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# East Ivanhoe Early Learning Centre

## East Ivanhoe 2010

Welcome to another Edition of our Newsletter. A big Welcome to our new children and their families who have joined East Ivanhoe Early Learning centre recently.

I will be on Annual Leave from Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of March and returning on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2010. During this time Connie will be Acting Centre Manager and will be in the office during this time. Please see or speak to Connie if you have any concerns or questions.

Kind Regards

**Belinda McKibbin**  
 (Centre Manager)

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## Centre Availability

As of 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2010 we have vacancies on the following days. Please Speak to Belinda or Connie if you would like any additional days for your child.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Ladybirds	*	*	*	*	*
Honeybees					
Caterpillars					
Cricketts	*		*		
Kinder	*	*	*	*	*

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



March 2010

**Reminders to Parent's**

**Late Fees Policy**

**Our centre is licensed to between 7.00am until 6:00pm**

**(Monday to Friday).**

LATE FEES will be charged if your child is picked up after 6:00pm. These will be charged at \$1.00 per minute for each minute that your child has not been collected after the closing time (a minimum late fee of \$20.00 is payable). The late fees will be charged to your account and no CCB can be claimed for this fee as it is after the closing time of the centre.

**Parent Committee**

We have a Parent Committee at the centre that meets every quarter to discuss the centre. If anyone would like some information or a copy of the minutes from these meeting please ask Belinda or email Renee Peterson-Borg at sborg@tpg.com.au

**Immunization Updates**

It is a policy of the centre and a requirement of the DHS that we have immunisations records for all children enrolled at our service. Please ensure that we have updated details of your child's immunisation history, otherwise we will need to treat your child as unimmunised. By bringing in your yellow Maternal Child Health book, we can record the necessary information.

**Door Code:**

At No time are you to give the code of the door to anyone who is waiting to enter the centre. This code is only given to parents by management. If at any time someone is waiting to enter the centre while you are arriving or leaving the premises and do not know the code, please ring the bell for staff assistant. DO NOT punch the code in front of them.

By not letting strangers into the centre we are ensuring that the safety of the children is met at all times.



**Upcoming calendar of events March 2010**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of March Labour Day Public Holiday, Centre Closed

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> of March Multicultural Dress up day

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of March St Patrick's Day, come dressed in Green.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March World Harmony Day



## **LADYBIRD ROOM NEWS**

Wow, it is already the 3<sup>rd</sup> month of the year and the children in the ladybird room have been very busy doing a wide range of activities and experiences.

The children that attend the room on Tuesdays and Fridays have been having group music experiences with both Jump for Joy and Hey Dee Ho. So the children have been practicing their movement skills whilst enjoying the company of their peers and learning new songs.

The children have also been practicing their cognitive skills, in the form of pop up toys, puzzles and numbered coloured sorters. The children have been fortunate enough to go outside when the weather has been nice and not too hot. Many have enjoyed playing in the sandpit making sandcastles and doing lots of digging. Please remember to pack a sun hat to protect your child from the sun.

The children have also enjoyed playing with the playdough; I have allowed the children to explore this experience using their hands, rolling pins and also cookie cutters. There was lots of laughing and smiling from the children when we did this as a group activity.

We are welcoming more and more friends into our room, Lucas, Veronica, Ruby, Kokoro and Thomas have been enjoying the room and getting to know myself, Ursula and Rabeh and of course the other ladybird children. Many have adjusted to the room's routine perfectly and are very happy and settled in their new environment. Please remember to notify staff if your child has any specific dietary requirements that you wish us to follow and also if your child's routines have been up dated. Can all parents bring in nappy rash cream or powder for your child and make these are clearly marked with your child's name. For the new families that have commenced care in our room, please remember to bring in a family photo for our ladybird family tree.

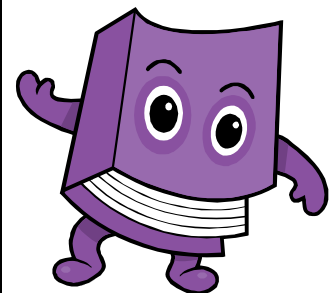
Have a wonderful month and stay safe

Beth, Ursula, Rabeh and all of the ladybirds.

