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NEWSLETTER

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Directors' News

Wow November already. Every year at TPCH we hold a Christmas Raffle for all families to enter in the chance of winning a lovely Christmas basket full of all your favourite goodies. We are currently looking for any donations from families for these gift baskets. If you would like to donate an

item to the raffle or would like to purchase a ticket for only \$1.00 please see either Peta or Cassie at the desk.



As the warmer months are in sight we hope that we can leave behind the colds and flues that have been tying us all down over the past few months. We send out big hugs to all those who have been sick. There have been a few child

items going missing over the past few months. Please remember to name ALL of your child's items as this makes it a lot easier for the girls to locate. Also if you notice a piece of clothing in your child's bag that does not belong to you, please return it to your child's room so that we can find its rightful owner.

If you have any old clothes, shoes, hats, handbags at home that you no longer need, please bring them in so that we can utilize them in our home corner, role playing areas. Also if you have any cereal, muesli bar etc boxes, rather than throw them out, bring them in as they can be used in our home corner shop or for collaging in Arts and Craft. Please remember to park your car at the hospital end of the car park if you are leaving it for the day to ensure there will be spaces for other parents to pick up and drop off their children

closer to the doors. Also keep in mind this is a childcare centre and there will be children in the car park throughout the day, so watch your speed limit and please keep our car park safe. As it is getting very close to Christmas, the children will be practicing their group Christmas songs they will be singing for the parent's concert on their day of the big party. We would like to encourage all families to practice these songs at home with your child so they get the best chance at singing loud and confidently on the day of the Christmas party. A list of these songs will be located under your child's group in this newsletter.

Upcoming events for the end of year:

1/11/11 Melbourne Cup Day – Get amongst the glamour and the action of the famous horse race.

3/11/11 Water Play Day –



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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

Don't forget to bring your togs and a towel. This day will be full of playful water fun.

7/11/11 Grandparents Day – Bring along your grandparent to complete a beautiful painting and pose for some loving photos.

5/12/11 Santa letter applications go out for all to send a Christmas wish list to the jolly man himself.

9/12/11 Centre Christmas Party – Come along for the festivities for Christmas and watch your child sing their favourite Christmas songs they have been practicing as a group.

12/12/11 Letters and money due for Santa's letters

14/12/11 Graduation for School Readiness – Come along and watch your child graduate in style with an end of year awards ceremony.

16/12/11 Santa's letters are sent out to the North Pole.

26th & 27th December - Centre closed due to Public Holidays.

Babies 1

What a fantastic month it has been so far, in the Babies room we have two pods. The first



pod is the animal pod, we are learning about all different

types of animals and learning about the sounds they make as well. Our second pod is the family and backgrounds pod, we are learning about our families, backgrounds and different countries traditions. We still need a few family photos for some of the babies, so if you haven't brought in

photos please bring some in to help our pod. Our favourite song in the room is "Round and Round the Garden" and our favourite book is the "Zoo" popup book. Christmas is almost here and we are going to play musical instruments to the song- "Jingle Bells". We are looking forward to showing off our skills.



We have now said goodbye to Camille and Xavier as they have started to move up in the Toddler room. We do have some new faces in the room which we would like to welcome; Montie, Isaack, Molly, Ciaran and Emma.

We have also had a few



birthdays as well.

A very happy birthday to Elijah, Ciaran and Kirra. Chelsea and Danica have gone on a long holiday around Australia and hope they have a lot of fun.

We also have some fantastic achievements- Vivienne is crawling around the room at a high speed, Joshua is also crawling and trying to stand up while holding onto things. Isaack, Kirra, Gabe and Memphis are just starting to try to walk, we just need a bit of encouragement. Emilee is talking a lot more and trying new things.

Babies 2

In the Babies room our learning pods are book corner where they can relax and look



through books, and we have our own little café where we can cook up a storm and share as we get to know each other. We also have a sensory corner where there is 3 baskets with different sensory activities such as soft toys, noise and movement.

Our favourite song in the room at the moment is – 'If You're Happy and You Know It'.

Our favourite book is – 'Stuck in the Mud'. The song we will be singing for the Christmas party is – "Jingle Bells".

We have had a lot of children starting to walk and learning to balance on their feet as they let go of the furniture to practice this new found skill.

Charlotte, Harper and Jasmine like to ride the bikes.

