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Welcome to our August Newsletter

The August winds have started early this year, so I hope you have brought out all your winter woollies. We do go outside on fine days so all room leaders are requesting that parents please bring in a warm jacket with a hood or warm beanie. Also, we are asking parents to remember to bring in a small blanket for children's rest time through the winter months. Our rooms do have air conditioning to keep rooms warm, but that added comfort of a small blanket helps the children to relax and rest.

Gardening Day is on Thursday 5th August and the children will be involved in talking about plants, springtime planting. We will be reading stories about seeds, vegetables etc with a short planting session.

It is with great pleasure to introduce Corina and Kasa, our two new Diploma trained staff. Corina is in our Nursery and Kasa is in our Toddler room. Also, our other new face in the centre is Stephanie who is our new Trainee assistant. Please do not hesitate to say hello to our new staff as they are very happy to speak & get to know you.

It is with sadness to announce that Ei has had to put her resignation in due to her recent pregnancy. Prageti has gladly taken over the position on a casual basis until a new teacher for Pre One can be found.

We are in the process of advertising and interviewing for both Preschool teachers in the Pre one and Pre two classes

Please enjoy our August Newsletter

Thankyou, Lea Clark, Centre Manager

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Centre Availability

We have days available in most of the rooms throughout the centre. If you would like to pick up an extra permanent day these days will be available as of the 1st February 2010

Room/ Days	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Babies	*	*	*	*	*
Toddler	*	*		*	*
Preschool 1	*				*
Preschool 2	*				*

* Indicates availability on that day
Please Note: These vacancies may change daily.



Philosophy, Broad Goals and Policy Reviews

Health

◆ Health Policies

We have a folder available which contains our Proposed Policy review schedule. Please take the time to have a look at the policy we are focusing on this month. I know you are very busy when dropping your child off in the morning, but it would be really helpful for your input into how we can improve the practices of this centre. It only takes 10 minutes to have a quick read and make any comments that you feel are necessary or even just to say what a great job we are doing! Remember your children will benefit from the staff continuing to provide high quality care.

The centre's Philosophy is on display in the foyer. Please take the time to read this and comment on anything we can be improving on.

This is a great way we can communicate with our families!



REMINDERS TO PARENTS

Warm clothes for your child

It is getting windy and colder as the Winter sets in. Please supply a warm jacket with a hood or separate beanie for your child. In this way when we go outside for children to get their wriggles out, they will be warm and cosy. Please also remember to **LABEL** them.

Small blanket with cot size bed sheet required

As the weather is getting cooler, we are asking all parents to bring a small blanket along with the fitted cot size sheet. In this way the children have a warm covering while they rest.

Announcements of current events & notices

We have a standing notice board in the foyer which is displaying current events and important notices for your information. Please take a few moments to have a look at what is happening. in the centre.

. Toilet Training

A few children are Toilet training in the Toddlers. We ask all parents to please advise when you plan to toilet train your child so that we can support you both. Our staff have some very helpful hints that will make the process a lot easier. Please do not hesitate in speaking to the Toddler staff about this issue.

Thank you for your support.



Important event coming up: **August 2010**

Sunday 1st August – National Tree Day
Thursday 5th – Gardening day
Wednesday 18th – Parent Information Night
Friday 27th Daffodil Day – Dress in Yellow

Nursery Room News

Welcome parents!!

Corina is our new Nursery Room Leader who has come from another childcare centre and has great experiences arranged for our children. You may have noticed some changes in the Nursery with the placement of various Learning areas, which the children are having great fun with.

We have a new assistant who is joining us on Thursday and Fridays from our other centre rooms, and her name is Jessica. Please feel free to say hello to her as she is eager to meet all parents of the children in her care.

This month we are looking at healthy eating, reading some new books about animals, learning new songs, and dancing. We have also introduced an area where the children are able to use their imagination with a home corner. The children have been actively involved in pretending to make breakfast, lunch, cups of tea and coffee for each other and the teachers. They are having a wonderful time.

We are also, working on sharing with our friends, taking turns, and practicing words instead of actions when frustrated. In this way your child will be able to continue on his/her path of socialising with peers in a positive manner.

If you have any questions you have about your child's development or milestones, please feel free to speak to Corina and/or her team.

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to:
Christabella, and Tai who will be two years old this month.
Happy Birthday!!!!!!!!!!

A few Reminder to parents:

- Please bring along a labelled jumper/hooded jacket for your child. Some jumpers and jackets do look the same and confusion can happen, so **please label** your child's jumper/hooded jacket.
- Also we ask to bring along a beanie for your child's head which gives ear protection when outside playing.
- If your child is still having formula, we are asking parents to please make up the formula in the bottles that are required during the day.
- Please write your child's name on **ALL** belongings, if you do not have a permanent marker we have one here in the room.

Thank you

Until next newsletter, kind regards from Corina, Christine,
Ashleigh- Rose, Mariaty.



Toddler Room News

Greetings parents,

It is our please to announce that we have finally found a replacement teacher in the Toddlers room and her name is Kasa.