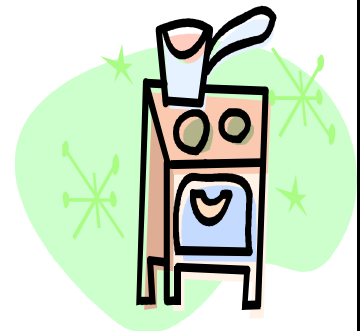
## **Gross Motor**



## **Books**



## **Cooking**





## **HONEYBEE'S ROOM NEWS**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to another newsletter. We would like to welcome all our new families into the Honeybee's Room. We hope you enjoy your stay with us.

In the month of February we took part in lots of exciting activities. We had our jungle themed picnic table which was a great hit with all the children pretending to feed the lions and tigers. The children also took part in painting experiences; we painted with "verde (green), Blu (Blue) and Rosso (red). Due to the children's developmental stage it's advisable that they use thick paint brushes so that the children can develop their finer motor skills in simple steps.

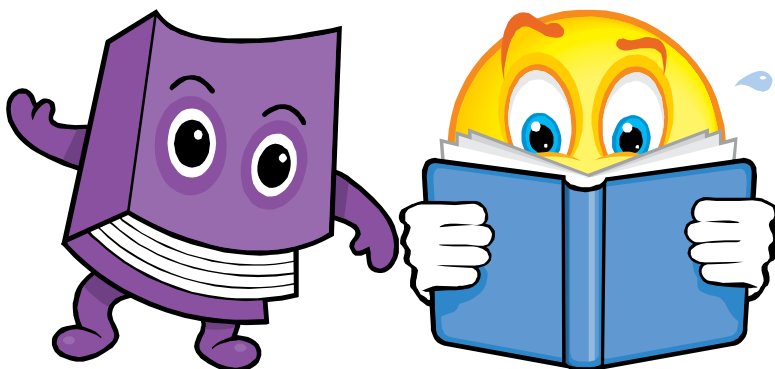
This month we are encouraging children to become more independent and to take part in structured activities. We will continue with developing the children's language through stories, songs, puppets and books. We will also be continuing with our Italian classes.

Other activities will include home corner, painting in Giallo (yellow) paint.

A reminder to name all comforters, clothing, dummies and bottles. Also a reminder if your child attends on a Tuesday or Friday if you would like your child to participate in Jump for joy or Hey De ho please ensure that you have enrolled them into these programs. Please ask staff for more information.

Till next time

Connie, Linda & Bronwyn



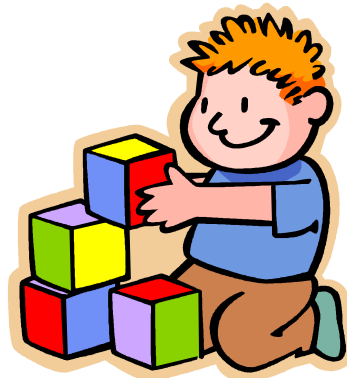
## **Drawing**



## **Music & Movement**



## **Construction**





## **CATERPILLARS ROOM NEWS**

Welcome to our March Newsletter,

On a starting note all children have settled in well and are now confident and comfortable in within their room and keeping up with routine times/transitions. The room is now almost operating at full capacity with 13 to 14 children every day.

It has been a busy few weeks getting the children into a new routine and settling new children into the group, meeting their emotional needs.

We have already commenced and are well on the way with our extra curricular activities.

- (1) Jump for Joy-Tuesday's at 9:30am
- (2) Italian classes on Thursday at 9:25am
- (3) Hey De Ho on Fridays at 9:25am

All 3 above are thoroughly enjoyed by the children so please ensure that you have enrolled your children so they can participate. We acknowledge that we play an important role in your child's learning, so we will endeavour to provide an appropriate learning environment that will broaden and strengthen your child's ability and development. In the past few weeks we have provided a number of learning experiences, such as Sensory-water play with our summer theme. Sensory water play, natural materials, creative with collage, painting and lots of language opportunities with stories, songs, finger play songs music and many more.

Our program is always displayed so that you are informed on what the children will be involved in throughout the week.

Big thankyou for providing us with your child's sun hat this ensures that your child can enjoy and participate in outdoor activities.

We welcome any suggestions and ideas that you may have so that we can incorporate these into our programs. Reminding we have our open door policy so you are welcomed to join in and participate in our daily activities.

I will be sending out some forms for parents to fill out this will update our current info on your child's interests, like and dislikes, giving us a better understanding of your child's personal needs.

