which came about from our learning about the human body). We will keep you posted with more information when it comes closer to Graduation.

On a final note, the new food menu has been well received in the SR room and we are enjoying all the healthy food; some of us trying some of these foods for the first time. If there are any questions please come and see us... Until next time, take care. Miss Jade & Miss Liza.

# HEAD LICE POLICY

The occurrence of head lice is the most common insect infestation in human throughout the world. In Queensland, infestation occurs mainly in children. However, head lice infestation may affect people of any age, nationality, gender or socio-economic status. It is as much a social issue as a health or educational issue, and the way that it is approached can have significant influence on a student's emotional, social and educational development.

## **Control**

Control of head lice is a community issue that can be productively addressed only through a cooperative approach between parents, children and the centre with assistance from Queensland Health or other local health service providers.

## **Remember**

- We can all catch head lice.
- Head lice are spread mainly through head to head contact.
- Mechanical methods can be used to control head lice.
- You need to check with Queensland Health Child Health Centre or your local doctor whether chemical preparations are effective.

## **Expectations of the Child Care Centre**

To help control head lice, it is reasonable to expect that centres will:

- Distribute procedures and information on the control, detection and treatment of head lice to parents and staff at the beginning of the year or more frequently if required;
- Advise parents to be vigilant, particularly during periods of heavy lice infestation;
- Implement recommended practices and teaching programs as well as guidelines for play, that minimise head-to-head contact during outbreaks of head lice;
- Support parents through practical advice and a sympathetic attitude to avoid stigmatising families who have difficulty complying with control measure;
- Request parents not to send children with head lice to the centre until treatment has begun; and
- Maintain confidentiality of all families and children who have or are treating head lice.

## **Expectations of Parents**

It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that their children do not attend the Childcare Centre with untreated head lice. To achieve this, it is reasonable to expect that parents will:

- Regularly inspect their child's head to detect the presence of lice or lice eggs;
- Regularly inspect all household members and treat them if required, and
- Notify the Centre if their child is affected, and advise when treatment has begun.

## **Treatment**

Current information on recommended treatment is available from Queensland Health, the local pharmacy or doctor and could be provided to parents as the providers of treatment.

## **Parents**

- Control head lice quickly and effectively in all people with head lice in the household.
- Send children to childcare only after they have started an effective method of control. This means that no live adult and young head lice are present. Live eggs and newly hatched head lice do not pose a risk of passing lice to others. Always complete control and keep checking.
- If head lice are present, notify the centre.
- Inform all other close contacts; ask them to check for head lice; explain the procedures.
- Ask children to reduce head-to-head contact.
- Avoid sharing combs, hairbrushes, hats, helmets etc.
- After use wash combs and hairbrushes in very hot tap water (60°C) for ten seconds.
- If you see head lice on cushions and headgear put them into sealed bags for two days or leave them under strong sun for a day.
- Take home all bedding, headbands and comfort toys from the centre and wash in hot water.
- Wash pillowcases with hot tap water.
- Vacuum clean carpet and upholstery.
- If the child sleeps with a fluffy toy, vacuum clean it.

**Do not use head lice preparations to prevent catching head lice. They do not repel head lice.**

Used routinely, head lice preparations may endanger the health of your child and contribute to the development of resistance of head lice to those preparations. Resistance means that the preparations become less effective in killing the head lice.

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### ***THANK YOU***

Please fill out the following and return.

I am happy with the current HEAD LICE policy

Yes

No

Suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

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