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Special Visitors

We have had a very busy month in May with our special visitors, the CFA, Police and Karate instructor. The children had loads of fun and we have photos of these activities displayed in the rooms and in the hallway near the staff room.

Car Travel with Children

Parents, just a courteous reminder that in Victoria, children aged under 7 must not travel in the front seat of a vehicle that has a back row or rows, unless all the other back seats are occupied by children who are also under 7 years. If you require information about child restraints, etc. This can be found at <http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au>.

Cooler Weather

With the cooler weather now with us, it is important that all children have appropriate clothing for outdoor play – could you please ensure your child has a warm jumper or jacket to wear with their name on the items.

Updated Contact Details

Have your contact details or those of your emergency contacts changed? If so, please let us know so that we can add these changes onto your child's records. Also if your child is newly diagnosed with either an allergy or asthma, this information will also need to be provided.

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 June, 2010.

Room/ Days	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Babies	*				*
Toddler 1					*
Toddler 2					*
Pre-Kinder	*				
Kinder	*		*	*	*

* Indicates availability on that day

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Centre Hats for Children

Hats are now available for ordering for \$12.00. the hats come in two sizes, infants and youth and in four colours – pink, green, gold and purple. If you would like to order a hat for your child, please complete the form below with \$12.00.

Hat Order

Child's Name

Colour gold green purple pink

Size infant or youth

Amount Enclosed \$

Starting out with bananas

Mashed up banana is an excellent first food for a young child from around 6 to 7 months old. This is when they have good neck and head control as well as having the tongue and mouth movements necessary to swallow foods properly.

Bananas keep kids healthy by providing them with essential vitamins and minerals. They're a great source of vitamin C, folate, riboflavin and are the best source of vitamin B6 (a small banana provides over half the daily B6 needs of a young child). And then there's potassium, a mineral that bananas are most famous for, and one that helps keep blood pressure normal.



Website of the Month



www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

Health and medical information for consumers, quality assured by the Victorian government.



June Centre Events

4th Odd Sock Day – Wear your odd socks today!

8th Special Friends Morning Tea – Come and join us at 10 a.m. for a special morning tea

14th Queen's Birthday Public Holiday – Centre Closed

16th Pirate & Fairy Day – Dress up in your costumes

25th Red Nose Day – Dress in Red today – Please bring in a gold coin donation for the SIDS & Kids Red Nose Day – money raised will be donated to this event.



Red Nose Day, held annually on the last Friday in June, is the major fundraiser for SIDS and Kids.

Funds raised through Red Nose Day activities assist in providing vital services and programs.

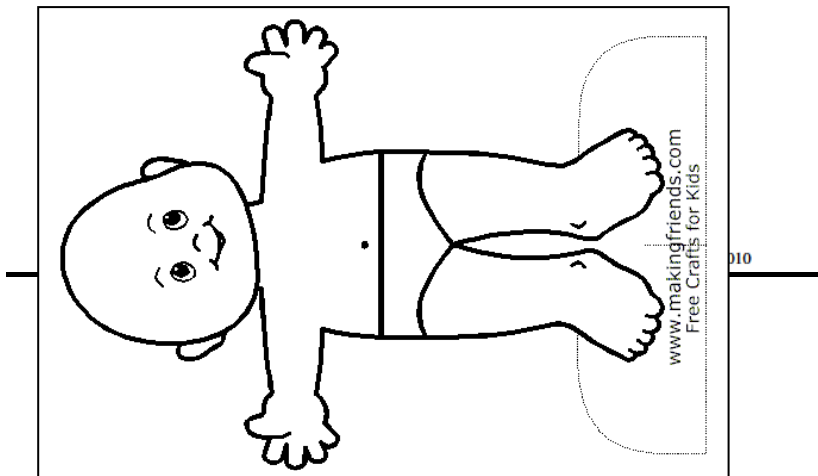
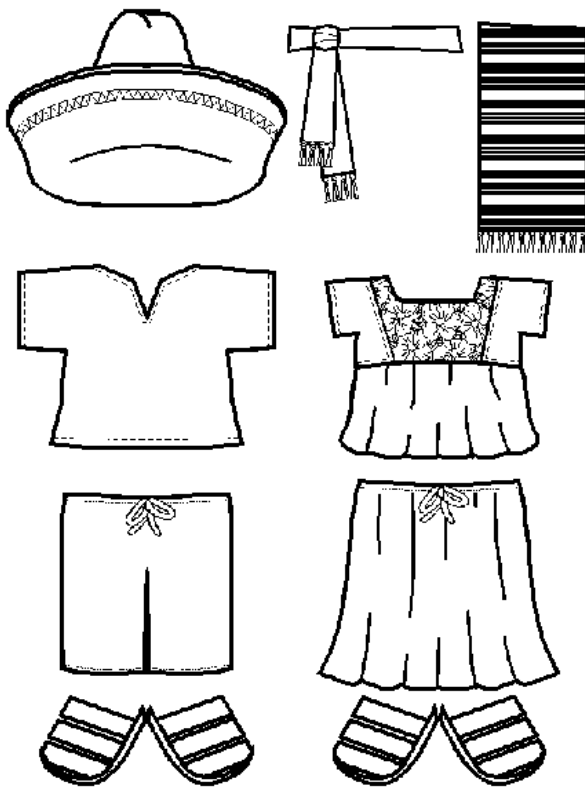
IMPORTANT FEE REMINDER