Please come and see staff if you have any concerns of questions you may need to ask.

Thank You

Elena, Thiona & Maria.

## **Dancing**



## **Painting**





## CRICKETS ROOM NEWS

Welcome to all parents, carers and friends of the Cricket's room!

The main words that come to my head when thinking of my Cricket's room in February are: laughter, enjoyment, growth and of course BUSY!

It has been our pleasure to see the bright smiling faces of every child each morning, and to watch their growing confidence to attempt skills (such as dressing themselves after sleep time) without asking for, or even needing, help! They are all doing extremely well and are fast becoming very independent little people.

We sure are busy this year! A new movement class called 'Jump for Joy' has become part of our Tuesday routine; the very popular 'Hey-De-Ho' has returned to Fridays; and on Thursdays we are visited by 'AlphaTykes', where the children (and staff!) learn Italian words and songs. Every single Cricket has made a fantastic effort in all of these educational, beneficial and most of all FUN activities!

We would love to welcome Madeleine, Caleb and Neha, who are our new friends in the Cricket's Room! We look forward to getting to know you all this month.

We celebrated some special birthdays in February, so a big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Julian and Ella, who both turned three!

We look forward to starting all the new, fun, activities we have planned for the month of March.

With kind regards,

Sam, Mona, Maddy, Molly and everyone in the Cricket's room.



### Bikes



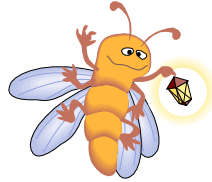
### Building



### Cooking



### Gardening



## KINDER ROOM NEWS

It has been a busy month in the Kinder room with lots of different things going on! The children have been settling in and getting used to the routine, becoming familiar with the room limits and developing relationships with their peers!

The children have been very busy in our restaurant area, engaging in role play, talking about the different people who are in a restaurant and the order of the meals that are eaten! They have really enjoyed cooking and serving food for each other and exploring their own experiences of going to a restaurant!

In theme with our restaurant we have also had a playdough kitchen, where the children have been busy moulding and shaping the playdough with their hands and various utensils and creating a range of dishes (sometimes for Master chef!). Through this experience the children have been developing their fine motor skills and hand eye coordination.

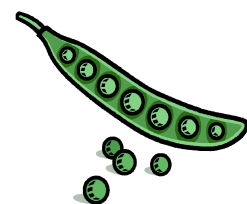
We have also been growing some bean sprouts, carrot tops and potatoes and the children have been observing their growth and noticing the changes, a great science experiment!

Our Italian classes have recently started on Thursdays and the children have been doing brilliantly at learning the new Italian words! We have been using flash cards throughout the week to practice so we are all getting a chance to learn Italian!

Just a reminder to please provide a named hat for your child as our policy states 'No hat No play' and we ask that home toys are kept to a minimum. A comfort toy is welcome first thing in the morning and when settled we will encourage them to be put away.

Until next time

Melissa and Anna



## **Upcoming Community Events in Banyule**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of March Primary School Tour at Banyule Primary School, Rosanna

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of March Play with preps & Tour at Banyule Primary school

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of March Arts & Crafts Market, Diamond Village Market, Watsonia

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of March, Craft, food, plants at Eltham Community Market, Eltham

## **Extra Curricula Activities**

### **Alpha tykes**

#### Italian Classes

### **Classes start on Thursday from 8:45am**

With the AlphaTykes program, your child care centre, early learning centre or kindergarten can become a bilingual centre, helping children to learn a foreign language during their golden age of learning.

We integrate our program into all levels of your centre, train and mentor your staff, and conduct our AlphaTykes lessons each week. Here's how it works:

Our teachers conduct lessons on specified days for all children aged 18 months and above

Children take home activity sheets from their lessons so their parents can see their children's progress

Parents can purchase packs of story books, CDs, activity books and flashcards to reinforce the language at home

We provide room resources including alphabet, numbers and colour displays for all ages and all rooms

We provide books and CDs for your teachers to use during story time

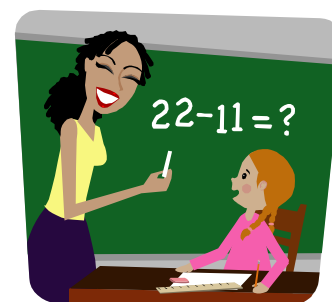
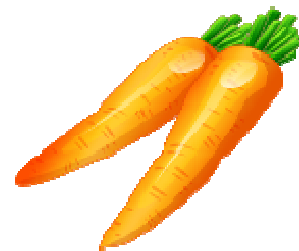
We provide activity sheets and activity books for your teachers to use during art and craft time

We provide flashcard sets for your teachers to use during game time

We can assist with marketing and publicity activities to promote your centre, and

We can attend your centre's open days and information sessions to speak directly with parents.