Kasa comes to us from another child care centre, with lots of new and exciting experiences for the children. She and her team are looking forward to bringing wonderful new spirit to the Toddlers room.

Please feel free to come and introduce yourself or ask Kasa anything you would like to know. She is looking forward to getting to know each and everyone of you. So please do not hesitate in approaching her.

We have been working with playdough with a variety of tools during the day. In this way our children's fine muscles are continuing to strengthen to assist with their Pre writing skills. Also, we have been working with Kasa and introducing the children to memory games. We have a small bag with a few interesting things in it and the children take turns in reaching in and pulling out something they might recognise and name it. For example, a small comb or a toothbrush and the teacher asks what would we use these items for and what are they called. In this way the children are helping to develop their language skills.

The toddler room team are continuing to encourage the children to put their jumper on by themselves WHEN they feel cold and take them off WHEN they feel warmer, which is helping to extend their independency and develop their sense of self.

Please make sure all jumpers are labelled. It is tricky for some of our children to find their belongings if not labelled.

We are very proud of our children's toilet training efforts. Keep up the good work mums and dads.....

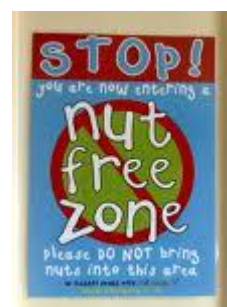
Here is a friendly reminder of a few things we ask you to remember:

We are a NUT FREE ZONE. During the day, we have noticed that a number of children are given snacks in their bags. We ask parents to not give their children additional snacks (chips, biscuits, crackers etc) as our children have nutritious food provided and we are concerned that these snacks can contain traces of nuts which can cause allergic reactions to other children.

Please bring a hooded jacket or jumper with your child for the times we are outside playing. Also a **warm beanie** for your child will help to protect his/her head from the cool winds.

WARNING: We have had a number of children who have small change (**MONEY**) in their pockets, bags or hands when they come to the centre. We ask that you refrain from giving your child these coins as they are a **CHOKING** hazard. Thank you.....

Kind regards from Kasa, Kodi and Lisa



Preschool Room 1 Room News

Hello there Parents,

It is with sadness to advise you that Ei has had to leave our centre due to complications with her pregnancy. However, Prageti has said she is very willing to come onboard the Preschool One room, until we can find a permanent replacement teacher.

I have been busy, working with the children helping them to recognise letters, numbers and various shapes through her group times. I am also introducing a number of felt board stories to help the children socialise together.

Also I have been busy helping the children to share, take turns and develop their self help skills by putting their belongings away. By doing this with the children they will develop good habits as they prepare to go to school. Eg., knowing where to put their bags and jumpers.

The children have been very busy working on their scissor cutting skills. Some children have only just been able to use the scissors properly with the open shut effect, which is the start to being able to cut paper completely. They feel so proud of themselves when they can achieve an actual cut on the paper.

You must be so proud of such wonderful children you have. They are so imaginative and creative.

A friendly reminder

Please remember to bring in extra clothes that are appropriate for the cooler weather, eg., two long sleeve tops and long pants. Also please remember to label your child's jacket, jumper as they can look the same as another child's one and confusion happens. Thank you.

Please remember to bring in your **child's bedsheet with a small blanket** as the weather is getting colder. A big thank you to those parents who are bringing them along.

Until next newsletter.....Kind regards from Prageti



Preschool 2 Room News

Hello Parents,

My name is Beth, and I am a casual teacher in Juti's room. I will be here with your child until another ECT can be found.

We have been having a wonderful time in Red room. You have such inquisitive children, who are eager to learn and be involved with all the activities I have been introducing them to.

The continuation of Alphabet and name recognition has been a constant activity we are working on through the time I have been in the Red room.

Also, we have been reading some wonderful books together which I have brought from my home to introduce to the children.

With regards to newstime, we have been continuing the roster Juti was using. This newstime practice is a great way for the children to build up their confidence to speak in front of other children. It also, gives the children a sense of self worth as they talk about something that is very important to them.

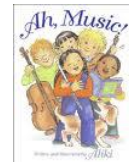
We have been have a number of music and movement times which have been fantastic since it has been raining and too cold to go outside. Also, we have been bringing inside the large foam pieces to balance and work with while not able to go outside due to the weather.

Today, Tuesday we had a great experience where the children and I were working with different colours and smells while using freshly made playdough. The conversations and discussions about the differences were fantastic. The children's imaginations were on fire.....

I would love to speak to all Red room children parents, so please feel free to come and speak to me about your child's day.

Thank you for having such wonderful children, it is such fun to be their teacher.

Regards Beth



FROM THE KITCHEN:

Here is another warm winter dish you may like to try out for your little ones.

