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Jacaranda Early Learning Centre

Jacaranda 2009

Centre Closing Procedure

The centre is open until 6.15pm. Please ensure you phone the centre if you will arrive after 6.15pm. If children are picked up from the centre after closing time, a fee of \$1- a minute will apply.

The centre is not licensed to remain open after 6.15pm.

New Centre Displays

Please take the time to have a look around the centre foyer and the rooms at the new displays that we are all working so hard on. These displays are informative and may help you with any information you may be interested in regards to your children.

Centre Car Park

Please ensure that you drive into the carpark slowly. This is imperative, due to children exiting cars and also parents driving out of the carpark.

Smoking in the Car Park

For parents that smoke, please ensure that this does not occur in the carpark. We are finding an increasing amount of cigarette butts every morning when we do a routine check.

Open Morning

The centre will be having an 'Open Morning' for friends and families. Please feel free to come along and join in the fun. The centre will be providing many activities for children to participate in. Please invite a friend along to share the fun. 1st 8th and 22nd of February at 10am - 11am

Regards,
 Jan Cripps
 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 of September 2009.

Room/ Days	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Nursery	*			*	*
Toddler	*	*			
Junior Kindy	*	*	*	*	*
Senior Kindy	*	*	*	*	*

Room/ Days	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Pre-Prep	*	*		*	*
Nursery 2	*	*	*	*	*
Toddler 2	*	*	*		*
Junior Kindy 2	*	*	*	*	*

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



Philosophy, Broad Goals and Policy Reviews

Health

- Drug & Alcohol Use Policy
- ◆ Staff Contagious illness or Accident Policy
- ◆ Accident, Incident and Death Policy
- ◆ Exclusion Policy
- ◆ Child at Risk & Custody Policy
- ◆ Contagious Conditions Policy
- ◆ Dental Hygiene Policy
- ◆ First Aid Policy
- ◆ Infection Control Policy
- ◆ Immunisation Policy
- ◆ Rest & Sleep Policy
- ◆ Suitable Clothing Policy
- ◆ Aids & Hiv Policy
- ◆ Non-Smoking Policy
- ◆ Sunsmart Policy
- ◆ Insect Repellent Policy
- ◆ Toileting Policy
- ◆ Asthma Policy
- ◆ Head Lice Policy
- ◆ Administration of medication Policy
- ◆ SIDS (sudden death syndrome) Policy
- ◆ Child Protection Policy



REMINDERS TO PARENTS

PARENT POCKETS

Please ensure that you are collecting all your important information from your parent pocket on a daily basis.

CREDIT CARD DISHONOURS

In order not to miss any payments or incur a dishonour fee, please make sure that the office has all current Credit Card and banking information. If your credit card expires, please tell the office as soon as possible, so we can arrange a manual payment if necessary.

HATS

Although the weather has cooled down we ask that you ensure that there is still a hat in your child's bag every day they come to Jacaranda Sunnybank. 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.

Activities that Jacaranda Sunnybank are providing for children

The entire team at Jacaranda has commenced a new training package that introduces new ideas as to the activities that we provide for children on a daily basis. We are going to start incorporating activities that are made from recyclable materials. This is where we require your help. Please keep aside items like, wrapping paper, egg cartons, junk mail, magazines, foil rolls, paper, plastic tubs etc. We will be putting a container in the foyer for you to drop these items in. Please note due to health reasons we are not able to have empty toilet rolls as a donation. Thankyou very much for your assistance ☺



Important event coming up: **February 2009**

February 2nd – Brett Campbell music show- the children will enjoy the wonderful experience of music as Brett brings along many different musical Instruments and performs. The children are also involved in the performance. Cost \$3.50

February 14th -- Valentine's Day

February 15th- Happy Chinese New Year come and join the celebrations at Jacaranda . The children will perform a dancing dragon and need to come dressed in red and yellow. There will be stories and craft activities then a delicious Chinese style lunch.

Nursery' Room News

Dear Parents,

Firstly I would like to start by welcoming all our new families and children to the nursery. This month it's been great getting to know all of your children and their routines. So far this month we have been concentrating on helping children with their gross motor skills. Most of the group are so close to walking now which is wonderful to see. I have been programming activities such as prams and bikes to encourage the children at the walking stage to use pushing and standing skills. Children are encouraged to develop at their own pace in the nursery therefore the younger babies in our room that are starting to crawl are starting to use our gross motor mats. Other areas of focus have been self help skills the children are learning to feed themselves and in the process enhancing sensory skills.

From Miss Kailah and Miss faith

Toddler Room News

Dear Parents

Well who can believe its February already we are learning so quickly and having so much fun. Thank-you to all families for you support so far this year it has been a great experience to get to know you and your children. We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to all our little toddlers who turned two.

Parents please feel free to come and take a look around the room at your child's artwork. The toddlers are exploring many different techniques and textures as we explore with collage, painting, and printing. We would like to ask if parent can please send along a scrap book for your Child's artwork. You will be able to collect it at the end of the year filled with beautiful art displays; you can cherish it for years to come.

We will be continuing to enhance many skills over the year to come with plenty of fun experiences to participate in.

