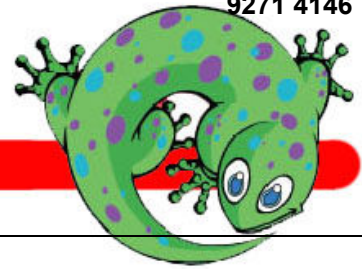


**MAYLANDS
 CHILDCARE
 CENTRE**



Welcome

Welcome to the March 2009 edition of the Maylands Childcare Centre Newsletter!

A very warm welcome to all the new families that have joined us in the month of February, we hope that your children are settling in well.

There have been some great changes to the centre with some fantastic displays please take some time to have a look at these, and if you need any further information please ask one of your fantastic staff members.

Open Day and Parent Teacher Night

On the 7th of February we had our Open Day for Maylands Child Care Centre, during this prospective families came and spent time meeting staff and having a look at the facilities Maylands Child Care Centre offers, this was a great event and it was nice to see some of the families in the local area supporting our Centre.

On the 18th of February we had our Parent Information Night which is also involved some time looking at children's observations. This was great as the families that came along got to see what goes into the different aspects of care offered to their children. Parents were given information on the new CCMS System, and some of the up coming events for Maylands Child Care Centre.

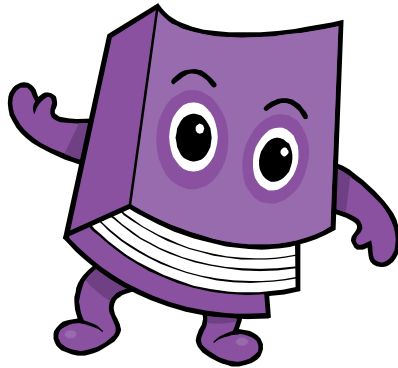


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Accreditation Update

Our Self Study for Accreditation was sent in February to the National Child Care Accreditation Council. Soon we will be receiving our **parent surveys** for you to fill in and for you as families to evaluate Maylands Child Care Centre. These surveys are an integral part of this process and we want to see ALL FAMILIES TO RETURN THESE. We will keep you updated, on when these will be arriving.



Calender Of Events

Here are our upcoming events for March

- 5th March Grandparents Afternoon Tea @ 2.30pm
- 12th March Favourite Colour Day – **WHAT A CHOICE!!!**
- 17th March St Patricks Day – **Wear Green Day**

Please get involved in these fun and exciting days as the more effort is put in the more the children will get out of these special event days.



This is what we get up to at Maylands Child Care Centre!!!



Cheeky Smiles All Round



We love our Streamers



Thinking



Smiles Galore

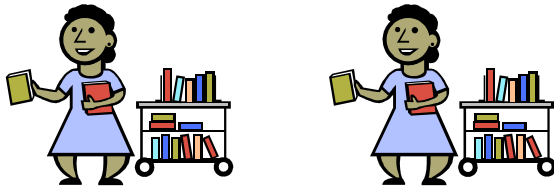
Love the Babies @ Maylands Child Care Centre

Library Visits

As part of the Kindy Curriculum, and being involved within the community the Kindy children will be completing weekly visits to Maylands Library and Bayswater Library. Each week 4 children will be going on this excursion and each week it will be a different 4 children so all children will be able to be involved in this.

This experience will allow children to be involved in Story Time at the Library, also we have joined the Library and the 4 children on the excursion will choose some books to bring back to the centre and these will be included as spontaneous experiences on our program.

For this program parents will be required to fill out an **Excursion Authority Form** if this is not filled out children will be unable to attend,



Signing In and Out

As you would have noticed part of our LOCK UP PROCEDURE is ensuring that all children have been signed out. Parents have been receiving reminder letters that need to be signed and returned to the office if this does not occur. Since we have been implementing this strategy majority of families have been signing in and out.

LET AIM FOR 100% OF FAMILIES TO BE SIGNED IN AND OUT FOR MARCH!!!!



