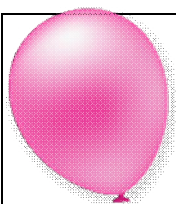


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January 2010

Welcome Back

I hope that you have all had a great break over the Christmas period. Welcome back to all our existing families and a big welcome to all the new families that have joined us.

Staffing

As it is the beginning of a new year, all staffing have changed.

Nursery: Christine and Tammie

Toddler: Missy and Katie

Junior Kindy: Tracy and Rae

Senior Kindy: Kristy and Dana

Preschool: Julie and Anita

Floater: Alana, Rebecca, Becca, Chris, Sherree and Kayla

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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 January 2010.

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

- Indicates availability on that day

Please Note: These vacancies may change daily.

Staff Profile

Name:

Room:

Position:

Qualifications:

Philosophy, Broad Goals and Policy Reviews

- ◆ Please see the new policy review board in the office and pick up a feedback form if you would like to see anything change in the policies that are on display.
- ◆ Please hand these forms back to Miss Bec in the office



REMINDERS TO PARENTS

HATS

The weather is warming up outside and we ask that you ensure that there is a hat in your child's bag every day they come to Jacaranda. 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 bring in a drink bottle labelled with your child's name. These bottles are kept in your child's room on the self help table so that your child can have a drink throughout the day. The Toddler room brings their drink bottles outside of an afternoon as most of them are unable to reach the bubblers. At the end of your child's week please take these drink bottles home for washing.

SUITABLE CLOTHING

Please ensure that you child is wearing suitable clothing for childcare. Old clothes are better suited in case paints and messy activities get all over the clothing. Sometimes this spoils good clothes as it does not always come out in the wash.



Important events coming up:

Monday 25th – Australia Day celebrations Sausage sizzle and dress up

Tuesday 26th – Australia Day Public Holiday Centre Closed



Babies' Room News

WELCOME to the Nursery Room and Happy New Year.

Your teachers this year are Miss Christine and Miss Tammie who are both new to the room and we are looking forward to looking after your little ones and getting to know you and your family.

We have only 1 birthday for the Month of January in the Nursery.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Miss Tammie.

For the month of January, we will be getting to know the children and getting the younger babies in a routine. We will also be able to see what level of development each baby is at and provide experiences to enhance their growth and development. We will be looking at body movements, music and introducing colours.

Just a reminder for your child's belongings, please clearly name all items, if you haven't already done so. As this would help ensure items do not get lost.

Also this year we are asking for Display Folders for your children's art that you will receive at the end of the year, all your child's artwork will be displayed nicely for you to take home as a memento of your child's year in the Nursery.

Thank you for entrusting your child in our care and we hope both of us, as parents and carers, have a great year and please feel free to see both myself and Miss Tammie anytime for a chat or any concerns you may have.

Miss Christine and Miss Tammie

Toddler Room News

Welcome back everyone. We hope that you had a nice break. Firstly I would like to welcome all the new families to the centre. We are sure that you will all settle in well and have an enjoyable time with us.

A big happy birthday to Miss Missy and Andrew this month.
Happy Birthday and we hope that you have a great day.

This year in the Toddler room Miss Missy and Miss Katie will be looking after the children. If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to come and see us about your child's day. Over the next few weeks, we will be working on getting to know our new friends and room routine. The children have settled in well and following the room routine already.

Just a few reminders. Could you please pack in your child's bag each day a hat, nappies, sunscreen, drink bottle, sheets and a few sets of clothes in case of any accidents.

Last week we handed out a child profile form, if you have not already bought it back could you please do so as soon as possible. These forms help us in getting to know you better.

Throughout the year we will be doing a scrapbook of all your child's artwork. Could you please bring one in for your child as soon as possible so that we can start adding in your child's art work. Thank you

Until next month
Missy and Katie



Junior Kindy Room News

Firstly a big hi and welcome back to the new year. As you can tell some of the staff have changed rooms. Miss Tracy has moved from Senior Kindy to Junior Kindy this year and a familiar face Miss Rae.

We would like to welcome all our new friends and to the children who have made the big move from the toddler room. We look forward to getting to know all the children and families.

We have some special little people for the month of January celebrating their special day, so a big happy birthday to Dakoda, Shae and Chiara. We hope that your day is fantastic.

For the month of January we will be getting to know the children and what level of development they are at and providing experiences to enhance what they already know and then adding some new experiences to learn. We will be looking at colours, numbers to 5, identifying body parts and recognition of what gender we are.

The children will also be able to enjoy free play, messy play and expanding on dramatic play with box props to enhance their development and co-ordination in both fine motor and gross motor.

