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Director's News



Firstly I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families; we hope your stay with us is an enjoyable one. I would like to welcome back all our families that have been away on holidays, I hope you all had a relaxing time.

Again the month is just flying by. It is hard to imagine that Christmas was over a month ago.

To all our families that are still with us, but have children that attend school/prep for the first time, I hope this transition has been an enjoyable one for you and your child/ren and there was not too many tears.

A friendly reminder to all our families; you must provide your child/ren with a named hat/sheet and spare clothes. If you require a permanent marker for this, please see a staff member who will be happy to help you.

I would like take this opportunity to inform all families that we now sell hats, bags and t-shirts, you can purchase these as a pack for \$25 or single prices are:

- **Hat** \$8.50
- **Bag** \$ 6.00
- **T-Shirt** \$ 12.50.



A very big Thank you to John Green and his family, Rae-Jon

Bunting, Sarah Guenole, Cassie Liston and family, for the wonderful donations and the extra mile you all go to for our Centre, you help is very much

appreciated. I would also like to say a very big thanks to all our families who have donated to our Centre, and who have supplied tissues and wipes on a regular basis, this simple act of kindness helps the centre enormously.

I look forward to another wonderful and exciting year with you all. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to come and see me. Until Next Time from Debbie.

Babies

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself: my name is Miss Kylie and I will be the Group Leader in the Babies' Room for the year 2012. Please feel free to come and have a chat at anytime regarding your child/ren.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask all parents that throughout the year that you supply at least six nappies for your child per day and



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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 Childhoods 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

provide enough nappy wipes for your child, you can bring these along daily or you can provide a packet every 8 weeks, please provide at least 2 sets of changes of clothes for each day your child attends.

Being new to the room, I would also like to ask that you name all of your child's belongings, this includes bottles, nappies, sipper cups, formula etc or anything that belongs to your child, a staff member will be happy to name these for you if you do not have a permanent



marker/labeller. If you provide your child's formula in a container that already has the

measured scoops in it, can you please write on the container how much water is needed for the amount of formula that you have already measured out for me.

I am looking for any unwanted plastic kitchen ware that can be used in our home corner, if you have any unwanted shoes, bags, dress ups I would also be happy to take these off your hands.

Once a month I will be sending home 'Parent Contribution' forms, these forms are where you write about what your child interests are, any new milestones your child has reached and anything new that they have become interested in, from this information I will then try to extend on your child's new developments /interests within the Centre.

We have extra days available in the Nursery should you wish to pick up a 'one off' day or decide to enrol your child for another day.

I look forward to spending time with your child and being there to watch and support you and your child as they reach new milestones.

Miss Kylie and Miss Samara.

Toddler Newsletter

What a busy start to the year we have all had and doesn't time fly its February already. Firstly for those that do not know me I am Miss Kristie and I will be the Group Leader in the Toddler Room for 2012. This is very exciting for me as this is the room that I first started in as an Assistant. Miss Ashleigh will be my Assistant and she is very excited about being in the Toddler Room as well

Just a bit of housekeeping to start the year off. Could you please label all of your child's belonging as this makes our job easier in returning belongings to the right child's bag. Also I ask that you provide enough nappies and wipes for the day as we do check nappies every hour. A marking pen can be



found on the nappy change table where you can mark your child's

nappies with their name. This helps in preventing your child's nappies being used on other children.

As you may have found in your sign in and out sheets in the

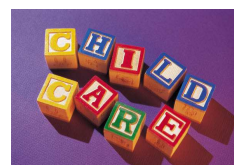
front office I have placed parent contribution forms. I ask you please to fill these out as these are a very important part of our programming and we use these to set activities within the room to encourage your child to learn, grow and develop as a child. It can be as simple as a photo of your child playing on the weekend or somewhere you went as a family.

Finally, if you have any questions in regards to your child please feel free to come and talk to us at any time. Miss Kristie and Miss Ashleigh

Pre-Kindy

We would like to say a big hello to all of our new families and a sad goodbye to all the children that are moving onto the Kindy room, it is lucky for us that we can still come and say hello.

This year we will be focusing on Manners, Colours, Numbers and the Alphabet as well as learning new songs with a lot of actions.



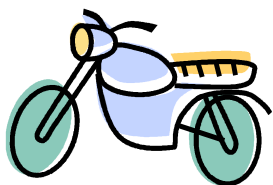
To start the year off, please ensure that your child is bringing in his/her own sheets in a sheet bag (pillow cases are always a good substitute for sheet bags), hat, water bottle, spare clothes, if these could ALL be clearly named it will assist us and the other staff to ensure that your child's belongings are returned to the correct child.

A reminder to let us know if you are thinking about or have started toilet training your child, we are more than happy to assist you with this process, please remember to provide your child with a minimum of six nappies per day and at least two sets of spare clothes.

We are asking for donations of yoghurt containers, cereal boxes etc if you are able to help with these items it would be much appreciated. If you have any ideas or suggestions please do not hesitate to come and see Michaila or myself, this also applies if you have any concerns/information you would like to discuss regarding your child. We are looking forward to working with you and your child/ren.
Miss Karina and Miss Michaila.

Kindy Room

A big hello to all the children who are enrolled in the Kindy Room, my name is Miss Jess and I will be the new Group Leader in this room, I am currently studying my Diploma in Children's Services and I am looking forward to a wonderful year getting to know you and your children.



In the month of February we will be learning about our

road rules and safety when riding our bikes.

A reminder could all families to provide a named drink bottle, hat and sheet for your child/ren. If you could also name your child's shoes this would also be very helpful, as I am still learning what each child's belongings look like.

I am seeking donations of dress ups, including bags and shoes for our home corner, if you have any old pots and pans or utensils that you are no longer using, I would be very happy to take these off your hands. If you have any questions please feel free to come and see me.
Until next time, Miss Jess and Miss Kathleen.

School Readiness

We are glad to see you all have returned safely the holidays. Welcome to all our new families. We have said a sad goodbye to a lot of our friends that have now left for Prep/School, we wish these children all the very best in their next stage of life.

We have began a back to school pod in our room this week, as a lot of the children are very interested as to where their friends/siblings have moved onto too. Our main goal for this year is going to be letter recognition, as we switch

from singing our ABC's to recognising each letter individually, this will be something that we will work at continuously over the year, with our main objective for the children to also recognise their name in print.



A friendly reminder could you all to remember to send a named drink bottle, sheet and spare clothes. These will need to be kept together in a named bag (pillow case), **please note: plastic shopping bags are not allowed**, these can be a choking hazard. Hats also need to be provided and clearly named, preferably wide brimmed; these can be purchased from the office.

If you have any questions please feel free to see me anytime Miss Amy and Miss Stacey.

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.

THANK YOU

Please fill out the following and return.

I am happy with the current HEAD LICE policy

Yes

No

Suggestions: _____