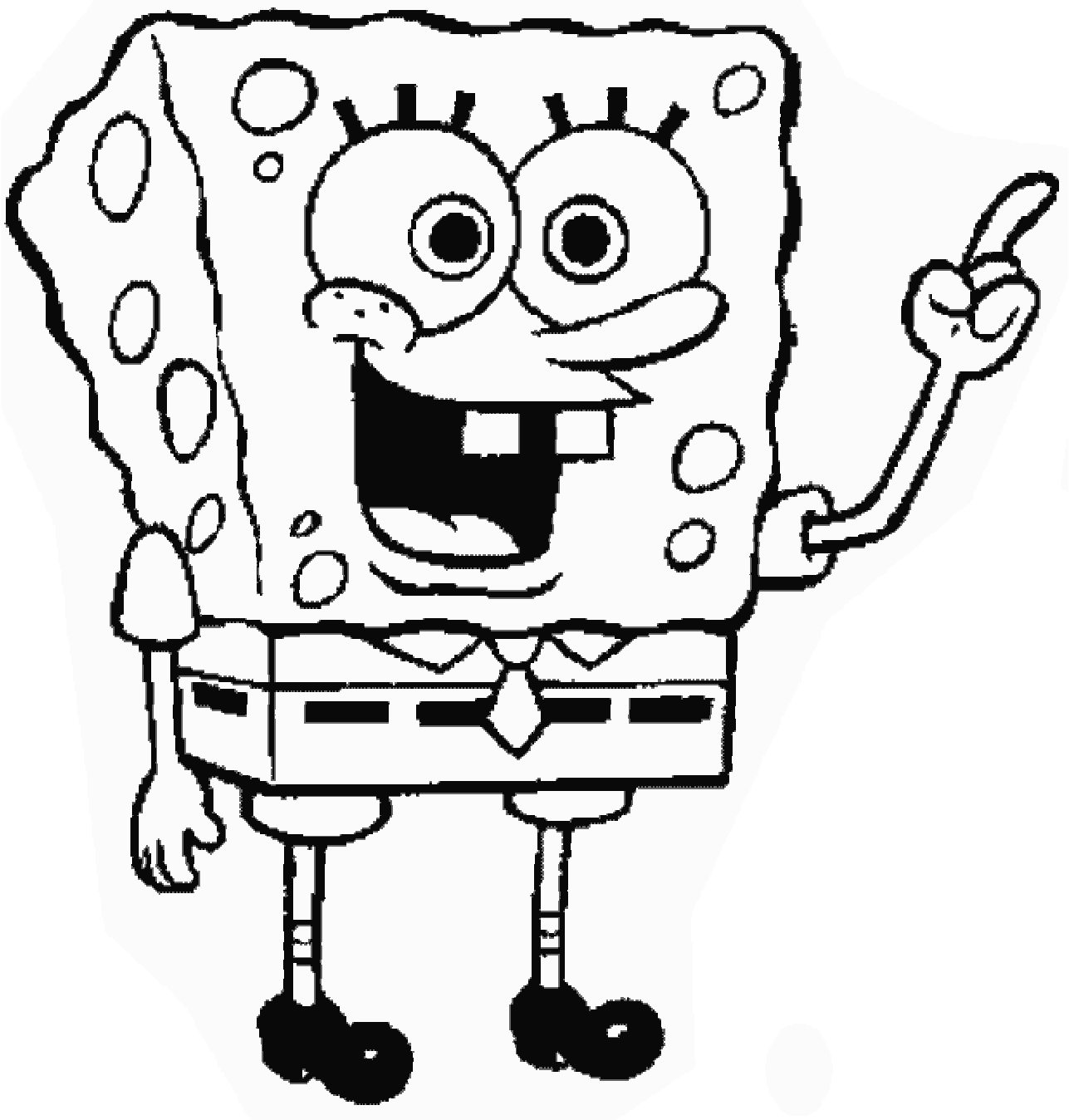
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March Colouring Fun

Policy Reviews for March 2009

As part of Maylands Child Care Centre Philosophy we encourage parent feedback in regards to our polices and procedures. This month we are looking at **Sun Safety and Sleep and Rest.**

Sleep and Rest:

Staffs need to make rest time a comfortable experience for all children by understanding the child's individual needs and the family's expectations for rest and sleep for their children.

Sun Safety:

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world, mostly caused by over exposure to UV radiation. Around 38,000 people are treated for skin cancer and 1,600 people die from the disease every year. Whenever UV radiation levels reach 3 (moderate) and above, sun protection is required. At that level UV radiation can damage your skin and eyes and lead to skin cancer. Children, Staff and visitors to the centre need to be protected from the risk of sun exposure and staff need to be dedicated to ensuring this by using a combination of sun protection methods

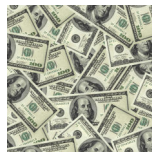
Parents please return the POLICY REVIEW FORM to your child's teacher. We love to hear feedback on policies; we look forward to your comments.



