

EXPORT PARK EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

GENERAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Shona is still on annual leave. Heard she is having a ball in Thailand! She will be back on Tuesday 7th June. The staff and children are missing her dearly!

Justin is available in the office on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and June will be in Wednesdays and Fridays. Also, each room is in the process of putting up a photo wall with all the children in their respective rooms. Stay tuned!☺

CENTRE AVAILABILITY

Due to children starting Kindergarten and School, positions have become available throughout all the rooms. The positions get filled quickly so please see Justin or June if you need extra days!

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

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STAFFING UPDATE

BABIES: We have Linda and Grace taking turns doing the 8.00am to 4.30 pm shift. The girls are going a fantastic job and Sheridan has been excellent at coping with the changes. Well done!

TODDLERS: Justin have been in the office 3 days a week while Shona is away, so Kate, Aki and Christina who are all Qualified Childcare professionals have stepped up and lead the room while he is not in the room. Michelle and Silvana have both been excellent as well!

PRE KINDY: Linda is doing a great job to replace Marie on Fridays.

KINDY: Rachel our new team leader is doing a wonderful job. She is fresh and brings new ideas to share with all the staff. She has risen up to the challenge.



PHILOSOPHY, BROAD GOALS AND REVIEWS

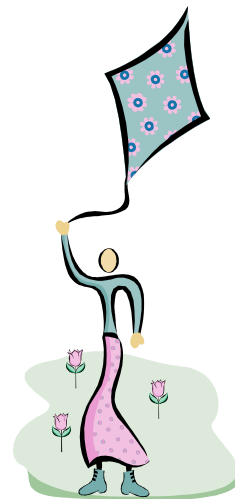
This month we are reviewing the Programming policies. I have attached 1 policy with this newsletter. The rest of the policies are located in the foyer for parents to review and comment in the 'Policy Feedback Form' provided. Accreditation principles are also in review each month. We are currently reviewing section 7 being 'Managing to Support Quality'. Our accreditation booklet is displayed in the foyer for you to use.

REMINDERS TO PARENTS

Please ensure to continue pack a labelled jacket and hat for outdoor play as we do continue to have time outside during the cooler months.

Breakfast is served from 7.00am to 8.00 am. We are happy to be serving breakfast but we have been noticing that breakfast have been ending later and later. To ensure that the routine of all rooms runs smoothly, we encourage parents to try to bring their children in within that time frame.☺

Please refrain from bringing toys from home except for show and tell as they often get lost, broken or taken.



BABIES ROOM NEWS

We welcome to the room our new friends Tyson, Zara F and Axel.

We have been playing with the wild animals, sea animals and Australian animals to learn how different animals look like, making the sound of the animals and what the animals are called.

We have started on our new photo board so please keep an eye on it as it grows and expands.

We have been singing 'I'm a little teapot' and '5 fat sausages'. The words to '5 fat sausages' are as follows:-

5 fat sausages, sizzling in a pan, sizzle sizzle sizzle, one went BANG! Repeat with 4,3,2,1 till there are no more sausages!

We say goodbye to Andy who leaves EPCCC to move to Vietnam

Thank you

Sheridan, Loan, Linda and Grace

TODDLER ROOM NEWS

A big hello to all our new toddlers whom have recently joined our room and settled in wonderfully.

We bid farewell to Aleisha who is leaving us and Chiara, Caitlyn, Chloe S and James C whom have graduated to Pre-Kindy.

We have been busy doing multicultural art and craft experiences such as making lanterns and kimono dolls which have been beautifully decorated with colourful collage.

We have also been painting using various materials and medium including sponges and cars which promotes children's sensory development.

The children have enjoyed singing songs and reading stories with props such as puppets and felt pieces. They especially love singing 'old MacDonald with the use of a variety of animal puppets. Our favourite book is 'Boo to a Goose' Written by Mem Fox.

Please remember to bring a nappy for home for your child and bring a hat as we still go outside in winter, weather permitting.

Keep an eye out as we construct our toddler photo wall, next to the Baby room door.



Thank you
Justin, Michelle, Kate, Aki and Silvana

PRE KINDY ROOM NEWS

The “thick jacket and woolly hat” season is well and truly here now so please don’t forget to name your children’s belongings. We already have quite a collection of jackets that after one week we put into the box under the ‘sign in’ table out in the foyer.

We welcome Caitlyn, Chloe S, James C, Chiara, Alessandra and Tony to our room. We farewell Sam V, Maria and Elena and wish them well in the big kindy room.

“Hey Dee Ho” and “kinda dance” continue to be great favourites and singing and signing our “Good Morning Song” is great fun for our new children to learn.

We will do some activities that involve soccer in celebration of the World Cup, games outside, flags of nations involved and chatting about host country South Africa.

The long weekend was a welcome break and we hope you all had a relaxing few days.