Our fee policy is that all fees need to be paid via Ezidebit and kept two weeks in advance. Using this payment method also provides you with \$3 a day savings! If you are yet to complete your ezidebit form, please do so immediately. This method of payment ensures you are up to date and not having to worry about remembering to pay. Care may be cancelled if fees fall into arrears until they are brought into line with our policy. If you have any queries, please speak with me.

Multicultural Paper Doll Friends

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Children's Activity

For a fun activity go to www.makingfriends.com

Use either paper, cardboard or scrap fabric to create your own dolls!

.... thousands of craft project sheets, recycled ideas & free printables.

This is an example of what you can make. Great activity for those cold days outside!



Nursery Room Report

It has been very busy in the Babies Room. My name is Sarah Mills and I am a qualified mothercraft nurse (registered with the Nurses Board of Victoria). I have 20 years experience in the Early Childhood industry and am a mother of three children. I have been working four days in the Nursery and I have met some families so far, but look forward to meeting you all, so please feel free to come and introduce yourself if we have not met already.



Your child has been very busy at play. In the past fortnight the children have been having lots of ball play, which extends gross motor skills and co-ordination. We have been using pop up toys, which develops cognitive skills with cause and effect.



I have a musical background, so I like to incorporate music and instruments into my program. Some children have been doing easel painting in the last week.

The cold weather is now upon us. We understand that with cold weather, it often accompanies the common cough or cold. It is still important that your child experience outdoor time, as fresh air and Vitamin D is important for health and development. We ask that all parents/guardians supply a warm coat, hat (and gloves if you wish). Please also ensure that your child has changes of clothes in their bag.

In regard to illness, if you are not sure, please see office staff to check illness policies and please note that Centre Panadol is not available, so any medications need to be supplied by the parent.

If you have any questions regarding your child's day, routine or progress, please come and discuss this with the staff in the Nursery as we will be only too happy to help.

As the babies develop and get older routines and changes occur and it is important that staff and parents are aware of this. Lastly, we would like to welcome Luca and his family into our room. Luca has been orientating and will start with us next week.

Until next time,
Sarah, Lindy Tina & Lynda

Officer Wendy – Police Visit



Officer Wendy speaking to the Kinder children.



Toddler 1 News

Hello everyone,

We would like to welcome Saanvi from nursery and Agam into the room. Both girls have settled into the room well.

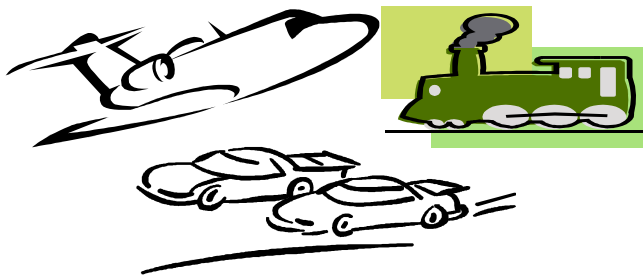
Wow, the fire truck visit was a huge hit with the children, they were really interested and had a ball when they were able to get in the truck and have a close look around.

I have been really impressed with the children and their language skills, some of the children have really begun to begin to express themselves verbally.

We are concentrating on language development during our group time sessions, through reading books singing and even discussing colours and shapes, this has been another focus that we have been working on, trying to identify some basic colours and simple shapes.

The children are showing keen interest at this time and also their concentration span is also beginning to increase. Well done Toddler 1's.

With the excitement from the fire truck visit, we are going to be looking at various types of transport, from cars, planes, trucks and trains. I'm sure that the children will enjoy this topic.



Just a reminder, could you please name your child's belongings. We try our best to remember what belongs to whom, but it would make things a little easier with names.

Once again thanks for your support and feel free to see any of us during the day.

Sally, Sanay and Shanila.

Fence Aid Update

A major volunteer recruitment drive is underway in the City of Whittlesea with hundreds of people needed in the next eight weeks to help people in Whittlesea, Humevale and Kinglake West replace boundary fences destroyed in the 2009 bushfires.



Registrations and more information

For an information pack please phone (03) 9217 2532, email bushfirerecovery@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

Toddler 2

Hello to all parents,

This year is already slipping away and winter is just about here, so just a friendly reminder to bring some warm clothes as the cold winter set into gear.



This month we have been working on lots of new art experiences to get the children involved with sense, feel, touch and smell (nice ones)!

As you all can see the room has changed its theme to Disco Toddlers.

We are hoping to bring the children out of their shell and dance around and have some fun!



This month the Senior Toddlers will be focusing on their self help skills and the major one will be going to the toilet.