Centre Vacancies

| Room | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Babies | 6 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 6 |
| Toddlers | 9 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 4 |
| Kindy | 10 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 5 |
| Schoolies | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |

This is a great opportunity for you to increase your children's Days or even better refer a friend and receive \$100 OFF YOUR ACCOUNT (conditions apply)



Nursery News



Well what a month we had this month. We have made our room look very colourful with all our beautiful art work we have worked so hard this month on making our room bright and cosy we have had so much fun doing messy play. If you haven't noticed we have been so lucky we got a pile of new equipment for our babies they really enjoy the tunnel we crawled through it and scream at each other.

We are currently encouraging our babies to use their self help skills to complete everyday activities like wiping their own faces we did this last month and they are really getting the hang of it now we have also been encouraging children to walk to their beds and their skills in this area are developing with speed.

This month we are going to aim for our babies to sleep longer as they are so tired. During parent conversations parents have raised points in regards to their children and their sleeping patterns. Some of the strategies that we will be putting in place are:
 Aromatherapy oils eg lavender,
 Using a variety of sleep music
 Talking to parents about each child's individual needs
 We would also like to remind parents that blankets and teddies are not recommended during sleep times in cots. Please refer to our SIDS display in the room for more clarification.

Thankyou Rachael and Dani

Toddler News

What a month the Toddlers have had!! We completed our Garden theme wall, the children did such a wonderful job with all of their colourful artwork, and it looks so good! We worked on our Self Help Skills, including encouraging the Toddlers to use Tongs and Spoons to serve their own food; they have gotten so good at it. This month the Toddlers favourite song has been 5 Cheeky Monkeys, the children love pretending to be Crocodiles and snapping the Monkeys up. One of the Toddlers favourite experiences this month has been making Shakers with the carers. The children helped the carers put different things into the bottles and then they enjoyed shaking the bottles and listening to the different sounds each one made.

In March our new theme is going to be Space. We will be talking about Stars and the Sun. If Parents have any empty Tissue Boxes at home please bring them in so we can make Rockets from them! ☺
 This month we will also be working on encouraging the older Toddlers to learn and say the first letter of their names. We will be encouraging the younger Toddlers to say their names also.

Thankyou
 Shari and Melisa



Kindy News

Wow what a fun month we have had in the Kindy room!!

We would like to welcome Alyce to our team, she is a permanent relief staff in the Kindy room and she will be going full time when Kindy numbers increase.

We have finished our "A" display for this month and we would like to congratulate our kindies on doing such a fantastic job!!

We have also been working on our self help skills by making our own beds, putting on our own shoes, dressing ourselves and serving our own lunch.

At the start of last month we planted some vegetable seeds which have now started to grow!!! So parents if you have any plastic pots at home could you please bring them in so we can re-pot our seedlings!

In march we will be focusing on healthy choices, we will be making a big food pyramid and discussing healthy vs unhealthy foods, Also Jenna and Alyce will be taking us to the library for story time.

A big reminder to all of our parents:

- All children need to bring **ATLEAST** 2 changes of clothes!
- Can you please bring in a drink bottle for your child everyday as this will help us with our self help skills!
- Kinda dance is now on Wednesdays at 2.45pm with Miss Carlee and happy feet is on Fridays at 10.45am with Jo (All fees need to be given to Jenna in the Kindy room.)

Library Roster for March

Please check the date YOUR CHILD WILL BE GOING TO THE LIBRARY

| 3rd March (Tuesday) | 11th March (Wednesday) | 19th March (Thursday) | 27th March (Friday) | 30th March (Monday) |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| Jack | Clementine | Liza | Jayden | Bodie |
| Sarah | Kieren | Jessica | Tchiana | Jayde |
| Liam | Sam | Hannah | Lilliyan | Kartik |
| George | Amir | Jasmine | Muzafer | Luis |

We will be leaving at 10.20am on these days so please ensure your child is here by this time.

Smiles and Hugs
UNTIL NEXT TIME

