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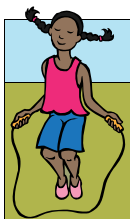
Director's News

This year is flying by, with Christmas and Graduation just around the corner.

Upcoming Events

School Readiness Graduation –
Thursday 24th November 2011
5-6pm
Christmas Party – *1st December*
2011- 5.30-7.00pm

We are into our first week of all children on Healthy food program, it has been working very well, we are looking forward to the children becoming healthy eaters, we are also implementing physical activities for up to three hours



per day. Through this we will cover basic movement skills such as throwing, jumping, running, dancing and balancing. We

are planning to get children to learn about team skills, sharing ball skills, games etc. Free

movement and child led active play is the best form of physical activity for your child.

At Winston Glades providing plenty of opportunities for your child to learn and grow is our aim. We have pamphlets available for you to read about the "GET UP AND GROW"- healthy eating and physical activities. We are holding a parent meeting on the 9th November please feel free to come and discuss and ideas you may have that we could implement for our physical program.

Our centre has become very busy with nearly full occupancy so we have put on some lovely new staff Miss Anita and Miss Jae, and Miss Catlin has transferred from another centre to work closer to home. We said a sad good bye to Miss Jess who is now working at our QCCS at Lowood. Please feel

free to say 'Hello', look out for photos on our staff wall.

We are now using email to communicate with parents; we want to start a weekly note, so please keep your email updated.



Our Halloween Disco was a great success a big thank you to all the parents who support this event, it was a great night to have a dance and boogie with the children.

Thanks Miss Lisa

Nursery

Welcome to another Nursery newsletter. We warmly welcome Blake, Alyse, Max, Elijah, Mia and Ruby and their



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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 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



families to our room and also a big Happy Birthday to, Mayah, Lewis and Zimmah for the month of September and Archie, Zaraha and Elijah.



We have been learning all about spring this month by painting flowers, reading a book about baby animals, singing songs about the rain and much more.

We have been doing lots of different art activities these past few weeks which the children are really enjoying. Collage is a favourite at the moment, it allows children to explore different textures and use their hand eye coordination skills to pick up the different materials and stick them on the paper.

The weather is definitely getting a lot warmer and we have been having lots of outside play in the morning and in the afternoon. We will start to introduce some water play soon so it is best to pack an extra set of clothes in your child's bag so that we can change them when we finish.

Please remember to continue to send in a hat for outside play, a drink bottle or drink cup, a set of sheets, spare

change of clothes and 6-8 nappies and wipes for the day. If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to speak with either myself or Melissa or leave us a message in your children communication book. Until next time Miss Aimee and Miss Melissa

Toddlers Newsletter

Welcome to another great month in the Toddler Room. This month we have been working and learning about



Fairytales. We enjoyed making Fairy-bread, crowns, wands, and

puppets and learned all about different fairytale stories and characters. The children really enjoyed our Fairytale day which we dressed up and role played, had a yummy Fairy-tale morning tea and did more Fairytale activities.

In the next coming month, we are starting a new learning pod about the "Rainforest", we will be learning about the creatures



of the rainforest and turning our room into one. If any parents can assist with this happening would be great (ideas, props, materials)

We would like to give a big pat on the back to Lyra, Ella, Bryson, DJ and Isabelle for starting to improve their toilet training skills.

Finally, we welcome our new children and families into the room; Jackson, Noah, and Finn who has moved up from Toddlers room.

Kindy Room

Hello everyone. Time is going very fast and soon it will be Christmas and a New Year will be here. We have been so busy working on our learning pods and learning Auslan signs. We have also learnt 'I can see a rainbow' in Auslan signs. The children have really enjoyed making these signs.

Thank you for all the families who help support us when we were doing our cooking in the room. The children really enjoyed cooking, trying something different and learning about healthy food.

We have also been working on a new learning pod under the sea. We have been working really hard at doing lots of art



work and painting our windows in an underwater theme. If you have any ideas for the pod please come and see us.

We will be starting 'Yummies for Tummies' food this week. All the children have been given small samples of the meals from time to time to see if they like it and most of the children said "I really like it" We have been talking about eating healthy in the room at group time and we have also have a food learning pod.

Have a wonderful few months and talk to soon.