Siana likes to do puzzles.

Stanley and Alex enjoy playing ball games.

Bleiddian likes cooking.

Edward likes to play with cars and trucks.

Anabel, Anahera and Libby love making beautiful music.

Darcy, Miranda and Isabella love looking through books.

Lochlainn and Charlie love to shake the rattles.

Toddler 1

This month we've been exploring the creatures that live



under the sea, in our beach pod. We have also been talking about the different places we can go with our families in our family pod. This month we also welcomed two new friends into our class, Cooper, who loves playing with the balls, and Amani, who loves to sing. Our friends Levi and George enjoy riding the bikes when we go outside and our friend Harrison enjoys throwing the tennis balls from our beach pod. Leila has liked playing with the dolls while Elizabeth, Esther (Lloyd-Jones) and Camille enjoy using the toy telephones from our family pod. Mary has fun building with the small lego blocks from our beach pod while Xavier enjoys exploring both pods and pulling the wagons from one to the other. Esther (Hoystead) enjoys dancing to the wiggles and our friends Owen and William are enjoying holidays with their families overseas this month, William is visiting England and Owen has gone to America.

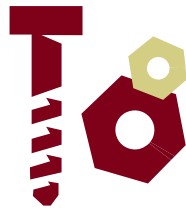
Toddler 2

This month we have been welcoming new friends into the Toddler Room. We would like to welcome Hannah, Rose and Jasper. We have been working on our gross motor skills in the

Olympic pod. The children have loved ribbon dancing to our favourite song; "Peanut Butter Jelly time", and shooting hoops.

Safiya, Emma, Sophia, Ava, Eva, Nathan, Lucas, Luke, Kayla and Jasmine have all improved on their throwing skills and are good at aiming the balls in the direction they are aiming for. Matthew, Lachlan, Sid, Emily and Josh have enjoyed climbing on the balance beam and jumping onto the cushions for a soft landing.

Our construction pod has been coming to life as the children have been using the tools to cut wood, measure the blocks,



hammer the equipment into place and screw the bolts in tightly to make

sure the buildings

are secure. We are starting our jungle pod this week. We have made



some monkeys and elephants and talking about what animals live in the jungle.

We would like to ask parents for any art and craft donations such as egg cartons and boxes to create some animals. Also if your child has a favourite jungle animal bring it in so we can show our friends.

For the upcoming Christmas party the toddlers will be singing "Jingle Bells". "We Wish you a Merry Christmas" and "If You're Happy and You Know It".

Pre Kindy 1

This month Pre-Kindy have been very busy in our room. We welcomed Zander from Toddlers who has come to the room a few times to play. We also said farewell to Brianna who is moving to a centre closer to her new house.

We have a few new additions to the room. Firstly there are some new pods. Pre-Kindy are looking at the Alphabet. We have the alphabet on our wall



and Alphabet books and blocks to look at

and play with. Rania, Floriana, Reya, Jenna, Io and Kayla, all enjoy singing the "Alphabet" song. We have drawn apples for the letter A and played with balls for the letter B. You may notice the children saying "A is for apple a, a, a, B is for ball b, b, b, C is for cat c, c, c." We have also been showing the children how to use sign language with the alphabet. As you walk into the room look up to see your child's photo with their name and what their name starts with. This is very popular with the children and we spend quite a bit of time going through everyone's first letter of their name.

We also have a new music pod with instruments that the

children have enjoyed playing with .Thomas, Ethan, Tom.L, Leon and Zarna all love using the cut out guitars, while Molly, Sarah and Vinuka, have fun experiencing the bells and wooden instruments. We have made shakers with plastic bottles Nelophar and Harry love to use them when we put our music on. We have been singing "this is the way we play the guitar" or "play the bells". Wearing sparkly wigs and groovy glasses we made our own Pre-Kindy rock group, the children had so much fun playing with the instruments to music.

Our jungle pod is still up and running and Riley and Rohan



enjoyed making snakes out of paper plates. Brayden enjoys playing in the jungle tents.

Pre-Kindy

love pretending, so most days will see us sitting on the mat pretending it's a boat rowing down the jungle river, singing "Row Row Row Your Boat" and looking out for monkeys, crocodiles, birds etc.

