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NEWSLETTER- Morayfield Matters

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DIRECTOR'S DESK

Wow! Hasn't the year just flown by. It is almost the end already. It is so important that everybody returns their **re-enrolment forms for 2012** as soon as possible. We have very limited vacancy and I would love to make sure you all receive the days you require for your children. If you do not return your form then you are not guaranteed your child's place.

Please remember if your child is going to Prep in 2012 we need to know what day they will sadly finish with us. Of course, they are more than welcome to stay right up until the end of January in our School Readiness Room and then stay on as schoolies.

We welcome Miss Natalie to our team. Natalie will be floating throughout the Centre and replacing the other girls days off. She is very quiet so please don't scare her away.

Until next edition,
Jayme.

FEES

By now everyone should have signed a centrepay or direct debit form. **THIS IS NOW CENTRE POLICY AND IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL FAMILIES.**



Direct debit reads the amount you owe straight from our screen. If you owe us nothing, then the direct debit will take nothing from your account. You can keep your account in credit by paying cash, EFTPOS or Bpay and then we will never take any money out of your account using direct debit.

Please see Jayme or Amy for a Direct Debit or Centrepay form if you have not yet signed one. Any families not on these payments by mid November will lose their child's place at our Centre.

CENTRE CLOSING TIME

Our centre closes at 6pm so please ensure you are at the centre by 5:45 as this gives you time to collect your child's belongings and have a chat about your child's day. All staff and families must be out of the centre by 6pm. Please remember that staff need to lock the gate and therefore all parents and carers need to be off our premises at 6pm. Please do not stand in our hallway or our carpark and hold staff back. It is unfair to those who have appointments or need to get home to family. We thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

This important day will be celebrated in style at our centre. Honeybun will be here to talk about why we need to remember the brave people who fought and defended our country so that we can live the great lifestyles we now have.



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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

We will have some past soldiers from the RSL come to our centre and talk about their time in the war and show us their medals. This will be a free show so please come along and show your support to the important people of our country. The show will be at 10am on **Wednesday, 9th November.**



YUMMIES FOR LITTLE TUMMIES

The food is almost here and we are so happy to be having it. Many parents have voiced their concerns about whether or not their child will eat the food. Please be patient and give it a go. I will take lots of photos so you can see for yourself that your children really love vegetables when they are at the centre. Think how great it will be to know that whilst at our Centre your child is receiving a very healthy and nutritional meal every day. Healthy food equals healthy mind and body. The menu will be on display so you have peace of mind knowing what your child will be eating every day. If your child has any special dietary requirements please see Jayme immediately to fill in a form to ensure your child gets given the correct food. Please see Jayme if you have any further questions.

CENTRE CHRISTMAS PARTY



Our annual Christmas party is fast approaching. Please keep **Saturday, 10th December** free. We

will have a great time with Basil and Grumble performing a new Christmas show this year, face painting and of course, lots of other games and activities. Not to mention, Santa will make an appearance as well.



NURSERY NUTTERS

Hi all. We have had an exciting couple of months in our Nursery. We have been very busy exploring different areas as well. We've been exploring music and had a great time



making our rain maker instruments, dancing to music, painting to

music and exploring various cultural music. The older babies also enjoyed grooving along to the music they made on the wiggles mat. We've also been looking at the different aspects of hygiene. Our little friends have been getting very clever with hand washing before and after nappy changes. We've also taken some fantastic pictures of our little ones washing baby dolls. They were a little wary of the bubbles however loved splashing in the water. We have just started an animal web in the last week and we're very excited with where it is headed. The children have been snapped patting our puppy dogs gently, as we talked about being safe and gentle around dogs. We have also created



some beautiful felt dotted cows, cotton ball sheep, lady beetles and butterflies. Don't forget to check out your child's artwork when you pop in. We've also been encouraging our Babies skills to help them become more independent such as; feeding themselves, drinking from a cup and washing our hands - in preparation for their big move to the Toddlers' Room in only a few more weeks. We will miss them.

Feel free to come in and hang out with Miss Sonya and I, we love visitors.

Cheers
Miss Kara, Miss Sonya and the Nursery crew.

TODDLER TALES

Welcome to another Toddler newsletter. We would like to first welcome Brooklynn to our little tribe.

Over the past few months the toddlers have been learning natural disasters. This has come from their very own fascination with the rain that has stopped us from going outside. We have learnt that while natural disasters such as dust storms and tornado's don't happen where we live, we found out how interesting and dangerous they are. We have been learning ways to stay safe during storms or if we see a bush fire we don't go



near it but tell an adult so we can all get help.

Over the past few weeks we have been learning about the circus, from putting on



tightrope shows to dressing up as clowns. We have done lots of very colourful artwork to brighten up

our room and the children have loved nothing more than using their imagination to role play someone different.