We really encourage that children at this age start going to the toilet, it helps your child gain the self confidence they deserve, so we can prepare them for the big room, Pre Kinder. Please let the senior toddler staff know, thank you!

Also any ideas that you have for the room, or activities, we would love to hear your feedback,

Peace Shay, Deepali & Alison.



THANKYOU!

A huge thank you to our mum who donated the clothing we requested in our last newsletter!

Not only did it help the centre, but also other people!



Pre Kinder News

Firstly I would like to welcome our new friends Kaila and Noah R into our room.

We have had a busy few weeks with community workers week and lots of special visitors.

The children had lots of fun meeting Officer Wendy who brought along a police car for everyone to have a look at and explore. All the children loved the siren and flashing lights!

Next we had the fire brigade visit with a fire engine for everyone to explore.

We have also been doing a lot of exploration with our senses with a range of activities from making orange scented play dough, sand play, water play, finger painting on bubble wrap and corn flour finger paint. We have had lots of fun exploring these activities and even more fun washing our hands after playing with these experiences.

Over the next month we are going to be looking at body parts. We will be doing activities around identifying names of body parts and locating these. During this time we will be doing activities like body tracing, hand and foot prints, dolls, doctors play in home corner, dress ups and felt piece dress up dolls.

Our family photo wall is well under way and I would like to ask if you haven't already provided us with a photo could you please do so in the next few weeks. This can be a photo of the whole family or just siblings.

The children are doing very well at show and tell time and most children are now very confident little speakers in front of their friends. I would like to remind parents to label their child's show and tell and remember to take their belongings home at night as well. To extend on the children's language skills and growing confidence we have started doing song time where the children will stand up in front of their friends and sing them their favourite song. Most of the children have responded well to this and are excited at learning new songs.

I will be trying to send as much artwork home as possible on a regular basis; however I will also put some aside to go into our special achievement journals.

Lastly I would like to remind parents as the weather is getting colder to bring in a hat for your child to keep at the centre. We have hat hooks next to the bathroom labelled with each child's name. I would also like to remind parents to bring a labelled water bottle for your child to use during the day.

If you have any suggestions, questions or comments, please feel free to approach me or leave me a comment on the parent communication sheets located in the pre kinder sign in folder.

Thank you
Colleen and Barbara

CFA VISIT



Kinder Room News

Hello and welcome from the Kinder Room.

The children in the Kinder Room have been very busy exploring their artistic talents with a range of materials in the last few weeks. Most of us have completed body tracings and these are hanging up within the classroom. We have also had fun with box construction, balloon painting, mosaic name pasting and watercolour painting. The children also participated in road safety awareness activities. We have enjoyed threading with a range of materials including beads and pasta.

The children have been exploring their fine motor and cognitive skills with challenging activities such as letter writing activities and dot-to-dot work sheets.

We all enjoyed visits from local community workers, such as the Police, Fire Brigade and Karate Teacher, Sensei Brad. In the coming weeks we look forward to a visit from a craftsman who will assist the children to create a bird house for our outdoor garden.

As the season changes the children will discover the wonders of Winter with a range of activities based around the cold weather theme. We will also continue with our developing writing skills as well as introduce regular cooking activities within the program. If you have any recipes at home that you would like to share with us please bring them along.

Hopefully by now you have all seen the Show and Tell roster on our notice board. This starts on the 1st June and encourages only the children rostered to bring in an item from home to share with their friends. We would prefer it if your child does not rely solely on manufactured toys but rather natural materials, homemade items, photos, books, music etc . Upon arriving please place your child's show and tell item within the allocated box located on top of the lockers.

Lastly, as the children spend time outdoors, please ensure they are dressed appropriately with warm hats and jackets. Jacinta and I have noticed that many of the children do not have appropriate changes of clothing within their bags and since our spare clothing items are limited for the 3-5 age gap, we would appreciate parents checking their child has a spare set of clothes, just in case of an accident or mishap. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you,
Toni and Jacinta



The children were able to sit in the fire truck!



What did we learn?

Stop, drop and Roll!



Don't forget to check your Smoke Detector batteries!

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
- Fact sheets
- Brochures
- Copies of the current newsletter
- Parent Handbooks
- Recipes
- Centre Menu
- Centre Events
- Centre Information

Policy Review

This month we are reviewing our

Programming Policies

These are in the foyer for your reference.
 This is an opportunity for parents to have input into this review, we welcome your opinion.
 Policy review forms are available at the office.

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Wash & Blow wave	\$15
Cut, Wash & Blow wave	\$25
Iron Straight	\$15

Permanent Color	fr: \$45
Re-growth	fr: \$35
Full head foils	fr: \$70
1/2 head foils	fr: \$50
1/4 head foils	fr: \$30
Per foil	\$5

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Long	\$80

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Hair Up	fr: \$50



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Jonathan Hicks & Sue Ferguson

PRG 1.5 Non-Bias & Gender Equity Policy		P R O G R A M M I N G P O L I C Y & P R O C E D U R E	
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			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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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