

2-12 Springvale Circuit Underwood, 4119

Jacaranda and Juniors Early Learning Centre

News from the office:



Over the next few weeks you will notice a few different adult faces. We have got trial days happening at the moment to find some new relief staff so that we have a familiar face when the regular room staff are away. We have already added a new face to our relief list; Miss Kristen has started with us this week. Please introduce yourself to Miss Kristen and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Our Local Speech Pathologist Speech and language tip of the month:

Observe how well other people understand your child's speech. This will give you an idea of how clear his or her articulation really is (parents usually understand their children more than an outside listener).

Vacancies

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 May 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.

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Extra Curricular Activities

We have many different extra curricular activities that your child can participate in while they are here at kindy.

Ginger Sport soccer: Monday 2pm Jac ELC and Thursday 2pm for Juniors.

Lil' Legends Tennis: Tuesday 10.15am Jac ELC.

Mini Minstrels: Wednesday 9am Jac ELC and Juniors 9am

Kinda Dance: Thursday 10am Jac ELC

Kindy Dance-Music Classes: Friday 9.30am Jac ELC

All of these activities range in price from \$7.50 - \$10. In the office you will find more information on all of these activities.

Philosophy, Broad Goals and Policy Reviews

- ◆ Up for review this month is the policy PRG 1.14 Biting Policy. Please take the time to read over this policy and provide us with some feedback.
- ◆ Policies and feedback forms are available from the office.



REMINDERS TO PARENTS

*Please remember to sign your child in and out of the centre every day. All sign in sheets are kept in a folder on top of your child's locker. This information is for Family Assistance Office purposes. If you do not sign your child in and out you are not entitled to your Child Care Benefit % and will have to pay the full daily fee, nor will you receive your Child Care Tax Rebate.

*It is compulsory that you pay your fees via ezi debit and that your fees are kept two weeks in credit at all times. If for some reason your ezi debit declines you can make a once of eftpos payment to make up the payment. Please do not pay your fees in cash. We do not accept cash. Thanks



Miss Ashika

Staff Profile

Room: Junior Kindy

Position: Group Leader

Qualifications: Cert 3, Studying Bachelor



Important events coming up:

Thursday 15th – Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 28th – PJ day, send your child to kindy in their favourite PJ's



Babies' Room News

Wow half way through the year already. Firstly a big congratulations to Lachlan P, Sophie, Rhys and Lachlan M who have now moved up to the Toddlers room. We have enjoyed having you with us in the Nursery. Also a big welcome to Matilda who has joined us in the Nursery, we hope that you enjoy your stay with us.

Last month we had Tabitha's 1st Birthday on the 3rd, we also have Akeisha's birthday coming up on the 23rd. So a big happy birthday Girls. This month we have been working a lot on our language and social/emotional skills, we have been going through simple words a lot to help the children to start communicating through words. This has been going so well. For our social/emotional skills we have been helping the children settle into routines and also focusing on self help skills, holding their own bottles, spoons and cups. This is also going very well.

The children have been developing quickly over the last couple of weeks.

If you have any questions or concerns please come and speak to either myself or Miss Tammie.

It has been great to see parents showing so much interest in the programs, so if you have any ideas for the program please let us know; we are more than willing to incorporate your ideas.

Thank you

Miss Michelle and Miss Tammie

Babies' II Room News

Welcome to July in the Nursery! We can't believe how fast this year has flown. We would like to welcome Kareece and Kyle to our room as well as Kirra and Sean who are all doing well settling into our room. We say a sad good-bye to Hannah who is moving up to the Toddlers room.

This month in the Nursery we are concentrating on our senses. We have already had Jelly play which the children really enjoyed, next we are looking at Gelibaff and Goop as well as playdough and different textures for the children to explore.

We are planning a lot of hand and footprint paintings for the children as well as taking more photos of your ever growing babies. We understand this is an important time in your child's life where they grow so fast and having these photographs to look back on to see how much they have changed is a treasured gift.

Lastly, we would like to say a huge thanks to Miss Bec for stepping in for Miss Emma while she was on holidays.

Just a reminder for those parents who have not brought in a scrapbook. Can you please provide one as we would like to start putting your children's lovely artwork and photos in them.