At the moment we are concentrating on toilet training, thank you to the parents who are working with us to make the transition from nappy to underwear easier. The new menu has also been a hit with Pre-Kindy eating the meals, and

some children trying new foods. We have been so delighted with every ones progress.

Its nearing Christmas (can you believe it) and we are gearing up for our Christmas concert so



the bells are out and we have been practicing "Jingle Bells" among other songs

to sing for you. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please feel free to contribute to our pods. Thank you to those parents who have given us some great toys and books that we can use in our learning pods.

See you in the Pre-Kindy room
Miss Fiona & Miss Nicole



Pre Kindy 2

Over the last few weeks we have had 4 pods going on in Pre-Kindy, these were Pre-

Kindy 'house' pod, 'hands on' pod, 'construction' pod and 'animals around the world' pod. At the moment in the Pre-Kindy house pod we have been learning about kitchen safety,



role playing, cooking and families. I would like to thank all the parents that brought in family

photos for our pod, it would be good to see more parents bringing in some family photos to share. With these photos I have been getting the children to talk about their families and we have been discussing how everyone is equal and the same. In the hands on pod we have been doing fine motor activities, focusing on using our hands. We have been doing activities such as our sensory table, drawing and painting. In the construction pod we have learnt about construction



workers, safety as a construction worker and wearing safety

clothing. We have been constructing with blocks and we have been playing with trucks. In the animal pod we have learnt all about the different types of animals and we have learnt their names, sounds they make and what colour they can be. We have also played with puppets and made animals.

Mia, Miguel, Flynn and Maddy have enjoyed the hands on activities we do such as flashcards, sensory tables and drawing. Alexia, Dustin, William and Santhan have enjoyed dressing up like construction workers and building with the blocks. Lily, Willow, Chelsea, Georgia, Vivien, Viveca and Jimi enjoy role playing in home corner, cooking and role playing families. Maeve and Isaac enjoy playing with the puppets and sitting on the pillows reading books. Over the last few weeks Charlotte and Sebastian have been enjoying transition days to Junior Kindy.

Just another reminder for parents to bring in family photos for our house pod. The children's favourite book at the moment is "We are going on a Bear Hunt" and "Mr Magee". The children like to get involved. Our favourite songs this month have been "Wheels on the Bus", "If You're Happy and You Know It" and "Miss Lucy".

As you know, Christmas is coming up so we have also started learning new Christmas songs. We will be singing "Aussie Jingle Bells" and "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" at this year's Christmas party.

Junior Kindy

A big hello and welcome to Stella, Youna and Madeline We have been very busy working on animals for our zoo, monkeys,



elephant, giraffe, bear, snakes, lions, fish, crabs, butterflies, horses, tigers, horses and Mr Crocodile.

This was all very thirsty work so the children decided we needed to make a cafe for the zoo. We discussed what you could get at a cafe so had a couple of cooking days (biscuits and cakes) Tameka, Addisyn, Adelaide, Maddy, Jade, Owen, and Shervonne, loved the rolling and beating in preparation, while Lennon, Saketh, Brendan, and Liam enjoyed the eating them at afternoon tea.

We have started putting an art studio together as many of the children request to paint every day. We will do drawings, clay sculptures and collages for others who decide not to paint. We've been talking about our bodies and x-rays so if you have any at home please bring them in so we can show the children a photo of 'our bones'

The Wiggles "Hot Potato" and "Rock A Bye Your Bear" have been very popular for dancing and singing.

Christmas is fast coming around and we have been practising our songs for the concert, "Jingle Bells", "Santa Claus is Coming", and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer". Azd, Dakota, Issac, Brayden, Angad, Kabir, Youna, and Jude are really getting into the singing.

Kindy 1

Hi Miss Tash and Miss Kaylene here, we have had a great

month so far, having fun with our fairy pod, making wands, a fairy garden painting the grass and also brown stones, also taking a walk in the fairy garden reading our fairy book which was really exciting for the children. Another pod we are still working on in the room is our alphabet pod doing a letter each week, some of the activities include, letter stamp painting, group talking about each letter and what objects or items start with that letter and also ABC flashcards. Charles, Lochlan, Justin, Pheonix, Flinn, Ronan, Lucas and Owen have been enjoying the cars, trucks



and trains on our construction mat and the Police and Fire

helmets. Anya, Casey, Indigo, Cianah, Anwen, Anthea, Tamika, Charlotte and Isabella are loving home corner play, dressing up and role playing mums and dads and also having tea parties, cooking cakes, muffins and making coffee. Angus, Tyler, Raphael, Huntah, Ashton, Matthew and Vinuka have been enjoying the block building with different types of blocks such as wooden blocks, 3D blocks, connector blocks and the mobilio blocks, they make fantastic things like towers, transformers and cars etc.

