



## CREATIVE BEGINNINGS EARLY LEARNING AND KINDERGARTEN

### Creative News

We are excited to announce on the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> of June we underwent our Accreditation process and successfully met all the requirements receiving a high quality result in all areas.

I would like to thank all children, families and staff involved in helping us to achieve such an amazing result. We look forward to continuing to provide high quality of care to our families in the future.

As we are fortunate enough to have a vacant room we will be utilising the room for Music & Movement for all rooms to enjoy a special group session set up in a relaxing bright environment. Our room will also like to be used for Jenny's weekly music sessions and Maree's Jump for Joy classes.

We would also invite our families to share in the fun of our Music & Movement room by offering their time to sing songs or read stories to the children. Please see a staff member if you wish to do so.

Dannii Rudling  
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 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009.

Room/ Days	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
<b>Babies</b>	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Toddler</b>	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Pre-Kinder</b>	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Kinder</b>	*	*	*	*	*

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



## **Philosophy, Broad Goals and Policy**

### **Reviews**

- ◆ Anaphylaxis Policy
- ◆ Meals, Snacks & Water Policy
  - ◆ Allergy Policy
  - ◆ Food Safety Policy
- ◆ Nutrition & Cultural Preferences Policy
  - ◆ Nutrition



## **REMINDERS TO PARENTS**

### **PARENT POCKETS**

Every parent has a Parent Pocket allocated to them in your child's room. Please ensure that you check your parent pocket every time that you come into the centre. In here you will find important information about the centre and letters from the office. We ask that if you receive any information from the office that requires you to complete a form that it is returned to the office as soon as possible. We thank you for your assistance.

### **SUITABLE CLOTHING**

Please ensure that your 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. Please keep in mind that the weather is now a bit colder as we are heading into Winter, so we require Jackets. Please label all your children's clothing.



## **Centre events coming up:** **July 2009**

**Grandparents Week 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July-** Grandparents are invited to join in our daily program between 9.30am – 11.00am.

**Rainbow Day Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July-** Staff and children to dress in their craziest brightest colours as well as having face painting done.

**Road Safety Visit Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July @10.45am -** Thingle Toodle will visit our centre to talk to the children about the importance of road safety.

**Centre Photos 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> July-** Centre photos will be taken between 8.30am – 12.00pm daily.

## Nursery Room News

Dear parents,

We would like to give a big welcome to Lauren and her family who have recently joined us in the Nursery Room.

The children have been very busy exploring and developing their abilities, the children have been doing a great job developing their independence and self help skills with more children being able to walk un assisted, feed themselves, self selecting activities and a willingness to explore and play independently at activities.

The children have had a great time engaging in imaginative play, becoming more involved in home corner, cooking, dress ups hats and babies which is great for developing skills that will assist them later in life.

The Children are also developing their vocabularies, naming familiar objects which is great for developing their communication skills and therefore being able to more easily express their needs and wants. A big thank you to Lauchie and his family for bringing in family photos. Lauchie loves to look at them throughout the day.

We would love for more families to bring in their family photos so we can include them in our new family tree.

Thank you,

Melissa & Rachel

## Babies' Room News

Dear parents,

I would like to start off by introducing myself. My name is Kellie and I am the new room leader in the Babies Room.

For the last few weeks I have been getting to know your children which I have thoroughly enjoyed.

We would like to say a big welcome to Alana and her family who have recently joined us, we are pleased to say Alana has made many new friends and is settling in very well.

We will be implementing a nature corner in the room where the children will have the opportunity to explore pine cones, leaves, sand, trees and more. Please take the time to have a look and explore this experience with your child.

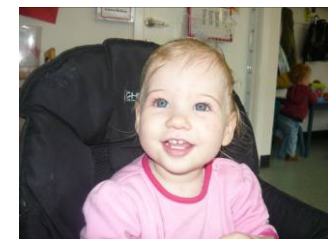
We will continue to work on communication and turn taking / sharing through a variety of activities such as farm barns and animals, story and song times. We will also be encouraging the children to use their words such as please, thank you and stop through flashcards.

We will continue to work on our fine motor skills through puzzle boards, painting, pasting and drawing. These activities are a great way to help us develop our hand-eye coordination to manipulate objects such as the paint brushes, drawing mediums and puzzle pieces.

If you have any questions, comments or feedback regarding our programs or would like to join in our programs by reading a story or singing a song please see one of our room staff.

Thank you

Kellie, Di & Aysen



July 2009

## Toddler Room News

Dear Parents

What a busy month it's been in the toddler room.

We have slowly been extending our group time experiences by a few minutes each day to assist with children's attention span. During our group times we have introduced new flash cards to extend the children's language development. We have also been practising our numbers during our group times and of course lots of singing. Our favourite songs to sing at the moment are "3 cheeky monkeys" and "Rolley Polley", the use of instruments to sing our songs has been a big hit. Our favourite song to dance to is "Sleeping bunnies", and the wiggles "Do the twist".

We are developing well with colour and shape recognition, using various shapes and block, sizes and with a range of colours.

We will be focusing on this over the next month to ensure consistency and recognition.

Outside is always very popular and busy with children running around chasing each other, jumping, and rolling, climbing and sand pit play with children filling and emptying buckets, digging and using water to mould sandcastles etc.

Thankyou

Nicole, Bianca & Anne

## Pre-Kinder Room News

Dear Parents,

This month has been jam packed!

We have started re-decorating our room along with moving furniture around and hanging new displays and posters.

Each day we are looking at which day of the week it is and what the weather is like using our special chart. We have been taking it in turns putting up the sign according to the day and weather. This has been a great experience to learn about our environment and weather changes. A special thank you to Mitchell and his family who kindly donated their "Refer a friend" reward of \$100- we were able to purchase a "Mr Potato Head", "Thomas Tent", "2 Puzzles", "Stationary", "Large packet of Cars" and "2 new Books". Again thank you!

