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Welcome to our July Newsletter

Brrr, it has been a cold start to Winter. I hope you have brought out all your winter woollies. All room leaders are requesting that parents please bring in a small blanket for their child while they rest at the centre. Also, please remember to bring a warm jacket for those moments when we go outside to play.

World Environment Day was an interesting time in each classroom. The staff and children had lots of discussions about how to recycle and what is our 'environment' after all??

We are looking forward to a fun filled July. The children have been showing interest in Pirates and so we will be having a Pirate Party on Tuesday 13th July. So please help your child to join in the Pirate fever. We will also be having Little Athletics Day on Friday 23rd July, and we will be having lots of outdoor games.

It is with sadness, we need to advise of a few of our regular staff who have left and are also leaving within the month of July. Yumi left two weeks ago to further her Early Childhood studies. Nazli left to start her Maternity Leave and has decided to stay at home with her baby indefinitely. Due to family reasons, Flavia will be leaving our toddler room and her last day is Monday 12th July. Also, Juti will be leaving the Preschool 2 room to follow another path in her career of Early Childhood. Juti's last day is Friday 23rd July. We wish them all the very best for the future and hope to replace their positions with the same fantastic staff.

Until next time, enjoy the wonderful month of July

Thankyou, Lea Clark, 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 1st February 2010

Room/ Days	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Babies	*	*		*	*
Toddler	*			*	*
Preschool 1	*		*		*
Preschool 2	*				*

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



Philosophy, Broad Goals and Policy Reviews

Food and Nutrition

◆ Food and Nutrition Policies

We have a folder available which contains our Proposed Policy review schedule. Please take the time to have a look at the policy we are focusing on this month. I know you are very busy when dropping your child off in the morning, but it would be really helpful for your input into how we can improve the practices of this centre. It only takes 10 minutes to have a quick read and make any comments that you feel are necessary or even just to say what a great job we are doing! Remember your children will benefit from the staff continuing to provide high quality care.

The centre's Philosophy is on display in the foyer. Please take the time to read this and comment on anything we can be improving on.

This is a great way we can communicate with our families!



July 2010

REMINDERS TO PARENTS

Small blanket with cot size bed sheet required

As the weather is getting cooler, we are asking all parents to bring a small blanket along with the fitted cot size sheet. In this way the children have a warm covering while they rest.

Toilet Training

A few children are Toilet training in the Toddlers. We ask all parents to please advise when you plan to toilet train your child so that we can support you both. Our staff have some very helpful hints that will make the process a lot easier. Please do not hesitate in speaking to the Toddler staff about this issue.

Announcements of current events & notices

We have a standing notice board in the foyer which is displaying current events and important notices for your information. Please take a few moments to have a look at what is happening. in the centre.

Warm clothes for your child

It is getting windy and colder as the Winter sets in. Please supply a warm jacket with a hood or separate beanie for your child. In this way when we go outside for children to get their wriggles out, they will be warm and cosy. Please also remember to **LABEL** them.

World Environment Awareness

Throughout this month we are continuing to speak to the children about their environment and how to help it. Last month, we invited parents to bring along recycling things so children can make activities out of them. Children were able to make a number of great activities out of these donations. Thank you so much. Also, during this month we continue to invite all parents who would like to share with their children the importance of taking care of the environment at home.

Thank you for your support.



Important event coming up: **July 2010**

Tuesday 13th July – Pirate Party – get dressed up as a pirate
Friday 23rd July – Little Athletics Day
Friday 30th July – Environment discussions – How to help our environment.

Nursery Room News

Welcome parents!!

Well the cold Winter months are upon us and we need to be aware of colds, coughs and Flu. As it is the beginning of the winter season, it is also the start of the flu season so please watch out for those dreadful germs. If your child is unwell, we ask you to please keep them home so s/he can recover fully.

We would like to welcome Kateryna to our room, she is job sharing with Mariaty and will be here on Thursday and Friday.

Ashleigh-Rose (our new trainee) has really settled into the Nursery. She is very keen to complete her Certificate III and eventually follow on to do her Diploma in Childcare studies. Most families know Ashleigh already, but if you do not know her please don't hesitate to say hello.

