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Jacaranda Early Learning Centre

Jacaranda 2010

A Chat with Jan

Thank-you to all the wonderful parents for your help and support with the Jacaranda 3rd Birthday celebrations. We were able to raise \$1400.00. Guardian our wonderful management company are going to match the amount raised. This money will go towards new outdoor equipment which we will receive by the end of June. I had a great day it was lovely to see all our families attend and the children's bright smiles on the jumping castle. The children seemed to really love the Fire truck visit, there is truly is nothing better than to see happy laughing children. I can't wait to see those faces when the new equipment arrives, parents you are all invited to come along and play that afternoon.

Chinese Lessons

Miss Jain has commenced Chinese lessons in the Pre-School and Senior Kindy rooms on Mondays and Fridays. The children have participated in various activities to enhance their awareness of the Chinese culture. Painting characters, singing songs, learning rhymes and playing games with chopsticks are some of the interesting activities the children are experiencing during Chinese lessons.

Ezidebit Discount

Most of our families have taken advantage of the direct debit discount; I would like to take this opportunity to encourage the small percent of parents to join in with this offer. You get \$3 per day discount and the convenience of not having to come in and remember to make regular payments. How's that for convenience☺ Just a friendly reminder that we do not except cash for fees under any circumstances if you are paying by eftpos we require your account to be four weeks in advance.

CREDIT CARD DISHONOURS

In order not to miss any payments or incur a dishonour fee, please make sure that we have all current Credit Card and banking information. If your credit card expires, please tell the Jan as soon as possible, so we can arrange a manual payment if necessary.

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Thank-you to the Anderson family for your Mystery Bid!

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 now.

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

Room/ Days	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Pre-Prep	*	*	*	*	*
Nursery 2	*	*		*	
Toddler 2	*	*	*	*	*
Junior Kindy 2	*	*	*	*	*

* Indicates availability on that day

Please Note: These vacancies may change daily.

Philosophy, Broad Goals and Policy Reviews

Health

Parent Involvement

We operate an OPEN DOOR POLICY, where parents and family are welcome into the Centre at ANYTIME. Parent participation sends strong positive messages to your child that you support them and are part of the child care environment. There are many levels of PARENT PARTICIPATION and we appreciate that time is of a premium for all parents, but we will be willing to accommodate any form of involvement you may desire to assist you and your child, which ultimately benefits the whole Centre. Our staff sincerely wish for you and your child to be happy and feel welcomed at our Centre. Be aware that a three way relationship between parents, caregivers and the child exists in this setting. Communication is a vital ingredient to the success of this partnership.



REMINDERS TO PARENTS

PARENT POCKETS

Please ensure that you are collecting all your important information from your parent pocket on a daily basis. In the pockets you will find your weekly statement, notes from your child's careers, party invitations from peers, policy and procedure up dates, parent input forms and other general information. This is a great way for us to communicate with you as sometimes we may not get to see each other.

Label Items

To ensure your child's belongings find their way home please make sure all items are labelled. This will help our friendly staff to assist your child when packing up their bag at the end of an afternoon.

HATS

Even though the weather is very cool at the moment here at Jacaranda 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.

Children's Holidays

Our centre policy states that each family is entitled to 50% discount for 1 week of fees every financial year. In order for this to be approved families must have their accounts up to date (2 weeks in advance) and be on direct debit. Please fill out our holiday form at reception 2 weeks prior to going on holidays. The discount will be applied to your account when you return from your holidays.



Thank-you to all the wonderful families for taking the time to make and donate cakes, cupcakes, toffee apples and all the delicious treats.

Important event coming up: **June**

5th July – Odd Sock Day – come along in your funny or odd socks

4th July - Naidoc week – the children will participate in a variety of aboriginal learning experiences. Parent if you would like to come and join in or have anything interesting to share we would appreciate your involvement

13th July- Jacaranda Annual Sports day all welcome, ball games, obstacle courses, running races, and long jump

22nd July – Aboriginal Show cost \$3.50

23rd July – Parent interview night

31st July- Pajama Day-come along dressed in your comfy PJ's



Don't forget your odd socks!