On returning to kindy, just a reminder of what to pack for your child each day, a water bottle, milk if required, spare clothes and undies, nappies if required, sheets and a sheet bag and most important a hat for outdoor play. Please ensure all items are clearly named as this will help us identify what belongs to who and will minimise the stress of items lost.

This year we are also asking for a display folder for your children's artwork instead of a scrapbook as we find the display folder is easier to manage.

Thank you for entrusting your child in our care and we hope that both you as a family, your child and us the staff have a fantastic year and feel free to see both of us at any time.

Here's to a great 2010 in Junior Kindy.

Miss Tracy and Miss Rae.

Senior Kindy Room News

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the senior Kindy room it's amazing how quickly our children grow up, before we know it they will be heading off to school. In the senior Kindy room your children's teachers are Miss Kristy and Miss Dana. We look forward to playing and working with your children throughout the year helping them to learn, develop and grow. Please feel free to come and see either of us about any concerns or questions about your child and their development.

Currently we are in the process of setting up our notice board, and locker chart so please bare with us while we get this up and running. We have started to decorate our room with posters and artwork so please take the time to have a look around.

We have put a child profile form in your child's parent pocket, it would be greatly appreciated if you could please return these as soon as possible. It is of great importance as it helps to assist us with gaining insight information about your child's home environment, interests and needs.

We would like to remind you to please bring in a labelled bottle of sunscreen to be kept at the centre for your child to be applied a various stages through out the day. A set of sheets is also required for your child's day at Kindy.

We are going to be working on learning our colours, shapes, recognising our own name and also writing it, counting from 1-20. We will also be working on matching and sorting skills and ability to complete puzzles. We will as a class make some class rules to follow and discuss how to be nice to our friends through sharing, taking turns, using nice words and speaking nicely to each other. We will work on using our manners and looking after our own and others belongings and becoming independent with self help skills such as flushing the toilet, washing our hands and making our own bed.

We look forward to having an exciting year with you and your children.

Miss Kristy and Miss Dana

Preschool Room News

Hello and welcome to a brand new year in Preschool. We look forward to getting to know you and your child over the next few weeks.

We say a sad farewell to the Preschoolers who have come in to spend a little more time with us, as they are off to prep. We wish them all the very best with their new adventure to big school.

We welcome Miss Anita to our room. Miss Anita is the assistant in preschool, she has been with Jacaranda for over 2 years and I look forward working with her, helping me prepare your child for prep.

This month we will be focusing on our bodies and getting to know our friends. We will also be starting out Letter land program with letter recognition through characters which live inside the letters. The children enjoy this program and it is a great way for the children to start to recognise the letter and sounds of all the letters. If you would like to know more about this great program please come and see myself, Bec or Miss Anita.

In the preschool room we encourage the children to be independent and focus on being responsible for their own belongings and respecting others. We encourage the children to put their own belongings away and to have a go with all tasks set for them. This builds their self-esteem and confidence to try new things.

Please take the time to have a look at our room at your child's artwork. We have a photo gallery on the windows near home corner, showing you what the children do during the day.

Daily requirements:

Drink bottle, sheets, spare clothes and a hat.

Can we ask that all parents please provide a scrap book to display your child's lovely artwork.

Happy birthday wishes to Lachlan, Karen and Miss Julie who celebrate their birthdays this month.

Reminder: we have an open door policy so please feel free to come in and look around. We also enjoy parent helpers in our room, so if you have a spare hour you are welcome to come and join us in our room.

Thank you

Miss Julie and Miss Anita

From Mandy's Kitchen:

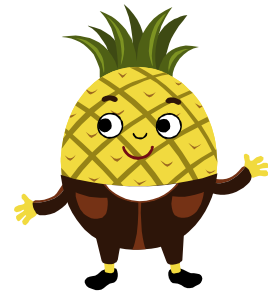
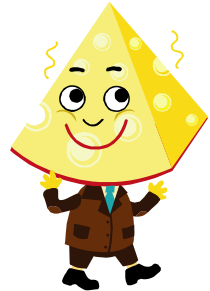
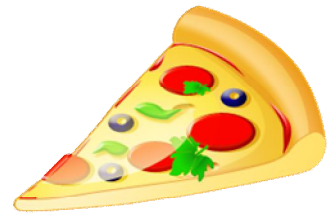
Mini Pizza

Ingredients:

- Muffins
- Bacon bits
- Cheese
- Tomato Sauce
- Pineapple

Method:

1. Cut muffins in half
2. Smear tomato sauce on muffins
3. add bacon bits
4. add pineapple
5. sprinkle cheese on top
6. Grill under grill till cheese melted
7. Serve and enjoy ☺



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
- Calendar of events
- Centre Policies
- Extra Curricular Activities
- Fact sheets
- Brochures
- Copies of the current newsletter
- Parent Handbooks
- Recipes
- Centre Menu
- Staffing Information
- Centre Information