Parents, if you have any scrap paper or materials that can help us with our pods or your

child's interest, please feel free to bring them in.

We also would like to welcome Lucas, Cianah and Vinuka to the Kindy 1 Room. Also we hope Elliot, Eben and Aiko are having fun on their holidays.

We will be practicing our Christmas songs this month and they will be:

"Jingle Bells" and "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer", so please practice these songs at home to build your child's confidence for the concert.

PARENTS PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO LOOK AT THE PARENT NOTICE BOARDS OR ON THE FRONT DOOR FOR UP COMING EVENTS.

Kindy 2

In the Kindy room at the moment we have three exciting pods up and running with a healthy eating pod being constructed up the back of the room where the children eat each of their daily meals.

The Superhero Head Quarters pod would have to be the most popular pod in the room to

date. The children are having a fabulous time dressing up as their favourite superhero's, and learning how to be a superhero, how to act, stand and

what to wear. We also have a pod about the Transport department. In here we have been learning about safety of crossing the road and how to act when on our roads. This



pod merges with our Emergency Services pod which is still running in the room as it has been extremely popular and the children have learned and are still learning very important actions and phone numbers for these emergency departments. If you ask your child what phone number do you call in an emergency, they will generally be able to answer with 000 or even tell which service they are looking for. We will continue this pod as the children are learning valuable information and skills they will definitely need throughout their lifetime. If you have any items you may be able to donate to any of these pods currently running in the room, please do not hesitate to chat to Lisa or Sharni at anytime.

Our favourite activities to do in the room are –

Alyssa, Jasmine, Bianca, Esther, Hayley C, Olivia, Bridget, Lilli, Jessica, Maddison, Hayley M, Megan, Choekyi, Aromia, Saoirse love playing in the superhero pod dressing up as beautiful Disney princesses and finishing off the outfit with some great accessories which we are borrowing from Miss Peta and her girls, so thank you very much for the use of these beautiful dress ups.

Lachlan, Joshua, Liam, Isaac, Bayley, Seth, Kendrix have had a blast dressing up as their favourite superhero and learning all about secret superhero stances and code words in which they use to communicate and fight against crime. They have also been

developing super secret powers in which they use out in the yard with each other, but again it's all super secret and you have more than likely not been able to see these powers in use. Tristan, Leonardo, Minu, Sophie and Thomas have been having loads of fun pushing cars and trucks around the room as they work in the transport department ensuring all of the vehicles are driving safely and are allowed on our roads. Our favourite song in the room would still have to be 'Mr Klickety Kang'. The children are always asking to sing this song at every group time. Another song we have been learning and starting to ask for allot is the ABC rock. It's another version of your traditional ABC but to a different tune and much trickier to remember. For our Christmas concert we will be singing the following songs –

* *Jingle bells*

* *Santa Clause is coming to town.*

* *Rudolph the red nose reindeer.*

* *Mr Klickety Kang*

School Readiness

This month has been very busy in the School Readiness Room. Our room has been turned into many different learning areas this month. We are still very interest in learning about the garden. We planted our outside garden with vegetable and herbs to watch them grow. Edward, Kodie, Hudson, Hana, charlotte, Ciara Jonathan, Zak and Oscar really enjoyed planting the vegetables in the outside garden. They all helped

to care for the plants which was lots of fun. Julian, Ceren, Ethan, Paige, Zane, Jed and Taijah were very excited to plant parsley and thyme in small containers for us all to take home. We got to add the soil, seeds and water to the container and we got to watch the plants grow.

Another interest in our room this month has been our weather pod.

We had lots of rain this month which lead to our interest in



the ever changing weather. Amani, Hadia, Alyssa, Phillip, Annabella, Thomas, Julian, and Riley all enjoyed creating our weather artwork this month. They all liked learning about the clouds and rain and why some of our weather occurs.

