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Wallaby Street Newsletter

Staffing update

Welcome to Miss Heather, in the Kitchen. Heather comes to us with a wealth of experience in cooking and nutrition, her hours are between 8.30 & 1.30pm. Please pop into the Kitchen to say hello to her, or to discuss any dietary, needs or requests for your child.

We also welcome Miss Sarah in Green room. Sarah has a Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood Education. She previously worked at Wallaby Street Weenies and has returned to us, now works Thursdays & Fridays.

We are presently trying out trainees to replace Miss Kimberly. The trainee will start over the next few weeks.... Stay tuned.

Rostered Days Off's: (RDO's)

1st – Jenny B 15th - Jenny T
 8th – Lyndell 19th - Kathy

VACANCIES

√ indicates availability on that day.

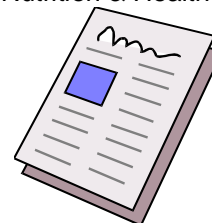
Please note: These vacancies may change daily.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
Blue	√			√	√
Yellow	√				√
Green	√	√	√	√	√

Just visit Jenny in the office if you would like to pick up an extra day.

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Important Dates to Remember for February

- Celebrating **Chinese New Year**
On Monday 15th Feb
Fried Rice for Lunch
- **Pancake Day**
Tue 16th Feb
Eating pancakes.
- **Parent Information Night**
4th March 6pm
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Priority Of Access Guidelines

Will my child be given priority for child care services ?

We understand that getting your child into quality child care is an important priority. Sometimes, there may be a waiting list for child care services and to ensure the system is fair, the Australian Government has Priority of Access Guidelines.

What are the Priority of Access Guidelines ?

The guidelines only apply to approved child care. They are used when there is a waiting list for a child care service or when a number of parents are applying for a limited number of vacant places.

Every approved child care service has to abide by the guidelines and tell you about them when you enrol your child into care.

Priorities

Priority 1 – a child at risk of serious abuse or neglect.

Priority 2 – a child of a parent (or both parents if you have a partner) who satisfies the Government's work, training, study test.

Priority 3 – any other child.

A child care service may require a Priority 3 child to vacate a place to make room for a child with a higher priority. They can only do so if you :

- Are notified when your child first entered care that your service follows this policy.
- Are given at least 14 days notice of the need for your child to vacate.

Outside School Hours Care

Outside School Hours Care is primarily for school children. A service may ask a child not yet in school to leave care if a child who is in school applies for a place.

Employer sponsored places

If a child care service is funded by an employer for their employees' children it can give priority to those children.

How can I get more information ?

For further information on the different types of approved care and reported vacancies please contact the Australian Government Child Care Access Hotline:

Call 1800 670 305 (a service is also available if you require information in a language other than English).

If you need to, you can also call:

Teletypewriter (TTY) 1800 639 327 (if you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment).

You need a TTY phone to use this service.

Sun safety reminders to Parents

We would like to request that ALL children bring a broad brim or legionnaire hat to preschool. Baseball caps and other similar caps do not provide shade to the neck, ears and shoulders.

Clothes are to have the shoulders covered for sun protection.

Please to remember to sunblock your child when you arrive after 8.30am due to outdoor play.

Parent Advisory Group.

Our first meeting will be the Parent Information Night on Thursday 4th March at 6pm. Everyone Welcome!

Thank you

Thank you to Ella Rose's mum, Sarah for donating some great toys.

Thank you to Jake's nana, Maureen for also donating some great toys.

Lost Property.

You will find a lost property box associated to each of the rooms. Please check each week for lost items.



Blue Room News

Blue Room friends have been very busy this month. Due to the children's interest we have created an animal interest area which many of our friends have enjoyed visiting, in our interest area we have made some cheeky monkeys which we are in the process of finishing off and hanging up so keep your eyes out for your very own cheeky monkey, (they're very cute).

We have also been learning many different greetings during our morning greeting song and our favourite one at the moment is BULA! (Fijian) Craft has been a very busy area, and we enjoyed hand & feet printing last week.

Miss Adelle, Miss Alison & Mrs Gale.

Yellow Room News

We have had a busy month we have begun our first round for our portfolios. At present we are focusing on Name Writing, Early Literacy & Outdoor play. Each child will have an observation done on them once every six weeks, Their portfolios will be on display for you to look at please feel free to ask Miss Kathy or Miss Jenny any questions or concerns you may have. We have also been focusing on Numbers/ colour & shape recognition. We welcome our new children to Yellow room Hayley, Bailey, Tyler & Mitchell.

Miss Kathy, Miss Jenny & Miss Rachel.

Green Room News

Green Room children have transitioned beautifully from Yellow room. We are settling in very well. We have also welcomed Miss Sarah into our room on Thursday's & Friday's, she is settling in very well throughout January. We have been discussing the 5 senses. What each of our senses do and how they work. We have set up a hospital to promote awareness of our bodies and the names of our body parts. Eg: legs, arms, hands, stomach etc. We also have talked about Australia Day and discovering Australia in 1788. For music we are looking at tempo, fast & slow. Children love the music when it is very fast. We look forward to a great year with Green room friends with lots of fun and laughter along the way.

Miss Jeanette, Miss Sarah & Miss Lyndell

Tell a friend....

Referral Rewards

Did you know that Guardian Childcare Alliance, (who run Wallaby Street) will give

\$100 credit

to your account if you refer a friend to our centre.

Either check out the website at

www.wallabystreet.com.au

to obtain a voucher, or come and see Jenny T in the office for more information.

Conditions:

Referred families must be new to Wallaby street Weenies and must continue their enrolment of at least 1 full day session per week for 4 weeks to be eligible to claim your \$100 reward.

Review of Policy Schedule

During the month of February, the Enrolment Procedures are under review

ENR1:1 – ENR 1:9

Parents, you will find a copy near the sign in & out sheets for you to review.

Parent Information Night.

We would like to invite all our families to join us for our Annual Information Night on
Thursday 4th March at 6pm.

You will have the opportunity to meet all the staff.

We will be discussing:

Centre Management structure and staffing.

Centre documentation and Policies

Coffee, tea & biscuits available on the night as well as Miss Heather will be making a little sample of

Miss Sarah will be displaying some toys & games on the night from **Kidz Gift House.**
10% of all purchases on the night will go towards the centre fundraising fund.

FROM THE KITCHEN:

By Miss Heather

Saving Money on food:

If you rinse parsley as soon as you buy it.

Shake excess water off it.

Wrap in paper towel or paper serviette.

Place in shopping bag

Tie a knot in bag. It will last for 6 weeks.

As you use it keep tying up the bag.

Quick Easy Salad: **Pear & Parmesan salad**

Rocket

Grated parmesan

Grated pear

Salad Dressing (splash of Caesar) is nice. Toss together & serve.