News from the Bus

A huge thank-you to all the parents for your patience while our bus had it's yearly check up and new art display completed. The children say we have a new bus and I agree, the bus is all safe looks great and the children really love the bus ride. Please remember that it is a government requirement that you sign your child on and off the bus each day.

Safety first doesn't forget to buckle up
From Miss Pam



The Willy Wag-tails Update

Hello Everyone and welcome back to the Nursery. Who can believe it's already JULY we have been very busy exploring a variety of activities and extending on many skills. It's amazing to see all of our children growing so very quickly into the toddler's room. Sadly we say goodbye to Emma, Oscar, and Eliza who I'm sure will settle into their new group of friends very quickly. We will miss you!

We also welcome many new families and children to the Nursery. We are enjoying getting to know your little personalities. We have had a busy year so far exploring arts and crafts developing our creativity. Have you brought in your A3 scrap book? We need these ASAP to start putting all your beautiful memories in to last a lifetime

The nursery children will be continuing to extend on our motor development this month. The babies all develop at various levels and we take time to ensure we are providing various activities to encourage and develop those necessary skills to become those fast paced fun loving toddlers. We have been also encouraging our language development with babble time, reading stories and having one on one interaction with carers to help with our language and listening development.

Have you ever considered spending time in the Nursery with your child and the staff? We have an open door policy and you are more than welcome to come at any time.

Until Next time, keep smiling! ☺

Love,

Miss Kailah and Miss Jaclyn



Please remember we need your child's scrapbook to display their beautiful artwork.

News from the Owls Nest

Nursery 2

Welcome to the Owl's nest where everyone has the opportunity to learn and grow. Firstly I would like to welcome all the new children in the room, Jordan, William & Harrison. It has been great getting to know you all and watch you develop over the past month and look forward to a great year in the Owls Nest.

Over the month most of us have been learning a different range of skills. We have been guiding children with walking and sitting upright without support. Karen and I have also been extending on children's fine motor skills in doing puzzles and creative development. It's been great seeing what all the children can do and what needs further encouragement developmental wise. As you can see in the room it's becoming a lot more bright and colourful with art work. Through the art work they have been focusing on fine motor development as well as sensory skills, feeling different textures and extending on palmer and pincer grip. It has been great seeing the children develop in this area.

We are all developing at different stages and as each child reaches each stage individually we encourage and support their progression. We insist upon verbal encouragement to strengthen your child's self-esteem and confidence to ensure they reach their full potential.

We would love families to start to bring in an A3 scrapbook so that Karen and I can get started on making sure that all your child's artwork is in the appropriate scrapbook and ready for the end of the year!

What a great month we have all had getting to know one another. It has been a pleasure and we look forward to another fantastic month with all children helping them to learn and grow.

Until next time, Keep smiling! ☺
Bonny and Karen

The Peewees News

Toddler 1

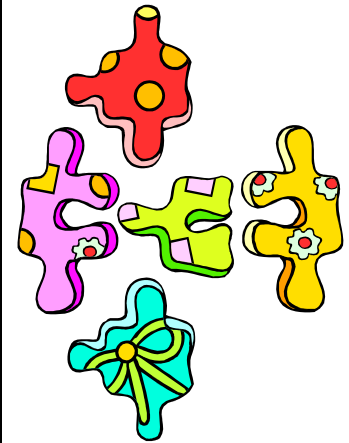
Welcome to the Toddler room where we have some fun this month learning lots of new and exciting things.

Over the past several weeks we have been learning about our emotions and how to express our feelings; this also helped with our social skills. Our social skills were further encouraged also through group art activities, using our manners, home corner – role play, talking about "sharing" at group time. We all did so very well.

We also did some focus on Cognitive and problem solving skills in activities such as puzzles, blocks and hidden objects.

We did a science experiments also where we did "Moving Nails". It was a great experience for the children and they all seemed to enjoy it.

Over the next month we will be developing more of our gross motor skills through ball games, slide play, catching bubbles, balancing beam, little bikes, running & catching. We will also develop more in our



Puzzles help the nursery child to learn to grasp and early problem solving skills.



Jesse from the toddler room enjoyed the cupcakes at the Birthday celebrations.

language and memory skills through activities of "this water bottle belongs to" (Shoes and hats etc) to help develop our language skills as well as memory skills. We will be talking about group photos where we will pretend to dramatize and role play.