Miss Emma and Miss Chantelle.



Toddler Room News

Hello parents and care givers.

Well it's the middle of the year already.

This month we are having a lot of fun painting and drawing. We have been doing many pieces of art for our room. All children have enjoyed doing many paintings and also drawings in groups and individually.

We have noticed that the children really enjoy sitting and sharing with their friends - toys, pencils and paints.

We also have been playing a little with some different textures: flour and goop- corn flour and water. The children's faces light up when these messy play activities are introduced for morning play time. They really have a great time running their fingers through the substances and generally making a mess. We hope to continue this with other textures.

We are talking lots during play time and lots of the children are enjoying copying the carers in many ways. Talking, saying friend's names and actions such as dancing and singing action songs.

Just a reminder to all, as it is cooler weather now, we would like to suggest for parents to bring with their sheets for rest time a blanket or warm sheet, a water bottle and spare clothes suitable for the weather in case of accidents.

Also to those who drop off and pick up their children to remember to sign their child in and out each day as this a requirement in case of emergency.

We would also like to ask parents to remember to regularly check there child's pocket for any information or updates that may need your attention.

Till next month. Take care.

Miss Missy and Miss Katie

Toddler II Room News

Dear Mums and Dads,

Hello again from the Toddler room. We have been very busy working on learning our colours. We are all doing well and keep getting better everyday. Also this month we are going to be learning the names of shapes. We will be doing lots of artwork to encourage shape and colour recognition. Also, if you would like to stay and play for the morning you are very welcome. We would love to have you be part of our morning routine.

We would like to take this opportunity to let you all know that the programmed activities for the day commence at 9.30am. It is important for your child to experience the program and get the most out of their time at kindy.

Reminder: if you have suggestions, concerns or issues please feel free to come and speak to either myself or Julie.

Miss Sarah and Miss Sara.

Junior Kindy Room News

Dear Parents,

I am happy to say that the children who moved up to the Junior Kindy room recently have settled in nicely and are now quite comfortable with the kindy routine.

We still like to spend a lot of time on the group time mat reading stories. It gives me the opportunity to interact with the children, get their views, ask them some challenging questions or just listen to them share stories from home. Many children at this age are still developing their vocabulary and speech. We have been focusing a lot of our attention on extending their vocabulary simply by naming pictures and talking about pictures in the story. Maybe, this is also something you would like to try at home.

We have been doing a lot of artwork where children have a chance to use a variety of mediums for painting, collage and drawing. For example: Feather collage, sand painting and finger painting. These different materials allow your children to feel and experience different textures which are so important for sensory development.

Please remember that, at kindy your children participate in many messy activities throughout the day eg: flour play, painting, water play, goop and other squelchy and goeey play to provide a variety of tactile experiences. It would therefore be great if you would send your child to kindy in wash and wear clothes. Although every effort is made to avoid children making their clothes messy, it is important to remember that children at this age are still developing their self help skills and that this mess is part of their learning process. Also please provide at least 2 sets of spare clothes, in case your child needs changing afterwards.

We have a quiet month on the birthday side and will not be celebrating any birthdays.

Please feel free to share your concerns or stories from home about your child with us. Dana and I love to have a chat and learn more about your child.

Warm Regards

Miss Ashika and Miss Dana

Kindy II Room News

Hello and welcome to another exciting month in the kindy room.

We have been working hard on sharing activities and the room rules. The children have done really well with these activities. This month we are working on our colours, shapes and recognising the letters in our names. We look forward to having lots of fun exploring these important aspects of your child's development and growth.

Miss Shannon and I are looking forward to our new friends who are moving up from the Toddlers room.

We congratulate Hayden for the move into the Senior Kindy room next door; we wish you lots of fun with your new friends.

Just a reminder about scrapbooks, if you have not already provided one can you please bring one when you can so we can start putting them together.

Please remember that we are open to any suggestions you may have for the program and we would love to hear if you would like to see something added to the program.

Miss Julie and Miss Shannon

Senior Kindy Room News

Hello Everyone,

This month we welcome some more friends into our class who have moved up from Junior Kindy these are Charlie, Skye Lillie, Lillian, Lilly H and Chloe, we also will be wishing Chloe a happy Birthday.

