

# Pickering Street Early Education Centre

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## NEWSLETTER

November 2011

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### Events

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November** –  
Grandparents Day

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November** –  
Kinda Dance Happy Healthy  
Heart Show

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 5pm** –  
Pre-School Graduation Night

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 9am** –  
Centre Christmas Party

**27<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Day  
**Public Holiday**

**28<sup>th</sup> December** – Boxing Day  
**Public Holiday**

*(Please Remember the Centre is  
closed on all Public Holidays)*

Please see the Foyer Notice  
Board for more Info on these  
events.

### 2011 Vacancies

Babies Room – Full

Toddlers Room- Full

Junior Kindy- Full

Kindy- Full

Pre-School- Wed

Please see the Foyer Notice

Board for updated vacancies.

### Director News

We have almost made it  
through a very busy 2011.  
What a year it has been. You  
will notice Pickering Street  
starting to look  
very festive very  
soon ready for  
our Christmas  
celebrations.



Please  
remember if you  
have changed  
details or updating  
Immunisation. Please let us  
know so we can adjust this in  
our system.

As it is coming into the warmer  
months the children  
will be experimenting  
with water play. Please  
remember to pack an  
extra set of clothes,  
and shoes for your  
child/ren in case they get wet  
during this time.



Congratulations to all the big  
School Readiness children who  
are going on to Prep next year.  
We will miss you and hope you  
come to visit! Have a safe and  
happy holidays. Thanks, Clare  
and Jenny.

### Babies

Wow, isn't this year going fast.  
Most of the children in our  
room are getting very close or  
are now walking and have been  
using their muscles to climb  
stretch and reach for toys. At  
the moment, our focus in our  
room is our heritage, as a few  
of the children have 2  
languages. The children have  
painted flags of our heritage, as



well as the parents have been  
getting involved in letting the  
teachers know their child's  
heritage background. From



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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

there, Jayne had printed out flags relating to each of the children's heritage background. They look fantastic. Please remember to name all your child's items including their nappies so that nothing gets lost! If you have any ideas for the room, please let us know. Thank you, Jayne, Dharini and Jenny.

### Toddlers

Hi Parents! It has been a busy month in our Toddler Room. This month we have enjoyed doing lots of art work, we have been very interested in investigating and discovering textures. This month we have practised our sharing skills and using our gentle hands with our peers. We have welcomed Telaeh, Rubi and Lara in our room; we look forward to getting to know your children and their families. Please ensure that your child has labelled all belongings including shoes and socks, and wears a sun smart shirt, hat and has a water bottle. Thank you, Miss Rachael and Miss Shanna.



### Junior Kindy

First of all a BIG welcome to Belinda, Seth and Nataliya who have moved up from the Toddler Room. The past few weeks have seen us focusing on 'Under the Sea' and all the plant/animal life that lives there. Two weeks ago we had a visit from some very cool companions, everyone loved

touching the different reptiles. In the following weeks, we will be

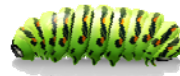


continuing our interest in the ocean and introduce 'Looking after the environment'

As the weather warms up please remember to pack a hat, water bottle and spare clothes as we start doing water play! If you have any ideas, suggestions, or questions, please feel free to come and see me. Thanks, Kaylee.

### Kindy

What busy learners we've had this month in the Kindy Room. We have finished up our learning station about space, and children have continued on their interest in aliens and monsters by starting up a fairy tales learning station. The children have been exploring different imaginative roles as well as participating in art and craft activity that have sparked imagination and challenged their concepts of what reality is. We have also been fortunate enough to have been given some silk worms, and in the last few weeks we have watched them grow from small pencil line caterpillars, into large fat caterpillars and finally into their pupa stage. We have been learning about the different uses of silk and how people process the



cocoons into silk cloth. We are now excitedly awaiting the emergence of a moth from the pupa that is in the foyer. The children can't wait to release it into the yard, like preschool did with their butterflies.

Laura and Lisa.

### School Readiness

Hi everyone and welcome to November. We have been busy this month learning all about spring. We have been interested in watching our white carnations change different colours by drinking up



the coloured water we had previously made with old textas. It's been interesting looking at and learning about the beautiful flowers in our world. We also enjoyed the great hands – on experience that was the 'Cool Companions' show. We loved learning all about these interesting animals and getting to touch and hold them too. A few reminders:

- Please remember to bring a hat, drink bottle, spare clothes and sheets every day, and ensure that every item is clearly named.
- Please keep all toys at home. We are really trying to enforce this rule and would appreciate your help in this matter. Karen and Christine.

# 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.

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*THANK YOU*

Please fill out the following and return.

I am happy with the current SUN SAFETY policy     Yes     No

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

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