We have recently introduced daily aerobics classes to assist with our gross motor development. This has proved to be very popular with all of the children.

At mealtimes we are discussing the importance of healthy eating and talking about our favourite fruits. The children are expressing themselves a lot more and are confident to have discussions with their carers about what they do at home and all of their favourite things. If you have any feedback regarding our program or room I would love to hear it.

Thankyou

Rebecca



## Kinder Room News

Dear Kinder Families,

Welcome to the end of June!! What a cold month June is and now we are moving into July for cooler days.

Just a kind reminder could all children please bring in hats and a coat in order to be able to go outside for play. Children still need to get fresh air and stretch their legs when the weather permits.

In the month of June we have been concentrating on letters and how we make words from putting letters together.

The children in the Kinder room are very keen in learning to read the words and how to spell the words (Keeping me busy on my toes) Another one of the Kinders favourite activities is learning our numbers and putting two numbers together to make one big number.

At mat time when I am getting the children to sit on our schoolie mat they request Numbers and Letter flash cards daily to do together. It's just amazing being in the room with the children and watching how much they want to learn and what they have already learnt.

This month we had two special guests come and read a story at mat time – On our teddy bear Picnic Day we had Hannah's mum Tetske come in and read a bear story to the children which was fabulous and they all enjoyed. We also had Sam's mum Jeanette who also got time off work to read to the children at afternoon tea time which was fantastic as well.

I would like to open this invitation to all our Kinder parents if they feel they would like to come and read a story or do a music session or art activity with the children please feel free to speak to me in order to arrange a special time and day.

In July we are having our Grandparents week 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am-11.00am – On our Kinder room door I have put a list so you can put who and when your child's grandparent is able to attend.

I have notice the children have been showing a real passion for floor puzzles and doing them together and being so proud when they complete them which is fantastic that they are able to work together to complete activities as one.

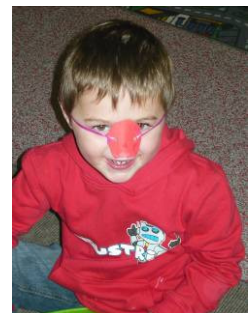
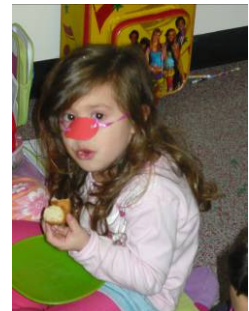
The children have been talking about TEAMWORK which is so cute they understand that when working together we can complete things quicker.

Our room Moto – We are the Kinder family and we do things together to create TEAMWORK.

We would like to ask if any families have any old cooking equipment (pots, pans wooden spoons) still in good condition and they would like to donate to our wonderful Centre for our dramatic play areas and also for our sandpits where we like to cook up a storm. We would be very grateful for what you have to donate to your child's room.

Please remember our Kinder door is always open and we want you all to feel free to pop in and say hi.

Trudy



## **FROM THE KITCHEN:**

### **Sheppard's Pie**

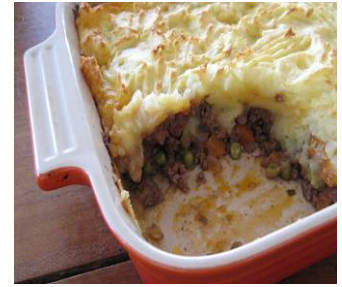
#### **Ingredients:**

2 ½ kg minced Meat  
4 carrots  
½ kg peas  
1 bunch celery  
2 kg potatoes  
2 cloves garlic  
1 ltr beef stock  
Cheese  
Water  
Olive Oil

#### **Procedure:**

- ✓ Peel and dice onions, carrots & celery
- ✓ Peel & slice potatoes – cook until tender
- ✓ Sauté onions and garlic, add in mince & brown well
- ✓ Add vegetables & liquid – cook until carrots tender
- ✓ Place meat & vegetables in ovenproof dish
- ✓ Layer potatoes over meat
- ✓ Sprinkle with cheese
- ✓ Place in oven & cook until golden brown

Serve and Enjoy!! ☺



**\* Please feel free to ask Georgia, Trudy or Dannii for any recipes that we cook at the centre.**

## **RESOURCES**

Please take time to look around the Centre as we have a large range of resources available for you to look at.

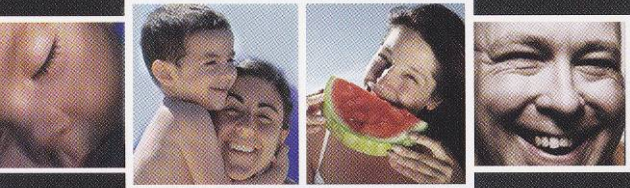


- Song Books
- Policy Review Folder
- Family Resource Library
  - Fact sheets
  - Brochures
- Current newsletter
- Parent Handbooks
  - Centre Menu
  - Centre Events
- Centre Information



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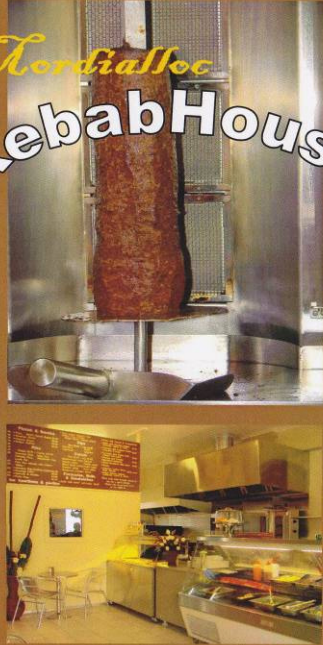
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