Our children are involved in a number of interests during the day, such as, craft & creative experiences. We have enhanced large muscle development through dancing and climbing. Also we have extended interest in Action songs and hand movements, which involve all the children.

We would like to wish a big Happy Birthday to Hannah, Edward, Sava, Marcus, Eugene "Happy Birthday".....

We would also like to welcome our new friends Cordell, Archie, Lilymae, Benjamin, Jason, Isabella, Edward, and Sava who have joined us in the Nursery room. You will enjoy a wonderful time here, meeting new friends and exploring new found skills.

We are encouraging children to sit and wait until they hear their names when going to wash their hands. In this way the children are beginning to recognise who they are and what activity they will be involved in next.

Reminder to parents:

- We ask you to please pack a labelled jumper/hooded jacket for your child. Some do look the same and confusion can happen, so **please label** your child's jumper/hooded jacket. Also we ask to bring along a beanie for your child's head which gives ear protection when outside playing.
- If your child is still having formula, we are asking parents to please make up the formula in the bottles that are required during the day.
- Please write your child's name on **ALL** belongings.

Until next newsletter, kind regards from Junko, Christine, Ashleigh, Kateryna and Mariaty



Toddler Room News

Hello children and families of toddler room!

Farewell to Yumi, we bid Yumi farewell as she left to continue her Early Childhood Teacher studies. We will miss you Yumi!!!!

It is with sadness to announce that Flavia will be leaving us due to family reasons. Her last day will be Monday 12th July.

The children are being very busy doing artwork to represent the winter solstice, painting blue skies, suns and aeroplanes.

It is cold during our morning outside play and we ask parents to please continue to bring jackets, beanies and scarves (**All labelled please**).

Children are continuing to experience and learn about natural science by seeing the sun go down earlier than previous months and they begin feel cold weather earlier in the day.

We continue to encourage the children to put their jumper on by themselves WHEN they feel cold and take them off WHEN they feel warmer, which helps to extend their independency and develop their sense of self.

Please make sure all jumpers are labelled. It is tricky for some of our children to find their belongings if not labelled.

Due to a number of reasons, we have had to put our introduction of our lion soft toy called "**Sunny**" on hold. We are looking forward to sending Sunny home with your child soon. When Sunny comes home to your house, we ask you to please share his and your families adventures together. Sunny will have a book to take to your house with him. Please ask Flavia and Kodi about Sunny.

It is a part of **Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)** which recognizes the importance of partnership with children's families. **EYLF** has a specific emphasis on play-based learning. It helps children's communication, language, social and emotional development.

We are very proud of our children's toilet training efforts. Keep up the good work mums and dads.....

We are a NUT FREE ZONE. During the day, we have noticed that a number of children are given snacks in their bags. We ask parents to not give their children additional snacks (chips, biscuits, crackers etc) as our children have nutritious food provided and we are concerned that these snacks can contain traces of nuts which can cause allergic reactions to other children.

WARNING: We have had a number of children who have small change (**MONEY**) in their pockets, bags or hands when they come to the centre. We ask that you refrain from giving your child these coins as they are a **CHOKING** hazard. Thank you.....

Love from Flavia, Kodi and Prageti



Preschool Room 1 Room News

Hello there Parents,

We have had a lot of fun learning new things about how to care and clean our environment. This has, assisted the children to recognise their class environment and how to keep it tidy by putting toys away when finished with them. They are also, continuing to learn about taking turns and sharing.

We would like to introduce a new teacher "Jessica" who will be here in Preschool one room on Wednesday. She and Ei will be working closely to continue a harmonious classroom throughout the week.

Also, the children have been working on numbers and counting through the number chart and a number of activities through the day.

On 13th July there will be a Pirate party. Please help your child dress up for this fun filled day. The children are very interested in Pirates and everything that goes with Pirates..

This month our favourite book is 'The old lady who swallowed the sea' The children enjoy very much singing the song and giving the 'Old lady' puppet parts of the ocean animals she swallows during the song.

I have introduced tracing letters of the week. For example we have been working on the letter "I" and the children have been looking at words that start with that letter. It has been an adventure, searching through magazines and discovering one word that tastes delicious 'Icecream'....

