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Lane Cove Early Learning Centre

From the Manager

Hi Parents and Carers,
Welcome to February 2010. What a busy month it has been so far this year... one month down already!!

January has been quite a busy month at Lane Cove!
We have happily welcomed a lot of new parents to our centre this month, as well as wishing lots of luck to our Bumble Bees who are venturing to school.
We have had a lot of brave Butterflies from 2009 venture up to Bumble Bees in January and more to come this month. So far this has been a happy and exciting transition for all ☺

We would all like to thank Jenny for her great help in the Bumble Bee's room in January while Laura has been on Holidays. We are happy to welcome Laura back to the Bumble Bees room in February! We know that Laura is excited to be back and ready for a fun year ahead!!

You may have noticed a few unfamiliar faces over the past week while we have been having some job trials for the assistant position in the Bumble Bees Room. So far we have had a good response to our advertisement and are in the process of deciding on the best applicant suitable for the position.

Now that all of our room numbers and placements have settled in February the girls are eager to start the year's program and collecting observations for your child's individual portfolios. We strongly encourage parent involvement in our daily programs and are open to all of your suggestion and ideas.

We have scheduled our Centre's first Parent Teacher night for Thursday 4th March, where we will all be available to have a further chat with you all about our room programming and techniques. (More information on this night will be available closer to the date). However please feel free to come and chat with us at any time if you require any further information

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about the centre and how your child is settling in ☺

Extra Curricula Activities

We are very excited this year, at our idea to offer the children of each room new and interesting extra curricula activities free of charge. The staff as a group have been discussing personal interest and talents that they possess and how we can incorporate these into the children's program as an extended learning approach for the groups.

We are currently in the process of working out a more detailed program explaining the times these activities will be offered throughout the weeks, however our intentions are to offer a monthly rotating roster –one activity per week, rotating on different days so that hopefully all children will have the option to participate if they wish.

The activities' we have planned are as follows-

- *Cooking experiences with Lesley
- *Art classes with Catherine
- *Animal care and the environment with Jenny
- *Sports and Dance with Bree

Please keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks ☺

Office Reminders

Sign in and Out Sheets:

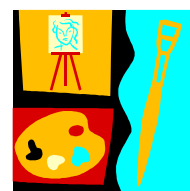
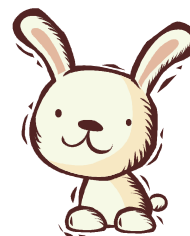
Please remember it is vital that your child is signed in and out of the centre each visit correctly. As well as being a requirement for health and safety, it is a requirement with the CCMS system that you provide signatures on your child's account even if they are absent –sick/holidays or a public holiday falls on your child's day. If an audit is completed from the department and signatures are missing, you will not receive your family assistance.

Change of details:

Please remember if you have changed any personal details – phone numbers, address to notify us as soon as possible so we can up date your accounts.

If you have any other suggestions, concerns or questions about your accounts, your child's progress or the centre please do not hesitate to come and speak to me at any time. ☺

Kind regards
Chevelle



Centre Policy

This month we will be focusing on our Enrolment Policies.

Our Enrolment policies can be found in the foyer. Please feel free to read the policies and offer feedback regarding these.



Centre Availability

Please check the table below for centre availability for 2010. If you require more days please contact us ASAP so that we are able to assist you where possible. Please note that the Bumble Bees room spaces are filling up quickly!

Room/ Days	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Butterflies	*	*	*	*	*
Bumble Bees		*		*	

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

REMINDERS TO PARENTS

HATS and Suitable Clothing:

With the hotter weather approaching we would like to remind all parents that it is a necessity that you send a long a named hat with your child each day! Also Please ensure that you child is wearing suitable clothing for childcare.

Children should be wearing clothes that cover their shoulders, no singlet tops, or dresses with thin straps. Please also ensure that you are applying sun cream before you arrive at the centre. The staff will re apply sun cream before going back outside in the afternoons.

Drink Bottles

Please ensure that you also send a long a named drink bottle with your child each day.

Please note that we would now like to encourage parents to please take your child's bottle home after each visit to ensure that they are being washed correctly, as unfortunately staff are finding it rather difficult to ensure that they had enough time to clean them each day. We thank you for your assistance!



Up Coming Events:

February 2010:

Thursday 11th – 9.30am Visit from StEps
–State Wide Eyesight Preschooler Screening
(Free vision screening for all 4 year old children)

Friday 12th - Chinese New Year Celebrations
3.30pm afternoon tea and lantern making

Mon 15th - Valentines Day Celebrations
Come dressed in Red and make cards for the special person in your life

Kitchen News

Welcome back to 2010.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

This year I am going to demonstrate a cooking lesson to each room once a month. The Butterflies will have simpler recipes in comparison to the Bumble Bees. Hopefully this will be fun..... and probably messy!!

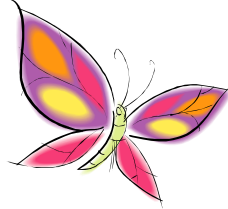
We have some new recopies to introduce to the children for lunch this year too :

- *Tuna Mornay with Sour Cream and pasta Bake
- *Teriyaki Chicken Fired Rice
- *Roasted Root Vegetable with Cauliflower Cheese Mornay
- *Greek Style Beef Lasagne
- *BBQ Chicken, Sweet Potatoes and Pineapple Pizza
- *Cheesy Baked Potato

If you have any questions regarding meals/menus, please do not hesitate to ask me.

Lesley





Butterfly Room News

Welcome back to all the Butterflies and their families for 2010 we hope everyone had a great holiday and new year. January has been exciting with new friends joining our room for the first time. Our new Butterflies are settling in very well, exploring their new Kindy and finding interests through different play. Carers have focused on settling in new children and creating a warm environment so children can feel calm and safe.

In group times we have been discussing Australian animals and have also done some beautiful Australian country craft using fingers, paint and glitter. This was lots of fun. I hope to see as many parents as possible for our Australia Day afternoon tea on Wednesday, come celebrate our Country with a little tucker and craft with the kids.

You may have noticed a different program format displayed in the Butterflies room, this will start officially in February and we encourage parents to give any ideas, input or feedback towards our program and please feel free to ask carers any questions about how our program works etc. For new parents, your child will also have a portfolio where activities and development are recorded; this is available for parents to see at any time.

It is very exciting that Jenny will be coming to work in the Butterflies room, we are eager to enjoy Kindy days with your children in the Butterflies room; we're going to have so much fun!

REMINDERS:

List of things your child will need in the Butterflies room –

Hat, Drink Bottle, Fitted sheet and blanket, Nappies, Spare change of clothes.





Bumble Bee Room News

A very busy month for the Bumble Bees. We would like to welcome all new Bumble Bees. Our new friends have settled in the room very nicely and seem to be very happy with the transition/move.

We are happy to be welcoming Laura back from her holiday this month and Jenny is very excited about her move to the Butterflies room.

During the month of January we have focused on settling in the children, to ensure they are comfortable, happy and aware of the routine. We have also been reminding the Bumble Bees of where things are in the room e.g. Toilets, lockers, drink bottles etc

We have also been busy doing a lot of craft this month especially for Australia Day. The children have been learning about the different Australian animals and about Australian culture.

The older children who are going to school this month have been having a great time here and we wish them all the best of luck for the start of their school days ahead we will miss them all very much.



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