

# Springwood Early Education Centre & Preschool

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## NEWSLETTER

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Editor: Clare Hamilton

### Director News



I'd like to start by introducing myself as the new Director here at Springwood

Early Education Centre. My name is Aspen Forgan and I have been working in childcare for around 5 years. Before moving to Springwood Early Education Centre, I had been working for Queensland Child Care Services at their Hamilton Road Centre. Thank you to all the families that have already made me feel so welcome in my first few weeks here, and I look forward to getting to know everybody better.

I would also like to welcome all of our new families to the Springwood family. I hope that you are enjoying our Centre. If there is anything else that we can do help make your child's transition into childcare any smoother, please let us know.

### Just a few reminders

- Please ensure your child is signed in and out each day as this is a government requirement.
- Please remember to label all of your children's belongings, to help minimize the chances of them being misplaced or lost.

### What to bring for the day

Please remember that it is important that the children come with a packed bag each day with the following items

- Drink bottle
- Change of clothes
- 4 – 8 pairs of underwear if they are toilet training
- Hat
- Cot Size Sheets in a sheet bag (pillow case great option) that will fit

in your child locker  
(please no plastic bags)

### For Babies and Toddlers

- Nappies
- Wipes
- Bottles
- Formula
- Drink cup

### All rooms monthly

Wipes and Tissues to share



### Donations

One person's rubbish is another person's treasure - is you have anything around your house that you no longer need or want, the centre is always looking for donations. Some examples include:

- Old children's clothing
- Cardboard boxes
- Scrap Material, wool, ribbon
- Old pots and pans
- Plastic bottles
- Old books



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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

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Until next time,  
Aspen Forgan  
Centre Director

### **Nursery**

Welcome to the Babies' Room for 2012, we hope everyone had a fantastic holiday period and are all looking forward to the New Year ahead. We have started the year with a lot of familiar faces and look forward to meeting all of our new families that will be starting in the coming months.



We have also started the year jam packed with a lot of art and



creativity, all the Babies love being little artists. We currently have a 'block' learning station in our room and have been able to use all sorts of blocks and show our skills and talent at building big towers. We have also been doing lots of talking whilst building our towers. We look forward to having a wonderful year with all of our babies and families.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to come and see us.

Until next time, Miss Lorraine and Miss Amanda.

### **Toddlers**

Welcome back everyone! We are very excited to start the New Year. A big welcome to all of our new Toddlers; Elena, Toby and Sam, and all the

children who have moved up from the Babies' Room.

To start off the New Year we will be focusing on colours, counting and animals. We have been talking about the different types of animals around the world, where they live, what they eat and what noises they make. If you gave any animal toys or books you no longer want, please feel free to bring them in to assist with our animal learning station.



We now have new pockets in the room. We will be putting notices in these, so please remember to check them.

If you have any questions, please feel free to come and ask us.

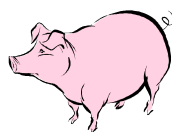
Have a great month,  
Miss Hayley and Miss Liz

### **Junior Kindy**

Welcome back. We hope everyone had a fantastic break over Christmas. We would like to welcome all of our new friends and our Toddler friends that have just graduated from the Toddler Room up to the Kindy Room.

We have already started two learning pods for this year; farm animals and textures.

These were both initiated by the children in the first week back after the New Year. We have been learning different



farm animal names and sounds. We have also extended this interest through photos and our own art work.

Just a reminder to all parents that there are now parent pockets in the room which will have all important messages; so please check them regularly.

If you have any questions, please come and see one of us at any time as our door is always pen.

Thank you for all your support,  
Miss Emily and Miss Laura.

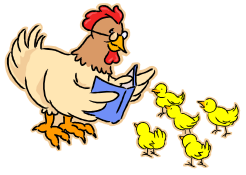
### **Senior Kindy**

Firstly, I would like to welcome all the new families into Senior Kindy who have graduated from Junior Kindy; Congratulations! You are all doing so well and I'm looking forward to getting to know you all.

Over the past few weeks we have been combined with School Readiness and learning about farm animals. We have learnt the names, groups and sounds of several farm animals,



including a horse, cow, chicken and goose. To extend on his interest we have organized for 'Henny Penny' to come visit our centre. Henny Penny will bring lots of unhatched chicken egg to the centre in an incubator, which we will see hatch and grow into little chickens. We ask that you please make a small donation of **\$7.50** to go towards this activity for the children. The



eggs will arrive at the centre on

Monday 20th February. The children are all very excited to see the little chickens.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and ask. I look forward to teaching all of your children this year.

Bye for now,  
Miss Kym.

### School Readiness

Welcome back to an exciting new year in the School Readiness room.

This year we will be developing all the skills we need in order to

be ready for school next year. This will range from social interactions to self-help skills to educational foundations.

This month we have been focusing on letter formation,



name writing and colour mixing. We have also been learning al

about farm animals. Please feel free to have a look around and room and see all the wonderful things we have been learning.

Due to our interest in farm animals, 'Henny Penny' will be coming out on February 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a great experience for the children to watch the

chick's hatching. We are asking that each parent donate **\$7.50** to help with this wonderful experience.

Feel free to come and ask any questions at any time.

Thank you kindly,  
Miss Ashley.

## DENTAL HYGIENE POLICY

Dental hygiene forms an important part of the children's programme, which is why we encourage children to include dental care as part of their normal day.

### METHODS OF DENTAL CARE:

- Giving children water after each meal to rinse mouths.
- Encouraging children to eat a balanced diet, including fresh fruit and vegetables.
- Giving sugary foods as "sometimes" foods, and for special occasions.
- Discussing dental hygiene with the children, and providing parents with information on oral hygiene and use of a Dental Prop Box.

With this Prop Box staff explain simply and demonstrate correct teeth cleaning procedures with the children.

### IN REGARD TO BABIES

To ensure that babies' teeth grow strong and healthy the following practices are followed:

- Only give bottles at feed time or when the child is thirsty, and remove the bottle when the child finishes. Children are not to walk around with bottles.
- Replace the bottle with a cup or straw when the child is ready, and endeavour not to return to the bottle after the successful transition has been made.
- Use water instead of cordials and encourage parent to do so.
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- Discourage putting babies to bed with a bottle or leaving the bottle in the cot with the baby.

• *THANK YOU*

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