We have also had construction and car pod interest this month. Keenan, Eli, Louie, Oscar, Rhys, Mitchell, Suliaman, Liam, Lucas, Aj and Jack all enjoyed looking at the different transport which we could see when coming to Kindy. We creating some car paintings and

spoke about the police, fire and ambulance transportantion. Hannah, Layla, Ahamarah, Uniqwa, Sithumi and Sarah all enjoyed looking for information on the interactive whiteboard. We watched video clips and found pictures of different transportation. We have had such a busy and fun month Until next time.

HEALTH POLICY

We aim to maintain a healthy and hygienic environment that is safe for both children and staff. To do this the Centre will maintain strict health standards that are developed in accordance with the *Staying Healthy in Childcare Handbook*, which is available from the Office.

Children who become sick during the day will be removed from the group and the parent or emergency person will be contacted to take the child home. Children with infectious diseases must be kept at home for the appropriate isolation period and may require a clearance from a medical professional to declare them not contagious and thus fit to return to care. The more common of these are:

- Temperature** of over 38°C.
- Rashes:** If you cannot identify the rash or it has not been diagnosed by a doctor as non-infectious, the child must be kept at home until the rash has cleared.
- Vomiting:** If any vomiting has occurred, the child must stay at home until at least 24 hours since the last vomit. Once child has vomited, parents will be asked to collect child.
- Chicken Pox:** Symptoms — fever, runny nose, cough, fatigue and general rash, which begins as a bump and becomes blister-like. Exclusion from Centre until all blisters have dried, there are no moist sores and child feels well.
- Conjunctivitis:** Symptoms — discharge from eye/s, redness in the whites of eyes, sensitivity to light. Exclusion from Centre until the discharge from the eyes have stopped, unless cleared by a doctor.
- Diarrhoea:** Watery, loose, frequent bowel motions that look different to normal excretions. Exclusion from centre — the child must stay at home until at least 24 hours without diarrhoea.
- Flu/Cold:** Symptoms — fever, headache, head cold and mild sore throat with cough. Exclusion from the Centre until the child looks and feels well.
- Scarlet Fever / Streptococcal Sore throat** Exclude until child has received antibiotic treatment for at least 24 hours and feels well.
- Rubella** Exclude until fully recovered or for at least four days after the onset of rash.
- Impetigo / School Sores** Exclude until appropriate antibiotic treatment has commenced. Any sores on exposed skin should be covered with a watertight dressing.

Under the *Public Health Regulation 2005* the medical conditions prescribed as ‘contagious conditions’ are, Diphtheria, Enterovirus 71, Gastroenteritis outbreaks, Hib, Hepatitis A, Measles, Meningococcal Disease, Whooping Cough, Polio, Rubella, Tuberculosis, Typhoid, Paratyphoid and Chicken Pox.

FOR ALL INFECTIOUS AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

Children must be kept at home for the appropriate isolation period as outlined in the *Staying Healthy in Childcare* and must provide a doctor’s clearance upon return to the Centre. All non-immunised children at the Centre, or children whose immunisation details are not up to date, when an outbreak of an infectious disease

occurs will be automatically informed and exclusion from the Centre recommended (after consultation with the local Population Health Unit).

The above ailments are common childhood diseases. We reserve the right to exclude children if we feel that the child may be infectious. Any outbreaks of immunisable and/or infectious diseases are recorded in the Centre's Infectious Diseases register. This identifies the dates and children who were affected, and the period of time of exclusion. Where required under the *Public Health Act 2005*, these outbreaks are reported to the local/state health authority.

It is essential that parents follow these guidelines, as a child who is unhealthy will take a longer period of time to get well if he/she is kept at the Centre rather than at home.

By observing these guidelines you, the parent will be helping us in maintaining good health standards and a hygienic environment for your children.

PARENT/EMERGENCY CONTACT

In the event of a child falling ill or being involved in an accident or emergency, to give maximum protection to your child and the other children in the Centre it is VITAL that we have a current parent and/or emergency contact number available at all times. If you need to update these numbers please fill out the "Parent Details Update" form, which is available from the Director.

If a parent or emergency person cannot be contacted, children displaying signs of infectious disease will be comfortably isolated in the Director's office, under supervision until a appropriate person comes to collect the child.

THANK YOU

Please fill out the following and return.

I am happy with the current HEALTH policy

Yes

No

Suggestions: _____