As well as extending on our pods, the toddlers have loved learning more about what they did on the weekend. This information comes from you, our parents and carers and we are really glad that so many of you take the time to tell us how their child is going at home and what they have been up to. Please keep it coming, if there is anything you would like either of us to do at childcare such as toilet training or working more with speech we are more than happy to help.

Cheers,
Miss Nicole, Miss Chloe and the Toddlers.

JUNIOR KINDY JARGON

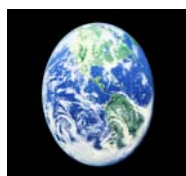
Welcome to another edition of our newsletter. First of all I would like to say how proud we are of all the children in the Junior Kindy Room, they have all come so far since the beginning of the year with most of them counting to 13, which

is excellent. Also most of the children know their colours and shapes, how clever are they. We are also so proud



of all the children that are toilet trained and those who are training as well.

As you may have noticed since our last newsletter, we have had a musical pod, where children learnt all about different musical instruments and all different aspects of the musical world. This pod has since formed into a pod about different countries around the world. During this pod we have



learnt about different flags, flowers, mascots, cooking and some games.

We have already learnt about Italy, Netherlands and France. Before the end of the year we will also learn about England, America, Africa, Asia and Australia. We are so proud of all the children – they can tell you where the leaning tower of Pisa and pizza come from. They can also say ‘hello’ and ‘goodbye’ in French; bonjour and au revoir.

We would like to welcome Emjay, Deyon and Jack to our room and hope you have made some new friends and have a great time in our room.

As always we are available to discuss your child’s progress and would love to hear what you have been doing at home. This helps within the room and

bringing home life into the centre is a great way to help your children feel comfortable.

Thanks heaps,
Miss Jess, Miss Tania and the Junior Kindy Kids.

SENIOR KINDY KORNER

Welcome to the newest edition of our newsletter. At this present time we are concentrating on learning to recognise numbers and our own names.



We are learning to use our self help skills and make

our own beds by getting out our own sheets and returning them to our own bags.

We are learning about the ‘beach’ at the moment, what we do and what we see at the beach. We have learnt about life savers and how to swim between the flags. We have set up a beach pod in our room



and the children love to ‘swim’ in it. Take some time to check it out as we are so proud of

our efforts in making it. Please remember as the weather is now hot, your child needs a HAT, SPARE CLOTHES and SHEETS. Spare clothes are great for those days when the water needs to be splashed on us.

Until next time
Miss Vivi, Miss Jodie and the Senior Kindy children.

SCHOOL READINESS SAGA

Hi everyone. I Hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather, I



know we definitely are. We have been very busy in the School Readiness

Room. We've welcomed some new faces; Sienna, Breeanna, Tiarah and welcomed back an old face; Raven. Great to have you with us.

Fire safety and education has been one of our main focuses.



After the council did a burn off across the road in the park, several children were extremely interested in the fire and the trucks involved. We have learnt about what and how fire and rescue people do their jobs. We have also made great use of the interactive TV and watched how a fireman puts out a fire. We learnt all about 000 and how to 'stop, drop and roll'.

We have also just began our new web on space. The children have had a great time creating our own solar system. We have even been learning a catchy song to help us remember the



planet names. At present we are learning about space stations and space travel. The interactive TV has been great in getting the children to understand the different and sometimes tricky ways of explaining why and how things happen.

Please take the time to check out the learning pods in our room, we are so proud of all the hard work that goes into them.

Not long till big school – we have been practicing some skills to get us ready for Prep. Check out the photo's on the wall of us practicing writing our names using the interactive TV. We are so clever.

If you have any requests on any activities you would like us to do in regards to Prep readiness please speak to one of us and we will do our best to incorporate everyone's ideas. Don't forget our Graduation is only a few weeks away and we have been practicing hard so keep Wednesday night, 7th December free. You only graduate from Kindy once so come along and join the fun.

Till next time,
Miss Emma, Miss Michelle,
Miss Jodie and the School Readiness Kids.

SCHOOLIES

We would like to say a big hello to everyone once again. We have just moved on from a sports web where we learnt about all different types of sport. The children all shared

their sports experiences and played some games against each other.

As Halloween is here we have moved our focus to making some scary but fun Halloween decorations. We have spoken about



how we could dress up for Halloween and where it all originated and why we celebrate it.

Our last holidays were lots of fun. We went on bushwalks, scavenger hunts, played at monkey business and had fun at the skate park. The Christmas holidays are fast approaching and we have lots of fun activities booked for these. We plan to go to chipmunks, laser skirmish, intencity, opal fossicking and underwater world. We even plan to make our own pizza at Dominoes so book in quick so you don't miss out. Spaces are limited.

Please remember that days the school children stay at the centre over the holidays, you will not need a lunch box as the centre will supply a lovely healthy lunch for your child. No lunch box means hassle free.



Thanks
Miss Amber and the Awesome Schoolies.

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.

THANK YOU

Please fill out the following and return.

I am happy with the current SUNSAFETY policy

Yes

No

Suggestions: _____