Miss Gabrielle and Miss Symone

School Readiness News

Hello again. Wow what a busy few months we have had. We sadly said goodbye to Miss Jess and have been busy finding a replacement for her. Miss Anita had joined us from New Zealand so please make her feel welcome in our room.

Our learning has taken us on a journey of metamorphosis as we have enjoyed reading the

'Very Hungry Caterpillar'.



We have learned about the life cycle of

a butterfly and have been able to watch it first hand with our

silkworms. Thanks to everyone who have been able to supply us with fresh mulberry leaves. Our silkworms have been very well fed. Through reading this book we have been learning the days of the week, and talking about our favourite foods in the story.

Over the next few months our learning will be all about going to 'Big School' – for those children leaving for prep. We will be getting ready for our graduation ceremony (with something special planned for the parents). The date of our Graduation Ceremony is on the **24th November**, you will be receiving invitations in the not too distant future. Please let Miss Deb know what school your child will be attending and what day they will be finishing

up with us. We will then be able to start discussing which friends will be going to prep together. If there is any learning you would like us to focus on over the next few months just let us know. Your input is always greatly appreciated.

Until next time,
Miss Deb and Miss Anita

HEAD LICE POLICY

The occurrence of head lice is the most common insect infestation in human throughout the world. In Queensland, infestation occurs mainly in children. However, head lice infestation may affect people of any age, nationality, gender or socio-economic status. It is as much a social issue as a health or educational issue, and the way that it is approached can have significant influence on a student's emotional, social and educational development.

Control

Control of head lice is a community issue that can be productively addressed only through a cooperative approach between parents, children and the centre with assistance from Queensland Health or other local health service providers.

Remember

- We can all catch head lice.
- Head lice are spread mainly through head to head contact.
- Mechanical methods can be used to control head lice.
- You need to check with Queensland Health Child Health Centre or your local doctor whether chemical preparations are effective.

Expectations of the Child Care Centre

To help control head lice, it is reasonable to expect that centres will:

- Distribute procedures and information on the control, detection and treatment of head lice to parents and staff at the beginning of the year or more frequently if required;
- Advise parents to be vigilant, particularly during periods of heavy lice infestation;
- Implement recommended practices and teaching programs as well as guidelines for play, that minimise head-to-head contact during outbreaks of head lice;
- Support parents through practical advice and a sympathetic attitude to avoid stigmatising families who have difficulty complying with control measure;
- Request parents not to send children with head lice to the centre until treatment has begun; and
- Maintain confidentiality of all families and children who have or are treating head lice.

Expectations of Parents

It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that their children do not attend the Childcare Centre with untreated head lice. To achieve this, it is reasonable to expect that parents will:

- Regularly inspect their child's head to detect the presence of lice or lice eggs;

- Regularly inspect all household members and treat them if required, and
- Notify the Centre if their child is affected, and advise when treatment has begun.

Treatment

Current information on recommended treatment is available from Queensland Health, the local pharmacy or doctor and could be provided to parents as the providers of treatment.

Parents

- Control head lice quickly and effectively in all people with head lice in the household.
- Send children to childcare only after they have started an effective method of control. This means that no live adult and young head lice are present. Live eggs and newly hatched head lice do not pose a risk of passing lice to others. Always complete control and keep checking.
- If head lice are present, notify the centre.
- Inform all other close contacts; ask them to check for head lice; explain the procedures.
- Ask children to reduce head-to-head contact.
- Avoid sharing combs, hairbrushes, hats, helmets etc.
- After use wash combs and hairbrushes in very hot tap water (60°C) for ten seconds.
- If you see head lice on cushions and headgear put them into sealed bags for two days or leave them under strong sun for a day.
- Take home all bedding, headbands and comfort toys from the centre and wash in hot water.
- Wash pillowcases with hot tap water.
- Vacuum clean carpet and upholstery.
- If the child sleeps with a fluffy toy, vacuum clean it.

Do not use head lice preparations to prevent catching head lice. They do not repel head lice.

Used routinely, head lice preparations may endanger the health of your child and contribute to the development of resistance of head lice to those preparations. Resistance means that the preparations become less effective in killing the head lice.

THANK YOU

Please fill out the following and return.

I am happy with the current HEAD LICE policy Yes No

Suggestions: _____
