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**WELCOME!!**

What a hectic month we have had – with the first half of the year behind us!

We are very excited to introduce to you all our new staff members here at Wonder Kids! Laura Feitz has joined us from the student program we have with Mirani High as a relief Assistant, Colleen Hall is an experienced Group Leader who has recently moved back to the area, Stacey Thompson is an experienced Assistant also added to our relief list and finally Anna Hickson is the next member of our team who will be seen around our centre every day!

Lisa is feeling much better and has joined our relief team! Please make all of our new members feel welcome as they get to know your child.

Thank you,  
Alicia Fitzpatrick – **Centre Manager**

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**Centre Availability**

We have a few days available around the centre. Please see Alicia if you are interested in picking one up. ☺

Room/ Days	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
<b>Nursery</b>					
<b>Toddler</b>					
<b>Junior Kindy</b>					
<b>Kindy</b>	*		*		*
<b>Preschool</b>	*		*	*	*

\* Indicates availability on that day at time of print.  
These can change daily.



## Monthly Policy and Procedure Reviews

This Month: **Food and Nutrition F&N1.1 – F&N 1.12**

*We are always after volunteers to help us in the review procedure. If you have some spare time one day and would like to come and read some policies and give feedback – it would be greatly appreciated!*

All policies can be requested to read through at Reception at any time.

Last Month: **Programming 1.1 – 1.17**

There were no changes for us here at the centre.



## Important events coming up:

**Friday 23 July 2010:** Grandparents Morning Tea – all rooms. Bring a plate and your cuddles

**Friday 6 August 2010:** Jeans for Genes Day

**Christmas Closure 2010: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010.**

**Book your work holidays now! ☺**

## ***DID YOU KNOW????***

Sugar is taking over our foods – even in so called “health options.”

- 1 Fruit Fix Bar contains **4 teaspoons of sugar** – which equals ½ of the sugar that a Mars Bar contains.
- Tomato Sauce contains ¼ of the serve of sugar and BBQ sauce contains ½ the serve of sugar. Some Chocolate Sauces contain **LESS** sugar than these sauces.
- Apple Juice is worse than most soft drinks for sugar content.
- 2 slices of raisin toast equals **8 teaspoons of sugar.**

Take the time to look at food labels in the carbohydrate section to see just how much sugar you are eating every day. No sugar is good sugar. So called Natural Sugars are still a sugar. A piece of fresh fruit is going to beat any “fruit bar” on the market as far as sugar goes.



## **REMINDERS TO PARENTS**

### **Car Parking – Drop Off Area**

Please ensure when you are using the Drop Off Area in the mornings and afternoons that you park well within the parking space. This ensures other cars are able to get around your car – especially in the event of an emergency. This also ensures the safety of yourself and your child when hopping in and out of the car. Also, only 3 cars are allowed in this area at one time. There are always spaces across the road.

Please do not park in front on the centre, on either side of the actual road. It is illegal to do so and parents have been booked in the past.

### **Playground Shade Sail**

We have had confirmation that Mackay Shade Sails are replacing our missing shade sail and damaged poles. I have yet to receive an exact date as to when this is happening. When I learn more I will let you know.

### **Arrival Times**

If you are going to be attending the centre AFTER 9:30 in the morning, please phone the centre to let us know. Due to the fact that we offer Make Up Days, we can only offer the spot to other families if we know you are not coming. When it reaches 10:00 we assume you are not coming and will offer the spot to someone else.

### **SIDS and KIDS – Red Nose Day**

Thank you to all of the families who donated money to this worthwhile cause. We raised \$37.00 in total from the day. Every bit helps as they say. ☺

### **Illnesses**

If your child has been ill since attending the centre last, please let us know by phoning the centre. This helps us to notify all parents of what is going around at the centre, and in turn what they may have contact with.

### **Fee increase**

You will have all received a copy of our fee changes. Please see below for a copy again of the fee changes. These are full rates, not taking into account any CCB or CCR discounts you may already receive.



<b><u>Room</u></b>	<b><u>Daily Fee – With Direct Debit</u></b>	<b><u>Daily Fee – No Direct Debit</u></b>	<b><u>Weekly Fee – With Direct Debit</u></b>	<b><u>Weekly Fee – No Direct Debit</u></b>
Nursery & Toddlers	\$69.00	\$72.00	\$330.00	\$345.00
Junior Kindy	\$67.00	\$70.00	\$320.00	\$335.00
Kindy & Preschool	\$65.00	\$68.00	\$310.00	\$325.00

## Seahorse Room News

Dear Parents,

This month we were busy exploring different art activities using our sensory skills – hands and feet. Next month we are going to look at texture in our paintings. We will explore natural materials as a follow on to our garden experiences which the babies like exploring to water and weed.