We are pleased that Daniel is back. The children really missed him and we look forward to lots of fun activities.

Thank you
Barbara, Marie and Daniel

KINDY ROOM NEWS

The Kindy room has been busy creating a brighter, updated room with the recent completion of our Profiles – come in and take a look. Rachel is settling in well and enjoying the dynamics of the room.

We have been doing lots of experiences in readiness for school with cutting, pasting and continuation of Letterland worksheets.

Our favourite stories at the moment are about space and planets and singing Zoom, Zoom Astronaut.

Big farewell to Franklin, Jesse, Chelsea, Oliver and Ella at the end of the month. Welcome to Olivia, Maria, Samuel V, Daniel, Sienna, Sarina and Ruby. Thank you Rachel, Leah and Harrison



IMPORTANT EVENT COMING UP!

Friday 5th is World Environment Day. The children will be learning ways to care for environment and will be doing some planting!

Monday 14th is Queen's Birthday holiday and the centre is CLOSED!

Wednesday 30th is the Jack and Molly concert. A note will be placed in the parent pocket soon.



FROM THE KITCHEN:

Sue has created a winter menu! It is displayed in the foyer. Winter warmers such as curries, soups and hotpots are among listed!

If you would like a copy of the recipe, please see Shona or Sue. ☺

Below is a copy of the recipe for Apricot Chicken. Please note that the recipe is for **90 children** so please adjust accordingly.

7kg chicken	3 litres water
3 small onions diced	1 ½ cups tomato sauce
3 cloves garlic	5 tablespoons vinegar
4 tablespoons brown sugar	4 tablespoons chicken booster
2 X 850ml apricot Nectar	2 tablespoons mild curry (opt)
1 red capsicum	6 cups diced vegetables
Plain flour mixed with water to thicken	1 tin apricots

Sautee onions, garlic & capsicum in oil until soft. Add curry powder and cook stirring for about a minute
Add all other ingredients except chicken and vegetables.
Bring to the boil.
Turn down to simmer, add diced chicken stir and cook until chicken is tender.
Add diced vegetables and cook until vegetables are soft.
Whisk in flour and water mixture until desired thickness of sauce.

N.B. Babies apricot chicken to be pureed.



RESOURCES

Hey Dee Ho music continues once a month. A copy of the program each month can be obtained from the respective rooms. Please see team leaders for a copy.

We have Jack and Molly performing on Wednesday 30th June at 10 a.m. A flyer will be placed in the parent pocket soon. If you have any queries, please see Shona.

Thank you
Justin Yee
[Assistant Centre Manager]

PRG 1.5 Non-Bias & Gender Equity Policy
PROGRAMMING POLICY & PROCEDURE

Reference:

State Specific Childcare Regulations & Act as per
SCH1.1 State Based Regulations & Legislation
Schedule Issue Date: July 2009

Review Date: June 2010

QIAS Principles:

1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 4.2

Source:

1. Inclusive Directions Website – www.directions.org.au 27 Jan 2009
2. Inclusion of Children Position Statement May 2007 & Gender Equity Position Statement July 2007 – Early Childhood Australia Website – www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au
3. Early Childhood Australia – Code of Ethics 2005

Objective

To ensure all people are treated equally and with a level of mutual respect. To develop a range of practices to reduce bias and prejudice and to encourage all people to communicate respectfully and fairly.

Explanation

It is important that children are exposed to a wide range of experiences that value their choice within the environment. Staff will respect children's skills, abilities, preferences and knowledge and ensure that interactions and materials within the centre support gender equity and non-bias principles.

Implementation

1. This policy will underpin the philosophy of the service to ensure that all children are treated equally.
2. Staff will identify their own biases and ensure that these are not projected within the centre.
3. Staff will accept all children as individuals and will encourage all individuals to develop to their fullest potential.
4. Staff will consult with families about their expectations for care and education and discuss the centre's policy of inclusion and equity.
5. All children will have equal opportunity to experience all areas of the play environment.
6. Staff will respect children's choices.
7. Staff will use a variety of learning opportunities to show gender equity (books, puzzles, discussions).
8. Staff will encourage the development of self-confidence, self-awareness, empathy and acceptance within each child.
9. Staff will role-model language, interactions and conversations that show acceptance, inclusion and gender-equity (e.g. male staff showing nurturing roles and female staff running and climbing).
10. The centre will ensure that posters, books, equipment and displays are inclusive of all people, regardless of gender, abilities or background.
11. The centre will ensure there is information available to families and staff on equity and Non-bias.
12. Staff will access supplementary workers to support children with disabilities who are included in the centre.
13. Staff will liaise with other organisations to assist in supporting children with additional needs who are enrolled or wishing to enrol at the centre
14. Staff will welcome the existence and exploration of diversity. We will help children appreciate differences and similarities through programs provided at the centre.

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