. We would love to make you a scrapbook with all your child's creative experiences and development



throughout the year. We are asking if all parents can supply an A3 scrapbook please, this will be returned to you at the end of the year full of your child's hard work. Towards the end of the year we will start toilet training as a group however if you feel your child is ready to toilet train before then we are here to help. Our weekly program is displayed above the lockers here you are able to tell what your child will be learning throughout the day, you are also able to offer ideas or input into the weekly program just see myself or Miss Ebony. The daily communication is on top of the lockers this will inform you of what happened throughout the day what your child ate, how long they slept and what was achieved for the day.

To a wonderful year
From Miss Amanda and Miss Ebony.

Junior Kindy Room News

A big hello and welcome to the junior kindy room for 2010.

We have had a busy, fun filled start to the year so far, and as we venture into developing and enhancing new skills in all areas of the children's development.

The children have shown a great interest for all aspects of play and investigation that revolves around cooking and kitchen ideas. The children often "make" delicious dinners in the sandpit, and home corner, and also come up with individual and creative food ideas when playing with the play dough. When the children are engaged in this type of symbolic, socio-dramatic play, it creates an opportunity for them to revisit their understanding of experiences they have seen in the world around them, which cements their understanding about the world. We are currently extending the children's skills in this area by engaging in real life cooking experiences!

We have also been focussing on learning our colours and shapes. The children enjoy finding colours within



their environment and naming them! Many of the children can verbalise both primary and some secondary colours. The children are also pointing out simple shapes in their environment and during routines. For example, meal times are a great way of talking about shapes as we talk about the triangle sandwiches, round bowls and plates, and square desserts!

From Miss Jodie and Miss Shirley.



Senior Kindy Room News

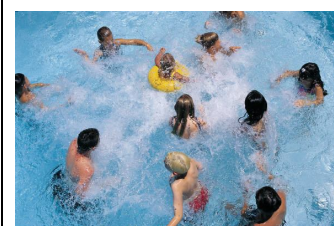
Wow, What a busy month we have had so much has been happening in the senior Kindy room. We have meet many new friends and would like to say a big welcome to all our new families. We have all made sure to include our new friends in our games throughout the day.

On Monday the 25th of January we had our first parent information night; I would like to say a big thank-you to the parents who were able to make it. During the evening the parents were able to meet Angie and I, we were also able to discuss and explain the program. We spoke about observations and the child codes. Parents were advised of their Child's code and where to look for it on the program. It was a wonderful night.

Just a few quick reminders;

Please ensure that your child is bringing a bag with spare clothing in it, a drink bottle a hat all clearly named each day they attend.

If you haven't yet supplied an A3 visual art diary for the end of the year please do so as Angie and I are starting to work through the art work.



We have a daily communication book on top of the lockers please feel free to write in any messages you wish to pass on to myself and Miss Angie, if you are unable to see as of a morning. This book will be checked at 9.30am every morning. You can also call anytime throughout the day or even come in and spend some time in the room helping with art and craft, cooking experiences or quite activities.

Until next time
Miss Michelle and Miss Angie

Pre-Prep Room News

Wow what a great start to the year, the pre schoolers have been very busy so far experiencing activities relating to our underwater theme. We have been working on social skills, fine motor and sensory development. The children really seem to enjoy the texture of the sea shells as some are "smooth" are others are "bumpy". We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who attended our parent information night, if you were unable to attend I have placed a little note in your child's pocket with information from the evening. Jayde and I would like to say a big welcome to all our new families and friends this has been a great way for the children to enhance social skills and we have many new things to learn about each other. Australia day sausage sizzle was fantastic we were able to really get all the children involved in fun water play experiences and focus on the centre sun safety policy. The pre-schoolers seemed to really enjoy the story Magic Hat and this might help us to remember our hats each day.

The children will be able to participate in show and share from this month and we look forward to them experiencing language development, they will have to speak about what they have brought in and answer questions from their peers. We would like to ask that parents encourage their child to bring in nature items, photo's or books, expensive or favourite toys should be left at home.

Throughout this year we invite you to join us any time, if you would be interested in coming in and sharing art

experiences, group time, play time or meal time you are always welcome.

Until next time,
Miss Amy and Miss Jayde



You are invited to Chinese
New Year Celebrations at
Jacaranda.

Time: 10am

Where: Jacaranda Arena
(playground)

Dress Code : Red and Yellow

What to bring: Plate of food to share.

Come along and enjoy the dancing dragon,
Fan dancing Chinese art and craft activities.

FROM THE KITCHEN:

Vegetable Soup with herbs

Ingredients:

6 Potatoes	1 Bunch parsley
½ Pumpkin	Pasta (any kind) 500gm
4 Carrots	½ teaspoon salt
½ Celery	½ Teaspoon Pepper
4 Zucchini	500ml Vegetarian Stock
1 Onion	2 Tablespoons Margarine

Procedure:

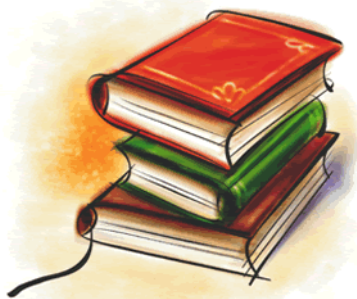
Peel, wash and dice all vegetables
Lightly fry onions in margarine
Add all vegetables and cook until all are soft
Add water to cover vegetables
Add all spices
Add chopped parsley
Add pasta
Cook further 10 min and then serve
Enjoy ☺

* **Please feel free to ask Kay for any recipes that we cook at the centre, she 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