We will also be focusing more on our cognitive and problem solving skills in counting and identifying numerals, our natural environment and our self help skills.

We look forward to another fantastic month and look forward to helping each child learn in every area.

Love,
Miss Amanda and Miss Faith

Flying News from the Blue Birds

Toddlers 2

Hello and welcome back to another month in the Toddler room. How quick is this year going by, can you believe it's July already! Over the past month we have been continuing our underwater theme. Children have been developing their fine motor skills by doing various art works; you may see your children's fish hanging in the room as well as many various under the sea characters.

Toddlers are all doing very well with their colours, shapes and numbers. Some of the toddlers are now recognizing these numbers, shapes and colours and saying them around the room.

Are they saying them at home?

The children are often also singing their alphabet around the room as well as group times. They are all very clever and learning very quickly.

This month we have been doing a lot of toilet training, in which I would love parents to bring in some spare undies & clothes to help further the process of toilet training. However all the children are doing very well and making great progression. Well done Toddlers

We are growing even more independent in feeding ourselves using our gross motor skills as well as independence. We have been doing a great job and hope that everyone keeps up the good work, practising at home with the children will also help their progression.

We have had a great month and look forward to another fantastic month with all the beautiful Blue Birds.

Love,
Miss Kree



Chloe enjoyed having her face painted, what a beautiful butterfly.

Puffins News

Junior Kindy 1

A big hello from all the beautiful children in the junior kindy room. Wow can you believe another month has passed! We are half way through the year now, and what an exciting month June has been.

A big thank you to all the parents who participated in the Fairy Tale day it was so much fun. There were lots of smiles all around as we showed off our various costumes. We had "Max" from "Where the wild thing are" Buzz Light Year, Peter Pan, a wizard(Harry Potter perhaps) a leopard and the pirate Jack Sparrow.

We has a special surprise for the children Liam's little brother 3 week old Max came in and his mummy gave him a bath for us all to see. Max had a quite a loud cry when he first got into the water, then he began relaxing and enjoying the bath. The children absolutely fascinated and seemed so excited to watch and be part of it all.

As for July we have plenty more exciting and educational experiences planned. From the 5th to the 9th of July is NAIDOC week so you can expect lots of Aboriginal artwork, dancing, music and dream time stories. Sports day is also planned for the 13th of July this will be a great day to test and challenge our gross motor skills.

Lets look forward to an exciting, educational and above all fun time in the month of July.

From Miss Jody and Miss Shirley.



Big kids and little kids enjoyed the fire truck visit.

News from the Playful Penguins

Junior Kindy 2

Hello let me first introduce myself, My name is Jayde Roberts I have worked for Jacaranda for the past two years. I was the assistant in the pre-school room during this time. I have gained a lot of knowledge through study and experience during this time and am now very excited to be the group leader in the junior kindy room. I have so many wonderful learning experiences planned for your children through textures, numbers, and the all important alphabet. I will help the children to gain cognitive skill and explore the great outdoors while enhancing gross motor development.

If you would like to speak with me I am always available, if you would like to offer any ideas for the program or stay and play you are always welcome.

Toilet training is always supported in the Junior Kindy room if your child is interested or you would like information please do not hesitate to speak with me. There is a communication book on top of the lockers I check every day, you can call anytime or



Miss Jayde helping out in the sausage sizzle stall on the big birthday celebration day.

send an email which will be passed on to me.
Until Next Time,
Miss Jayde and Junior Kindy 2

News from the Playful Penguins

Hello to Everyone and a big warm welcome to all the new families and friends that we have to play with, it's been a pleasure getting to know you and your child and looking forward to a fantastic year

My name is Bonny and I am the Director of Jacaranda Juniors and have been teaching the children some new and exciting things. We have been focusing on colours, shapes, alphabet and numbers, as well as learning about the night. As in the room we are doing the night theme! Learning about all different animals that come out at night and encouraging the children to focus on their fine motor skills through creative arts. The children have come along so far and have learnt some new and exciting things. Well done to my Penguins.

We have been focusing a lot on self help skills including toilet training and washing our hands, the children are gaining more independence and confidence in their self help skills and doing extremely well. We hope they keep up the good work!

