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“achieving great things with little people...”

Education Through Care.

Director's News



Welcome to 2012 and already the year is fast moving as we approach February.

I would like to welcome all the families to our centre and I hope that your time here will be memorable and lots of fun. Since the last newsletter we have had some birthdays around the centre including Jo and Andrea 'Happy Birthday' ladies we hope your special day was on to remember.

This year we have started off on a flying start with Australia day events on the 25th of Jan, it



was great to see children coming all dressed up

displaying how proud they are to be Australian. Our first

fundraising event is underway we have an Easter fundraiser with pies and slices and lots of other yummy treats. Please support our fundraising efforts as they assist us in providing great learning opportunities throughout the year in shows and other events, without your help we find it difficult to do the extra special things.

This year we again have 'Kinda Dance' in the Centre. This is a great opportunity for children to explore movement and other areas of development. Princess Traele is here every Wednesday at 10am. I would love to see more children join in and enjoy the fun.

We have a new staff member on board with us and I would like to welcome Miss Jodi to our team she will be driving our bus and working as a Float Assistant in the Centre. If you see her around the centre please say "Hello".

This year we have new enrolment packs which include a hat, a shirt and a bag. The pack costs \$50 but all these items can be bought individually we have a range of sizes in the shirts from 2-6 years. Shirts are \$12, Hats are \$8 and the bag is \$5 if interested in purchasing any of these items please see Kelly-Ann or Tahni for information.

As you walk into the Centre you will notice that we are putting up new displays, please take the time to have a look and read over the information. Our displays included sun safety, immunisation, dental, health and safety, physical movement, food handling and nutrition, behaviour, programming and the national quality standards and general parent information.

Until next time, Kelly Ann.



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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 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

Toddlers' News

Welcome to the Toddlers' Room for 2012. We hope you had a fantastic Christmas and New Year. We would like to welcome Zoe into our room this month. We would also like to say good luck to all the children that have moved up from the Toddlers' Room into Pre-Kindy. Hope you have lots of fun with Miss Jo and Miss Jenny.

We have had lots of fun this month. We have been playing with the Pre-Kindy children and the older children. We also had an 'Australia Day Fun Day'. We also had a watermelon eating contest. We all got to dress up and had a lot of fun.

We are going to be starting a beach pad very soon. So if you have any photos of your children at the beach could you please bring them in, so we could put them on display.



If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask them

Thank you,
Miss Laira and Miss Christie.

Kindy News

Welcome to 2012 in the Kindy Room. It's going to be a fun and action packed journey.

We have a new Assistant this year Miss Sam will join me (Miss Lisa). So look forward to some exciting changes and new ideas. We have already started our year off with some exciting learning, we are doing a 'Space Pod' in the room and the children have been rather keen to talk about how they think an



alien would talk and how people travel in space.

The group have added some flying saucers and some alien colouring in to the dedicated area of the room. Please feel free to come and have a look as it is ever changing. If you have any ideas for the displays please let us know as the more ideas we have the more exciting it will be for the children.



We are also going to be working on colours in the next few weeks. The children are working on sharing, manners and taking turns on a daily basis.

We would like to ask you to come and see either of us with any areas that you would like us to work on with your child. We both believe that your input into your child's development is vital so we are only too happy to listen and implement ideas where possible.

A couple of reminders to please name your child's items so we can return them and check our lost property for anything that may not have come home.

We both look forward to helping you child grow over the next year.

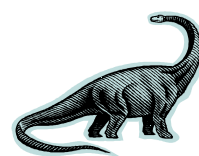
School Readiness

I would like to welcome you all back to the New Year, I hope you all enjoyed your New Years and Christmas.

For 2012 we welcome back old and new – Ella & Kirra
As well as the Kindy Room children moving up – Kyia, Jack, Elle, Lusitania, Kathleen, Ryleigh, Blake and Daniel.

We say so long to our School Readiness children who start there exciting new journey in School. Farewell to – Alex, Claire-Shay, Jarvi, Indyanna, Bridget, Ben, Evan, Aaron, Reilly, Aiesha, Charlie O, Nicole and Rowan.

This year we will be looking at including the program from



Pre-Prep into ours. Our Pod we are focusing on at the moment is

Dinosaurs; we will be looking at:

- > Where Dinosaurs came from?
- > What they eat
- > And different types of Dinosaurs.