We will be continuing on with a few aspects of counting, matching and number and shape recognition. We will begin to work on recognising our own written name and what letter our name starts with. We will be learning about our body, how to eat healthy, and the growing process as well as learn about hospital, doctors, etc. We will be working on our sharing and turn taking skills through various types of games and activities.

We are still waiting on child profile forms to be returned, it would be greatly appreciated if you could please return them as soon as possible. This form is very beneficial in assisting us to provide your children with the best suited program and has important information that we require. If you need another form please come and see me. Just a quick reminder to please label all of your children's clothing, bottles and belongings clearly with their name so that items do not get lost.

It would also be great if you could collect your child's sheets at the end of the week and take home for washing. At the moment we have quite a pile of unknown sheets sitting beside the sheet baskets, please have a look through and take any you recognise home.

Even though it is Winter and cooler weather please remember to pack a hat for your child to wear during outdoor play.

Until next time

Have fun

Miss Kristy



Preschool Room News

I can't believe that we are half way through the year already. Time flies when you are having fun at Preschool!

Over the past month we have been extremely busy learning and creating. Together we explored the beach and under the sea. During this time we discussed all the different sea animals, the ocean and sand before studying each one more closely. To begin with we took a closer look at sand, through our magnifying glasses and how sand is made. We rubbed two stones together to create our own sand paintings. The ocean itself was examined through experimenting with a water trough and a number of different objects to observe whether or not they would sink or float. Sea animals were a plenty with the children identifying the ones they knew and together we added a couple more. We explored the dolphins and whales, fish, star fish, polar bears and jelly fish. But I think our favourite was the crab especially with our class pets, three hermit crabs. We observed how they walked sideways, what they eat, swimming in their salt water bath and lots of hands on handling. All the efforts of our exploration can be seen in our bathroom, so please come and take a look.

We have been continuing with our name tracing and writing practice. Some are now able to write their name independently which is a fantastic effort. If you are assisting your child in this process we are encouraging the use of a capital letter to begin their name and lower case for the other letters.

Over the past two weeks we have begun to brush our teeth after eating our lunch. Below is some information from the Logan – Beaudesert Oral Health Service;

Although tooth decay is completely preventable, approximately half of Queensland's children have experienced dental disease by the age of six.

Benefits provided by the tooth brushing program are:

- Children develop a tooth brushing habit which reduces the risk of tooth decay
- Children learn basic hygiene principals and develop tooth brushing skills by brushing their own teeth
- Regular topical application of fluoride via toothpaste which reduces the risk of tooth decay.

As a part of the program, children will be provided with a soft, small toothbrush, fluoride toothpaste (suitable for children under 6 years of age) and individual storage cases. Brushing will occur everyday.

Only a very small amount of toothpaste will be used (less than ¼ pea size) which reduces the need for spitting therefore minimises the risk of cross infection in a classroom situation and allows a small amount of fluoride to stay in the mouth and protect the teeth for several hours.

Could you please ensure your child has the following each day

- A jumper, shoes and socks now that the weather is cooler
- A hat for outside play to encourage sun safety awareness
- A drink bottle
- Two sheets or a sheet and blanket. Children are required to sleep on one sheet for hygiene reasons and another to cuddle under

A big happy birthday to Aiden and Miss Anita.

Till next month
Miss Belinda and Miss Anita

Cooking with Miss Mandy

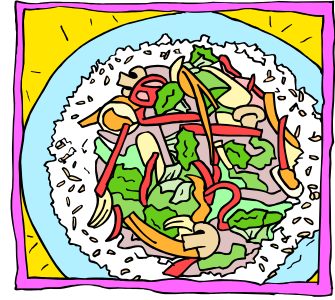
Fried Rice

Ingredients:

- 2 cups rice
- 1 Cup frozen mixed vegies
- ½ cup diced bacon
- 1 Scrambled egg
- Dash Soya sauce

Method:

1. Boil rice till cooked
2. Rinse rice under hot water
3. Place rice into frying pan
4. Add vegies Bacon and scrambled egg
5. Cook till all ingredients are warm
6. Add Soya sauce
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