Basic Casserole Recipe

- 500g of diced lean lamb or diced lean beef
- Fry 1 chopped onion in 1 tsp of oil. Remove.
- Brown the meat in small batches, using 1 tsp of oil with each batch
- Return meat and onion to pan and add ½ capsicum, ½ cup cubed pumpkin, 1 chopped stick of celery, 100g mushrooms and 425g can of tomatoes (chopped). Add enough water to just cover (if needed)
- Simmer, covered for 1-1 ½ hours or until fork tender. Add 1 sliced zucchini and a 425g can of baked beans and simmer for 30 minutes.
- Serve with rice, pasta or bread.

Variations

* Add ½ cup cauliflower, 1 sliced carrot, 1 cubed potato and ½ cup peas to the meat and onion. Flavour with ½ tsp curry powder, a handful of sultanas and enough stock to cover.

Serve immediately. Bon Appetit!!!

- * Please feel free to ask Mona for any recipes that we cook at the centre, she or Lea will give you a copy



RESOURCES

Please take time to look around the Centre foyer as we have a large range of resources available for you to look at.



- Direct Debit forms
- Song Books
- Family Resource Library
- Craft recipes
- Fact sheets
- Brochures
- Copies of the current newsletter
- Parent Handbooks
- Recipes
- Centre Menu
- Centre Events
- Holiday Forms
- Newsletters-Resource



MAROUBRA JUNCTION EARLY EDUCATION CENTRE CALENDER OF EVENTS 2010

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
<p>Mon 4th – Centre Re opens. Thurs 7th - The children will be having discussions about their end of year celebrations and holidays. Tues 26th - Australia Day– Centre Closed Wed 27th - Australia Day– Come dressed in Gold and Green</p>	<p>Fri 12th – Chinese new year celebrations. The children will be helping to make Chinese dragons and lanterns. Sun 14th – Valentines Day Sun 14th – Chinese New Year begins Mon 15th - Valentines Day Celebrations – Everyone to dress in Red</p>	<p>Thurs 18th – Toddler Parent Information Night Mon 8th –International Women’s Day Sun 14th – Grandparents Day Mon 15th – Grandparents afternoon tea at centre. Children invite their grandparents along Wed 17th – St. Patrick’s Day – Come Dressed in green Mon 22nd - Harmony Day Morning Tea. Parents to bring a traditional dish to share. Fri 26th – Pyjama day – Come dressed in Your PJ’s Tues 30th – Passover commences – We will be having Matzo for afternoon tea</p>
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<p><i>Thurs 1st – Easter Bonnet Parade</i> Fri 2nd – Good Friday .Centre Closed Sat 3rd –Easter Saturday Sun 4th –Daylight savings ends Sun 4th – Easter Sunday Mon 5th – Easter Monday – Centre Closed Wed 7th – World Health Day –Sun 25th – Anzac Day Mon 26th – Anzac Day holiday - Centre Closed</p>	<p>Fri 7th –National Walk Safely to School Day- children will have discussions about road safety Sun 9th – Mother’s Day Mon 10th – Mother’s Day breakfast Tues 25th – Come as your Favourite Book Character</p>	<p>Sat 5th –World Environment Day Mon 14th – Queen’s Birthday – Centre Closed Tues 15th – Our Environment week begins – discuss with Preschool children about how to save our environment. Eg., Invite parents to Recycle containers to bring to centre. Fri 25th –Red Nose Day- face painting with red noses and come dressed in red</p>
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<p>Mon 5th – Funny Face day Tues 13th – Pirate Party. Children & staff will dress up as pirates. Invite parents to join in. Fri 23rd – Little Athletics Day Fri 30th – Environment discussions with children. What will help our environment</p>	<p>Sun 1st –National Tree Day Thurs 5th – Gardening day – Children will be involved in planting some spring flowers in pots. Wed 18th – Parent Information Night Fri 27th – Daffodil Day – Dress in Yellow</p>	<p>Sun 5th- Father’s Day Mon 6th- Father’s Day afternoon tea Thurs 9th – Rosh Hashanah commences – children will have apple and honey cake for afternoon tea Mon 20th – International Day of Peace</p>
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p>Fri 1st – Jean for Genes Day – Gold coin donation and wear your Jeans Mon 4th – NAIDOC Week commences. Children will be involved in many Indigenous Australian activities at the centre. Thurs 14th - Pyjama Day – wear your pyjamas and bring your comforters Wed 27th – Teddy Bears Picnic Friday 29th – Halloween party – Children to dress up in fancy dress</p>	<p>Mon 1st – Melbourne Cup hat making Tues 2nd – Melbourne Cup day Thurs 11th – Remembrance Day – Children will make Red poppies Tues 24th & Wed 24th – Parent Teacher Interviews</p>	<p>2nd – Hanukkah commences – children will experience the lighting of the candles Fri 17th – Children’s End of Year/Christmas Party Fri 24th – Christmas Eve Sat 25th Christmas Day Mon 27th - Boxing Day Public Holiday - Centre closed Fri 31st – New Year’s Eve Sat 1st Jan – New Years Day Please Note: The centre will be closed from end of business on Friday 24th December to Monday 1st January 2011. The centre will re open Tuesday 2nd January 2011</p>