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Welcome back to all our existing families and a big and warm

welcome to all the new families starting with us in 2012. We would like to start by wishing you all a warm and Happy New Year, we all look forward to working with you and your children this year.

2012 is a big year for Child Care with all the changes that are taking affect this year with the new National Quality Framework, Staff Qualifications etc. These changes will not affect us as we have been working towards this for some time now.

Our room changes for this year are as follows-

NURSERY

Lead Educator – Priscilla
Educator – Stevie

TODDLER

Lead Educator – Tenneal
Educator – Bec

SENIOR TODDLER

Lead Educator – Olivia
Educator – Julie

KINDY

Lead Educator – Natalie.
Educator – Megan

SCHOOL READINESS

Lead Educator– Rounaque
Educator – Pin

Float Educators are – Alison,
Penny, and Sue.

Just a reminder that our opening and closing hours are 6am till 6pm. If you are late picking up your child, your account will be charged \$1.00 for every minute that you are late.

Please remember to dress your children in appropriate clothing i.e. - no singlet's, halter neck dresses, shoe string dresses etc, it is recommended that the



children wear t- shirts, collared shirts. Our Policy which we are reviewing this

month is the Sun Safety Policy.

If anyone is interested we have for sale in the office – Centre

- T-shirts for \$12.00,
- Broad Brim Hats for \$8.00
- Beach Bags for \$5.00.

Please see Tracey or Cilla if you are interested.

Don't forget we have a public holiday coming up for **Australia Day** on the 26th of January. So



on Wednesday the 25th we will have an Aussie dress up day. Then on the 14th February which is a Tuesday we will have a red day for **Valentine's Day**. We hope you all enjoy your stay with us, until next time, Tracey.

Nursery

Welcome everyone. We have a few new faces in the Nursery Room this year; we would like to say Welcome to Matthew, Darcy, Bonnie, Roald, James,



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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

Oscar, Nadia, Abbie.H, Elijah.
And a good luck to all of our friends who have moved along to Toddlers.

We have some great new ideas for the room and are ready for the new year, if you have any suggestions for art activities, play experiences or songs that you sing with your little ones please feel free to let myself know and I'll try to incorporate it into our daily program, also if you are unfamiliar with our program we run a 'Emergent Learning Program' which is recorded on a daily basis and is displayed in the black folder on the shelf next to our digital photo frame which will have photos of all the fun activities that the Babies enjoy. If you would like to have a read about the program we run we have a information for families folder next to the program please feel free to have a look though it.

At the moment we are going outside for a little play of a morning and of an afternoon, due to the weather not being too hot, we are really enjoying the sand pit the Babies enjoy feeling the sand between their little toes, we have also discovered climbing over the foam blocks is great fun, we



have been using the walker a lot and cruising around outside and inside.

Just a few reminders:
Please make sure you pack:

- A hat

- Nappies & Wipes
- Nappy creams with a chemist label
- Spare Clothing
- Water Bottle and any milk bottles that your child will need along with formula or breast milk.
- A cot sheet and blanket or sleeping bag.

Thanks, Cilla.

Junior Toddlers

A big welcome back to the Toddler room for 2012. As you may be aware we have new Educators this year, Miss Tenneal has moved down from the Senior Toddlers and Miss Bec has moved from being our fulltime Float to being fulltime in our room.

We are both very excited to be working with your children and at the moment our main focus will be to bond with your children and develop relationships with each and every child. We want all children to feel safe, secure, and comfortable and feel that they belong in their room.

We would like some parent input for our room, it would be appreciated if parents could bring in some photos from home. This will be a great way for the children to share and to help make them feel part of the room. This also allows us to get to know you and your family a little bit better.

We will be following the children's interest and skills over the next year as this is how we develop interesting and stimulating programs so please feel free to offer any suggestions.

We look forward to assisting you and your child in 2012. Until next time from Miss Tenneal and Miss Bec.

Senior Toddler

Hello and welcome back to 2012 we hope that you all had a great Christmas and New Year.

We look forward to working with you and your children this year. We have so much planned for the year that your children will go home feeling exhausted yet very happy at the end of each busy day.

We are going to be focusing a lot on our physical skills this year with a lot of physically



active games, obstacle courses, ball games etc. if you would like to help or offer some suggestions

please see Julie or myself (Olivia) and we would be only happy to hear what you have to offer.

If you are concerned about your child's development or would like information about certain areas of child's development please ask and we will assist you as much as we can.

Until next time, Miss Olivia and Miss Julie.

Kindy

Hi everyone. Megan and myself are very excited to be again working with some familiar faces and look forward to getting to know those of you that we don't quite know just yet. Over the next coming weeks we will be focusing on learning our new room routine and guidelines. Once this is established and all the children have settled in we will be focusing on all the fun stuff!

We will kick the year off by learning about 'Ourselves' and 'Our families', so please if you have a family photos bring it in and we will display it. Megan and I are open to any suggestions or input you may have into the room so please don't hesitate to talk to us about any concerns that you may have.

Just a reminder, you need to supply your child with a hat, drinks bottle, sheets and nappies (if required) DAILY. Also if you have any resources

such as old paper, material, milk carton lids, boxes etc; you may like to contribute to our room for craft that would be fantastic. However, we cannot accept any materials that have had egg or nuts products or traces of these products inside of them. Thank you.

School Readiness

Hello! My name is Rounaque Begum and I'm the Teacher of the School Readiness room.

In 2012, with the assistance of Mrs Pin we will develop a wonderful relationship with the children and create and maintain a fun and safe environment for the children to enjoy.

We would like to welcome all our new and returning friends and also congratulate all the children who have moved into their new rooms. Thank you for your support during this period of transition. Our emphasis for this year is to instil confidence in the children whilst also developing a sense of responsibility. We will be focusing on enthusing the

children towards learning and building their cooperation skills with other children. Our team will be using a wide range of learning experiences through this year to get the most results.

We welcome parents into the room at anytime and encourage parents to engage us in talk about any concerns or ideas you might have. We believe learning is shared between the home, the centre, the parent, carer and the teacher.

Also a reminder to parents to ensure that the children remember to bring a hat each day. It is also a good idea to apply sunscreen before arriving at the centre. These measures will ensure your child is sun safe during these hot summer days. Thanks again for your support.

Mrs. Rounaque & Miss Pin.

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 SUN SAFETY policy Yes No

Suggestions: _____