Our big birthday bash is coming up on the 12th June 2010. We hope to see some of our families there to celebrate with us. It will be a great day for the family.

We have some exciting news Miss Jayde from next door will be the Group Leader in the Penguins room in the next few weeks. Miss Jayde has been coming over to get to know all of the children and is very excited to teach all your children. We all look forward to having her and look forward to learning some great new skills and getting to know everyone.

Keep on smiling Penguins,
From Miss Bonny and Miss Tegan

News from the learning Lorikeets

Can you believe that we are half way through the year already! I hope by now that you have also noticed the space theme in our room, we have named the robot 'circuit' and the rocket ship 'angel'. During activity time we play in the rocket ship with supervision from teachers. Have you all seen on the easel near the group time mat our number of the week and letter of the week signs? During the week we will focus on the special letter and number of the week. The children will participate in various



Miss Bonny, Louisa Moloney from Guardian, Jan Cripps and Judy Spence after the special cutting the cake ceremony.



The jumping castle was a huge hit for all the children.

activities to help us learn the numbers and letters one by one. Also at group time we go through our alphabet, numbers, colours and shapes to extend on our cognitive and recognition skills this will help to prepare us for the preschool room next year. Just a friendly reminder, can we please ensure that we have all labelled our belongings including hat, drink bottle, clothes, sheets and our bags and due to the cooler weather a labelled jumper. If you have any questions or input that you would like to add to the program do not hesitate to come and speak with us. .If you would like to come a long a spend time in the room helping with art work, reading or any other activities please come in we would love your input. Thank you Miss Michelle and Miss Angie

The Eager Eagles News

Hello everyone it has being a great month and as we see the children have grown and learn more and more each day in the pre- school room. Last month we had our fairy tale dress up day and everyone come dressed as a different character. Everyone all seemed to enjoy that dress up day a lot. The junior birthday party was also a great event for celebrating the 3rd year of the Junior side opening. We would like to say a biggest thank you to the families who came on the day to support and also to all the families who baked and donated to support the event.

Looking back to the many things that the children have learned throughout the month of June are, learning the letter from "O" to "R" and recognizing the numbers from 1 -30. Children have shown with their writing to be more confident in knowing the correct way to write a letter. Less and less we are hearing the children saying that they cannot do this, however more of how they can finish the worksheet without any trouble. It is great to hear children being positive about their learning. Numbers are also getting easier for the children to recognize as throughout the day children would be counting objects and showing each other the number they know. Children in the past month have shown to be independent with their own learning. However, seeing this great outcome the children still need to be encouraged all times.

During this month we will be going back to revise letter "J" to "R". Revising is a good way to reinforce what children have learnt so they have a better memory of these letters. This month we will begin to learn how to write numbers from 1-10. We still hope that parents can keep on helping us at home with what we are learning each week, so that we can learn again really well and fast. One final reminder our SCRAPBOOKS!!! Please remember to bring in the scrapbooks for your children's artwork. Please remember to sign in and out your child each day they come. If your child is away, on holidays or is a public holiday, it is important that when you come back the next time to sign.

Thank you
Amy and Ebony



The children enjoyed the sports activities provided including tennis.



The children participating in the sports activities.

FROM THE KITCHEN:

Vegetable Soup with herbs

Ingredients:

6 Potatoes	1 Bunch parsley
½ Pumpkin	Pasta (any kind) 500gm
4 Carrots	½ teaspoon salt
½ Celery	½ Teaspoon Pepper
4 Zucchini	500ml Vegetarian Stock
1 Onion	2 Tablespoons Margarine

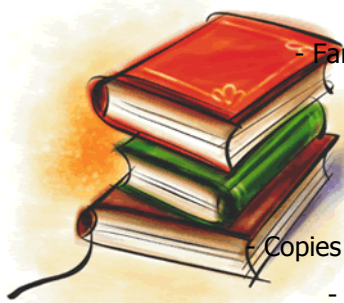
Procedure:

Peel, wash and dice all vegetables
Lightly fry onions in margarine
Add all vegetables and cook until all are soft
Add water to cover vegetables
Add all spices
Add chopped parsley
Add pasta
Cook further 10 min and then serve
Enjoy ☺

*** Please feel free to ask Kay for any recipes that we cook at the centre, she will give you a copy**

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