Also we are continuing to be looking at our number and alphabet charts and this has become a feature during our group time.

As the weather is getting cold and rainy, we have been talking about the changes in the weather. We have been working on collages of rain drops, snow, wind. If the weather is too cold outside we do stay inside and have a lot of outdoor fun inside, like catching, tossing bean bags, climbing and going through tunnels.

A friendly reminder

Please remember to bring in extra clothes that are appropriate for the cooler weather, eg., two long sleeve tops and long pants. Also please remember to label your child's jacket, jumper as they can look the same as another child's one and confusion happens. Thank you.

Please remember to bring in your **child's bedsheet with a small blanket** as the weather is getting colder. A big thank you to those parents who are bringing them along.

Until next newsletter.....Kind regards from Ei and Jessica



Preschool 2 Room News

Hello Parents,

Another busy month – aren't they all. We've had a delightful time. The children are wonderful, so interested in learning.

This month – well in June – we welcomed Hadley, Siong Meng and Ashley. Have a great time whilst you're here. Boo-hoo to Hatami and XiXi, they left. We will see XiXi here sometimes because her little brother, Tian, is with us in Toddlers.

In July we celebrate four birthdays: Gabby, Juti, Vy and Xin Qing. Yah!! Guess who is the oldest. (3 smarties for you!)

We also welcomed Jessica, who is here as a support person. I feel very lucky because Jessica is in our room on Mondays and Fridays.

In June we have been focussing on numeracy and literacy in all its various forms – alphabet puzzles, songs, worksheets helping the children recognise the various letters; transitions to the bathroom (eg., if your name starts with A, go to wash your hands); songs. Also the same for numeracy exercises. The really good news is that the children love it.

For our language and listening time we have been focussing on various themes. Last week we concentrated on Dragons. We read about dragon stories from around the world – Viking, Chinese, Greek, Japanese, English. It's great to have a multi-cultural aspect since we in Australia are such a multi-cultural mob. I also like to focus on health and hygiene. The children in theory, know all about what they need to do – but they sometimes slip on the practical side of the things!!

As we get further into the year our thoughts are slowly turning to school. I wonder how the children will find it? Initially it may be a big transition, but then it will simply become life as usual: children somehow seem to accept things, which is probably just as well.

I need to let you know, Good People, that I will be leaving the centre. It's time for me to move on. Friday 23rd July is my final day. You've been a wonderful lot of parents, and you've done such good work with your children. You should all be very proud. It's been a pleasure to work with the children, to get to know them. They're wonderful. So thank you...

Perhaps on my final day, those of us who can, could meet at some local restaurant for a farewell meal? (more details later)!

Life is always about change – And that's that!!!

Love from Juti

Welcome Friends



FROM THE KITCHEN:

Here is a warm winter dish that is popular here at the centre.

Shepherd's Pie

Ingredients (serves 4)

- 1 tbs olive oil
- 1 brown onion, halved, finely chopped
- 1 carrot, peeled, finely chopped
- 2 celery sticks, trimmed, finely chopped
- 500g lamb mince
- 2 tbs plain flour
- 500 ml (2 cups) beef stock
- 1 dried bay leaf
- 1 tbs Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tbs tomato paste
- Salt & freshly ground black pepper
- 4 (about 200g each) desiree potatoes, peeled, chopped
- 40g butter
- 125ml (1/2 cup) milk
- Melted butter, to brush

Method

1. Heat oil in large saucepan over medium heat. Add onion, carrot and celery. Cook stirring until soft. Add lamb mince and cook, stirring to break up any lumps, for 5 minutes or until lamb changes colour.
2. Add the flour and cook, stirring till combined. Add stock, bay leaf, Worcestershire sauce and tomato paste. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to low and cook, stirring occasionally, till sauce thickens. Taste and season with salt and pepper.
3. Meanwhile: cook potato in a saucepan of salted boiling water till tender. Drain well. Return to the pan with the butter. Use a potato masher to mash until smooth. Add milk and use a wooden spoon to stir until combined. Season to taste.
4. Preheat oven to 200o C. Spoon lamb mixture into a 2ltr ovenproof baking dish. Top with mashed potato and use a fork to spread over lamb mixture. Brush with butter. Bake for 20 mins or until mashed potato is golden brown.

Serve immediately. Bon Appetit!!!

* Please feel free to ask Mona for any recipes that we cook at the centre, she or Lea 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
- Holiday Forms
- Newsletters-Resource



MAROUBRA JUNCTION EARLY EDUCATION CENTRE CALENDER OF EVENTS 2010

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
<p>Mon 4th – Centre Re opens. Thurs 7th - The children will be having discussions about their end of year celebrations and holidays. Tues 26th - Australia Day– Centre Closed Wed 27th - Australia Day– Come dressed in Gold and Green</p>	<p>Fri 12th – Chinese new year celebrations. The children will be helping to make Chinese dragons and lanterns. Sun 14th – Valentines Day Sun 14th – Chinese New Year begins Mon 15th - Valentines Day Celebrations – Everyone to dress in Red</p>	<p>Thurs 18th – Toddler Parent Information Night Mon 8th –International Women’s Day Sun 14th – Grandparents Day Mon 15th – Grandparents afternoon tea at centre. Children invite their grandparents along Wed 17th – St. Patrick’s Day – Come Dressed in green Mon 22nd - Harmony Day Morning Tea. Parents to bring a traditional dish to share. Fri 26th – Pyjama day – Come dressed in Your PJ’s Tues 30th – Passover commences – We will be having Matzo for afternoon tea</p>
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<p><i>Thurs 1st – Easter Bonnet Parade</i> Fri 2nd – Good Friday .Centre Closed Sat 3rd –Easter Saturday Sun 4th –Daylight savings ends Sun 4th – Easter Sunday Mon 5th – Easter Monday – Centre Closed Wed 7th – World Health Day –Sun 25th – Anzac Day Mon 26th – Anzac Day holiday - Centre Closed</p>	<p>Fri 7th –National Walk Safely to School Day- children will have discussions about road safety Sun 9th – Mother’s Day Mon 10th – Mother’s Day breakfast Tues 25th – Come as your Favourite Book Character</p>	<p>Sat 5th –World Environment Day Mon 14th – Queen’s Birthday – Centre Closed Tues 15th – Our Environment week begins – discuss with Preschool children about how to save our environment. Eg., Invite parents to Recycle containers to bring to centre. Fri 25th –Red Nose Day- face painting with red noses and come dressed in red</p>
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<p>Mon 5th – Funny Face day Tues 13th – Pirate Party. Children & staff will dress up as pirates. Invite parents to join in. Fri 23rd – Little Athletics Day Fri 30th – Environment discussions with children. What will help our environment</p>	<p>Sun 1st –National Tree Day Thurs 5th – Gardening day – Children will be involved in planting some spring flowers in pots. Wed 18th – Parent Information Night Fri 27th – Daffodil Day – Dress in Yellow</p>	<p>Sun 5th- Father’s Day Mon 6th- Father’s Day afternoon tea Thurs 9th – Rosh Hashanah commences – children will have apple and honey cake for afternoon tea Mon 20th – International Day of Peace</p>
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p>Fri 1st – Jean for Genes Day – Gold coin donation and wear your Jeans Mon 4th – NAIDOC Week commences. Children will be involved in many Indigenous Australian activities at the centre. Thurs 14th - Pyjama Day – wear your pyjamas and bring your comforters Wed 27th – Teddy Bears Picnic Friday 29th – Halloween party – Children to dress up in fancy dress</p>	<p>Mon 1st – Melbourne Cup hat making Tues 2nd – Melbourne Cup day Thurs 11th – Remembrance Day – Children will make Red poppies Tues 24th & Wed 24th – Parent Teacher Interviews</p>	<p>2nd – Hanukkah commences – children will experience the lighting of the candles Fri 17th – Children’s End of Year/Christmas Party Fri 24th – Christmas Eve Sat 25th Christmas Day Mon 27th - Boxing Day Public Holiday - Centre closed Fri 31st – New Year’s Eve Sat 1st Jan – New Years Day Please Note: The centre will be closed from end of business on Friday 24th December to Monday 1st January 2011. The centre will re open Tuesday 2nd January 2011</p>