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<h2 style="margin: 0;"><u>2009</u></h2> <p>Parent Meeting Parent Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th February 2009 from 5pm to 5.30pm. We will be talking about the events calendar and changes within the policies.</p> <p>Fees Just a reminder that all fees must be two weeks in advanced. You can pay your fees via eftpos, cheque, cash or ezy debit. Please remember when you pay your fees that you also fill out the parent payment record form.</p>	Inside this issue: Pg Coming Events 2 Babies Room News 3 Junior Kindy Room News 3 Kindy Room News 3 Senior Kindy Room News 4 Food & Nutrition 6
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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 16th Feb 2009.

Room/ Days	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Babies					
Jnr Kindy					
Kindy	*	*	*	*	*
Snr Kindy	*	*		*	*

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



REMINDERS TO PARENTS

HATS

As the weather is still very hot we ask that you ensure that there is a hat in your child's bag every day they come to The Lakes. At the centre we have a policy of 'NO HAT NO PLAY'; this means that if your child doesn't have a hat then they will not be able to participate in outdoor activities.



SUITABLE CLOTHING

Please ensure that your child is wearing suitable clothing for childcare. Children should be wearing clothes that cover their shoulders, so no singlet tops, or dress's with thin straps.



Important event coming up:

February 2009

Fri 13th - Valentines Day (14th) – Dress in Red.

Tue 24th – Pancake Day – cooking pancakes



March 2009

Tues 17th – St Patricks Day – Dress in Green.



Babies' Room News

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the nursery room. I would like to introduce myself, Suzie. I am the group leader and Wendy is the assistant in the nursery room. I would like to welcome all the new families into the nursery and welcome back the families from last year in the nursery, as we look forward to working with you and your children.

Throughout the next couple of months, the children will be learning about the Australian animals, under the water animals and things that can be found at the beach.

Feel free to talk to me and ask any questions you might have.

Thank you
Suzie and Wendy

Junior Kindy Room News

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Junior Kindy room. The group leader in the room is Miss Melissa and the assistant is Miss Mary. We have had an exciting month with many new children join us and have been settling in quiet well into the Toddler Room routine.

Over the next couple of weeks we are going to looking at different objects and learning all about ourselves. We are encouraging toilet training in all the children and meeting our short-term goals of creating a comfortable environment for the children at all times.

Please make sure to check your parent pockets for any important information, which are located, near the door. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to ask any of the Toddler Room staff.

Regards,
Toddler Room Staff

Kindy Room News

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to all our Kindy children and families. Both Susan and I (Tamara) look forward to the year ahead, working hard in hand with you in providing a safe, positive and fun learning environment for your child.

The past month we have been focussing on settling our new and old friends back to Kindy. Saying goodbye can be quite difficult for some children, but this is a typical stag development which will take time and understanding. It is important that we work together in supporting the child through this stage, so any idea's to assist your child settling would

be appreciated.

Some tips we have to offer to assist separation anxiety are:

- Begin with orientation days or half days or attend with your child through moving activities.
- Allow time to stay and play with your child or settle your child with a staff member before leaving.
- Always say goodbye to your child. Your child needs to maintain a sense of trust with both yourself and caregiver.
- Discuss with your child about upcoming visits to Kindy – suggest your child's favourite activities on our 'Programming Ideas' sheet (located near programming).

Gradually your child will be able to hold the memory that you will return and will become confident and secure in the environment and separate with ease.

Thank you to the families for joining in to our 'Australia Day' fun and dressing your child in our patriotic colours. The children seem to really enjoy learning about their culture and country whilst also learning to recognise and accept difference and diversity. Next month we will be focusing on our bodies and families/friends.

House keeping:

- Please remember to bring a bag for your child with: 'named' spare clothes, sheet and a sheet bag (not a plastic bag).

Named hat pockets are provided, so you may keep your child hat at Kindy.

Thankyou

Tamara and Susan

Senior Kindy Room News

Dear Parents,

This month we will be looking at 'Me', finding out how tall we are and concepts like tallest, shortest and the same.

We will then follow on to look at 'My Family' and how they have different structures. We will be counting the various members that make up our families. Towards the end of the month we will look at 'Our Pets'.

We have begun our pre writing with the children tracing the dots to form pictures. As well the children chose a Restaurant for Dramatic Play area, which is providing very popular.

I would also like to thank parents who have supplied:

- a named scrapbook for writing
- a named A4 display folder for art
- the information form on your child

Please remember to supply each week:

- a wide brim or legionnaire hat
- a named sheet in a named sheet bag (no plastic bags)

Thankyou

Sharon and Kim.

From The Kitchen:

Pesto Pasta with Cherry Tomatoes

Ingredients:

- 1 pkt of Fantastic Noodles
- 1 tsp basil pesto
- 1 tbs grated cheddar cheese
- ½ dozen cherry tomatoes

Method:

1. Cook 2-minute noodles according to instructions.
2. Drain the noodles.
3. Mix the pesto and cheese through the noodles.
4. Serve on plate with cherry tomatoes. Enjoy. 😊