We have also been looking at songs to sing and learning a variety of new songs this month. We thought we would look at songs of different languages. Melinda made some of our sings and placed them around the room. We have "Twinkle Twinkle" in Italian, and we will endeavour to learn the words to "Happy Birthday" in Indonesian so the children can sing it to Debbie on her Birthday!

Thank you to all the parents who are naming all of their children's things. Remember someone else may have the same item as you and unless your name is on it, we don't know who it belongs to. We do endeavour to place all children's things into their basket, but sometimes it can be misplaced. If you think you may have something that is not yours, could you please return it as soon as possible?

We look forward to a fun filled July – don't forget Grandparents Day this month!!

Thank you,

Nursery Room Staff – Debbie, Lisa and Tara xx

## Star Fish Room News

Dear Parents,

We've been getting to know all of our new friends that have moved up from the Nursery this month. Everyone has settled in well and enjoying the new space.

This month we have been interested in sensory play – we've been getting very messy with the shaving cream, play dough and paint.

Our Star Fish garden is growing nicely and we have noticed a lot of new tomatoes growing on our plants. We can't wait for the tomatoes to turn red so we can do some cooking and eat them. We also have some peas and cucumbers growing. There is a little bit of space left in our garden so any donations will be appreciated.

Due to our program being interest based, please let us know what your child is doing at home and on the weekends, so WE can included this in our daily activities.

If we are not here when you arrive, please leave any messages on our



communication book – on top of the lockers.

Thank You,

Toddler Room Staff – Alison and Tiesha xx

## **Shell Room News**

Dear Parents,

Well, our vegetable garden seems to be doing well, and now you can see the orange base of the carrots, and even some baby capsicums!

Please remember to pack a lot of spare clothes, especially at the moment as 1 minute it is hot, and the next moment it is cold. This way we can dress your child to the temperature.

Toileting has been going well; though if this is the stage your child is going through, please ensure they have plenty of clothes for this. If your child does wear jocks or undies whilst in attendance, but comes in a nappy, can you please change them into their jocks or undies to start the day. The morning staff will then take over the toileting from there.

Last month we focussed on the sea and the farm, though this month we are moving onto colours and shapes, as well as face and name recognition which should be a lot of fun for all the children!

Remember to bring in anything from home that may add to these interests and aid in your child's learning

Thank you,

Junior Kindy Room Staff – Cass and Beck xx

## **Fish Room News**

Dear Parents,

We are starting to finish up our sea interest and are moving onto colours, numbers and the alphabet. The sea animals were a huge hit with the children, from star fish, to dugongs and seals. We will start with our Primary and Secondary colours, and move into shades and the other colours of interest to the children.

Numbers in our room are steadily growing and we've had to add a new "fish bowl" to hold all our new faces. Don't forget to help your child to find their face and put them onto the locker board. Please don't take your child's photo home. We would hate for them to be disappointed when they attend next and are unable to find their own photo.

In turn, with all the increases in numbers, it is essential that all belongings are clearly named.



Our vegetable garden has been growing wild – a little water deprived too at times, and in turn it has not produced anything too edible. We have given it a big trim back, weeded and feeded and are ready to try with some winter crop. Do you have any suggestions for us?? We will hit the nursery's and pick some things the children will enjoy. It will receive a full Winter Make Over!!

If you have something at home you would like to contribute to our colours and numbers – we would love to see it!

Thank you,

Kindy Room Staff – Jenny, Miranda and Linda xx

### **Crab Room News**

Dear Parents,

During the past month the children have shown a great interest in sequencing, matching and number rhymes (which have started to show through singing songs and calling correct numbers out)

The children's interest has been developing with colours – primary and secondary, through game cards, matching, clothes, and finding several colours at once.

They have been learning through many enjoyable activities the different ways to trace the letters and the direction of the letter in their names. For example, using shaving cream, tracing plastic letters/numbers, finding the magnetic letters and copying them. The possibilities are endless – whilst all done during play.

Letter have also been added to other play areas like play dough, flashcards, stories and sound awareness activities.

Our gardens are really taking off and are full steam ahead to produce some yummy foods! Take the time to have a look when you arrive or leave so that your child can point out what we are doing – but don't touch just yet. We would hate to lose some of our fruit or vegetables before they are ripe!

Thank you,

Pre Prep Room Staff – Carmel, Helen and Melinda xx



## **RESOURCES**

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

- Ezi Debit Forms
- Health Information
- Fact Sheets
- Copies of the Current Newsletter
- Parent Handbooks
- Centre Information – Policies and Procedures.