Our aim this year is to



introduce basic learning such as, alphabet, counting,

colours and seasons of the year. As we already have these displayed in our room we wish to make the children aware by incorporating exciting learning activities in simple adventurous ways. That way the children understand and have fun learning in an educational way. We hope that this year is a great success.

From
Group Leader – Tahni
Assistant - Jade

Kinda Dance

Hello and welcome to an exciting New Year! For those of you who don't know me, my

name is Princess Traele and I'm your Centre's new Kinda Dance Instructor.



My ultimate goal is to bring out the best in your child and give them a head start in their development and education. I aim to do this by holding weekly classes with 30 minutes of dancing, singing, gymnastics, sports and much more. As well as fun weekly classes, I will be holding Kinda Dance shows that the children will perform in and have the opportunity to showcase all they've learnt to family and friends.

I truly look forward to watching your child develop and flourish through the magical world of dance.

If you are interested in enrolling your child for 2012, please fill in your details on the parent sign in poster located in the foyer and I will be in contact with you soon.
Princess Traele.

SAFE, COMFORTABLE SLEEP / REST FOR CHILDREN

Babies and young children spend a lot of time sleeping. Young children and babies will have their own routine and method of settling for sleep which is important for their self esteem. They need to feel safe, comfortable, loved and secure. It is imperative to provide a safe sleeping environment.

For babies sleeping in cots this involves:

- QCCS only provides cots complying with Australian Standard (AS/NZS 2172).
- Minimum depth should be at least 50cm from the top of the cot and the top of the mattress when the cot base is in its lowest position.
- Only use the mattress size recommended by the manufacturer.
- Space between bar should be between 5cm and 8.5cm.
- No more than two legs should have castors or the castors should have brakes.
- Always follow the manufacturer's assembly instructions
- Space between bars and mattress sides should be not more than 2.5cm when the mattress is centred.
- Finger traps – there should be no spaces between 0.5cm and 1.2cm
- Arm and leg traps – there should be no spaces between 3cm and 5 cm
- There should be no protrusions more than 0.8cm within the cot that are accessible to children.
- Always ensure the cot side is pulled up when you move away from the cot.
- Do not place a cot near windows or power points.
- Check cot regularly for signs of wear. Repair peeling paint or transfers immediately as a child may swallow and choke on these.
- Remove from cot large toys, cot bumpers and cushions once a child can stand as this helps them to climb out.

- Ensure the space above the cot is free of objects such as pictures and mirrors as these could fall on a child.
- Do not place soft, fluffy products such as pillows, doonas or sheepskins under children while they sleep
- Do not use V or U shaped pillows for children under 2 years of age. Small children can become wedged in the pillow and suffocate.
- Sleeping babies on their back reduces the risk of SIDS. The chance of babies dying from SIDS is greater if they sleep on their tummies or sides.
- Put babies feet at the bottom of the cot so that baby can't slip down under the blankets.
- Staff will constantly monitor the sleep room keeping these windows free from obstruction, for easy observation. Staff will physically enter sleep rooms and check all resting babies, marking off the cot room monitor sheet every 15 minutes.

For older children not in cots:

QCCS beds comply with Australian Safety Standards AS/NZS 2172 and the manufacturer states that this remains whilst beds are maintained in good repair.

As beds/mattresses are broken they are immediately to go on the Centres maintenance list – do not use these beds/mattresses until they are fixed. If not repairable they will be replaced.

Parents are to supply children with their sheets/blankets and any comfort items required for rest time. Sheets are to be supplied in a cloth bag or pillowcase and may stay at the Centre until the child's last day of attendance in that week when they are to be taken home and washed prior to use next week. If these sheets are forgotten on a given day, the Centre where possible will supply a spare sheet for this child to use, and this will be wash immediately after rest time. Children will sleep on top of a sheet and if they want a sheet over the top will be given another. This will obviously reflect the weather and during cooler periods blankets will be placed over the children to keep them warm. During warmer periods children may remove items of clothing to remain cool where air conditioning is not available. Children will be asked to remove their shoes, belts and any tight clothing to ensure they are comfortable for rest.

Those children who do not generally sleep can have the opportunity to rest on their bed for a short time or be given quiet activities . Staff will offer these children interesting, quiet activities that will maintain the children's interest to keep them busy whilst still allowing the other children to have an undisturbed rest.

THANK YOU

Please fill out the following and return.

I am happy with the current SAFE SLEEP policy

Yes

No

Suggestions:
