



Brassall Early Learning Centre
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Information

Rooms for 2010

Nursery: Amanda & Kellie

Toddlers: Belinda & Tracy

Kindy Blue: Carol & Krystle

Kindy Pink: Maree & Sally(Mon to Wed) Emma (Thu, Fri)

Preschool: Shira-lee & Val

FEE REMINDER

PARENTS a friendly reminder that all fees need to be 2 weeks in advance at all times. If you have an outstanding account please bring the balance up to date as soon as possible. If your fee's don't come out as per your ezidebit payment, please come and do a EFTPOS payment to ensure your fees are up to date before your next payment is due to come out.

All fees need to be 2 weeks in advance to ensure your keep your child's position in the centre. If your fees are not kept up to date then your child's days may need to be reduced until your fees are up to date.



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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 11th January 2010.

Room/ Days	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Babies					*
Toddler	*	*			
Kindy Blue	*	*		*	*
Kindy Pink	*	*	*	*	*
Preschool	*	*	*	*	*

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

Parents please remember to sign your child/children in and out for each day they attend

MONTHLY POLICY FOCUS

Sunsmart Policy

Please see the display in Foyer or in the Centre Policies Handbook. Feel free to give us your suggestions and feedback.

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Policy to be reviewed – Sunsmart Policy



<i>Tick or sign You are happy with current policy</i>	<i>Tick or sign I would like to see changes made to current policy</i>	<i>Comments or changes you would like to see made</i>	<i>Source of information</i>



Be SunSmart
Always remember to bring a hat and put sunscreen on your child/children before letting him out to play

Your feedback is collated with the feedback staffs have given. The Centre Manager then writes a summary indicating the changes we feel necessary. The summary along with the review slips are then sent into head office for their input. Changes are made accordingly and a new policy is formed. We will then display the updated policy in the centre foyer and inform you of the changes in the monthly newsletter.

January 2010

Look what we have done already



REMINDERS TO PARENTS

HATS

As the weather is beginning to warm up we ask that you ensure that there is a hat in your child's bag every day they come to Brassall Early Learning Centre. 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.



DRINK BOTTLES

We ask that all parents from the toddlers, kindy and Preschool bring in a drink bottle labelled with your child's name. These bottles will be kept at the self help station out side as the weather is warming up the children they can go to the table and have a drink from their own drink bottle. The bottles will then be brought in of an evening and cleaned in the dish washer for the following days use.

SUITABLE CLOTHING

Please ensure that you 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. Children **should not be wearing** open toed shoes or thongs.

Important event coming up: **February 2010**

10th Cooking Day
14th Valentines Day – Wear **Pink/Red**
16th Parent Information Night -
6.30pm to 7.30pm
24th Blue Day – Wear **BLUE**

Nursery Room

Nursery Parents: We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves. My name is Amanda Hill and I am the group leader in the babies' room for 2010. I have my Diploma in Early Childhood and a Current First Aid Certificate. I have worked at this centre for the past 15years in many different age groups.

My assistant will be Kellie Robinson, she has a Certificate III in Early Childhood and a current First Aid Certificate. Kellie has worked at this centre for 13years, she has also worked in many different age groups.

We are looking forward to being back in the babies room again. We both really enjoy working with the babies, helping them to grow and develop into toddlers.

We both look forward to meeting you and your beautiful baby. Please feel free to come and talk to us at anytime.

Until next time
Amanda and Kellie

Toddlers Room

Well Parents welcome to the Toddler Room,

Belinda and Tracy are thrilled to be in the Toddler room this year to develop your child's awareness of being a Toddler.

We look forward to spending time with your children having lots of fun doing activities and playtime inside and out,

You will notice we have 3 baskets in the fridge to separate and name your child food, Morning tea, lunch and Afternoon tea, we appreciate it if you would do so. Please make sure your send sleep sheet, pillow and cuddle toy if needed. Don't forget to send space clothes also

The Toddlers have done some lovely artwork which we will be putting up shortly.

If you have any question please don't hesitate to ask.

Thanks Belinda and Tracy

Kindy Blue

Welcome back all the Kindy Blue children, Krystle and Emma are in the room until the end of the month, Carol is still on Holidays and will be back end of January. There for we thought we would focus on toilet training. As our centre has just completed the Accreditation process with NCAC National Child Care Accreditation Council.

In the two to three year age group the teachers encourage toilet training through out to year. This is one in cancellation with each parent in turn and when the parent is ready to toilet train their child, this information is shared with the teachers in Kindy Blue along with how the toileting will progress wether the child is still in a nappy and sits on the toilet between changes of the nappy or if the child is to where pull ups and visit the toilet during the day or if the child is in training pants and visiting the toilet during the day and only where a nappy to sleep time.

Thanks Krystle and Emma

Kindy Pink Room

A quiet start to the year in Kindy Pink, therefore the Kindy Pink children are joining with the Kindy Blue Group for rest time.

Maree Welcomes all the children back for a year of fun, fun, fun in the room. Maree will start off the year joined with Sally (coming back after having her baby Mitchell back in May) and Emma later in February.

The last couple of days the children have enjoyed painting, collage and construction and outdoors physical play, up and down the fort. Where all the children have enjoyed seeing their friends again whom they met last year.

The first few weeks I will take the Kindy Pink group alone until the numbers of children build up to a full group. So bring a friend along for a play day with us. We will be talking about our colours and using safety scissors and painting and making craft and cooking nice things to eat.

Thanks Maree

Preschool

Welcome back to all our families and friends, we hope you had a great Christmas and New Year. We welcome all the new Pre-schoolers to the room. We are planning on having a fantastic year! The pre-school room has been very busy doing lots of fun and creative things we have introduced a useful box to the room so any donations of what you may think is "JUNK" would be gratefully accepted Val and Juanita have been doing cooking and new and interesting projects. Shira-lee will be back in the room at the end of the month and will take over as Groupleader and join Val as the assistant.

We would like to remind our families to send with their child everyday a named HAT and HEALTHY LUNCH, WATER BOTTLE, a named sheet and a change of clothes.

Looking forward to a exciting year ahead

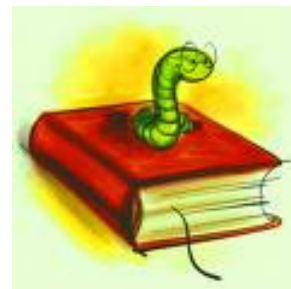
Val and Juantia

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
- Centre Information



LetterLand is the Program for your Preschool Child

Parents

What is Letterland?

Letterland is a phonics based scheme for learning to read. This means it is based on the actual sounds that letters make in words. For example, instead of explaining that C is the letter cee, you tell your child that Clever Cat makes her special whispered 'c...' sound in words like cat, cup and cake...

Letterland makes learning letter sounds fun! In Letterland, letters have good reasons for behaving the way they do. And children love knowing why. It is much more fun to learn that Harry Hat Man whispers 'hhh' in words because he hates noise, than to remember that 'aitch' makes the sound 'hhh'...



Sounds

To learn to read and write, your child will need to know the sounds that letters represent in words. But traditional letter names like 'aee, bee, cee' don't help because many of them begin with another letter's sound (e.g. eff, aitch, em, are, you). By contrast, each Letterlander's name always begins with its letter's usual sound. So it's brilliantly simple:

START to say the Letterlander character's name, but

STOP after the first sound!

That way, the right sound will immediately be on your child's lips!

You can also listen to the correct sounds on the Letterland Alphabet Songs CD. Letterland also makes it easy to explain why two letters sometimes come together to make another sound. For example, in Letterland sh makes the sound "shhhh" because Harry Hat Man is telling Sammy Snake to hush.

How does it work?

Letterland works by capturing children's interest and attention. Children relate to characters like Bouncy Ben, Harry Hat Man, Sammy Snake and Talking Tess as friends. So learning about them feels like play. Yet they are laying solid foundations for successful reading. Why? Because all the information that your child needs is embedded in the Letterland characters.