We train your staff to assist with lessons and to reinforce the program between lessons using our program and resources, and we teach them core phrases, numbers, alphabet and colours, songs, games and activities to use with their groups.



## Kinder Dance

**Cost: \$ 50.00 per term**  
**Wednesday's @ 2pm**

Kinder dance is the original nationwide dance, motor development, gymnastics, and fitness program that combines academic readiness skills which are specifically designed for children ages 2 to 12. What makes Kinder dance unique is that all of our programs incorporate educational concepts in a developmentally designed curriculum that teaches to the total child. We place special emphasis on building "Self Confidence" and "Self-Esteem" in young children

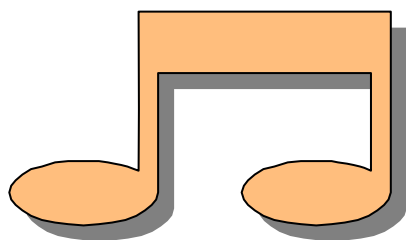
Kinder dance is **developmental dance, motor development, gymnastics, and fitness** programs, blended with academics, specifically designed for boys and girls, ages 2 to 12.

**Preschool age children learn the basics** of ballet, tap, gymnastics, creative movement and motor development skills, while learning their numbers, colours, shapes and songs. After school age children 6 to 12 are involved in a combination ballet, tap and modern dance class or a motor development and fitness program.

## Hey De Ho

**Cost: \$3.00 per session**  
**Classes are on Friday's @ 9:00am**

Each week is set around a theme (there are 50 different ones to choose from) using traditional children's songs, current pop songs and dances (e.g. The Wiggles and Hi 5) and a selection of original Australian compositions. The curriculum has been developed in conjunction with the Australian Institute of Music and Childhood development, to incorporate the key areas of childhood development - physical, emotional and intellectual.



# Jump for Joy

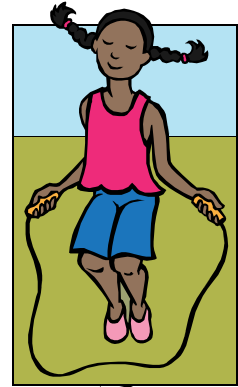
**Cost: \$7.40 per child**  
**Classes are on Tuesday's @9:00am**

Jump For Joy is all about each class being unique with different props and themes. We offer the widest range of authentic and popular children's music, musical instruments & techniques, drama, magical props, sports, gymnastics and dance programme on the market for children. Our primary aim is to encourage and develop the joys of creative expression in young children, from our background in childcare, leading tutors in music drama and movement; developing fitness, health and confidence.

All our classes are uniquely different with exciting props and themes. We take pride in our methods of teachings, promoting unity among peers with culture, authentic costumes, pictures, dance and music. Incorporating balance and centre, gymnastics and all areas of sports working on fine and gross motor skills, make believe adventures; including dress-ups and wonderful puppets, stories and adventure plays, skills of rhythm, pitch, melody, timing and all musical instruments. We also offer vocal teachings; through warm ups, chants, finger plays and beautiful melodic songs; creative movement with encouragement and guidance for each child to express themselves freely through their own thoughts and feelings; teachings of well being, muscles, bones, the heart and food groups; wonderful relaxation methods including reflexology, gentle music with nature and much more!

Our main goal is to be consistent and loving with praise and guidance to all the children in Jump For Joy. Jump For Joy understands the vital importance of stability for every child in every class, enabling growth and confidence in all the areas we teach; which is why we pride ourselves on the same, reliable instructors for the children each year.

We specialise in age appropriate classes for babies, toddlers, kinder and pre-schoolers:  
Jump For Joy Birthday Parties, CD's, while encouraging parent / child and instructor connection through progress reports, letters, calls and informational colour sheets for each child to take home for every class they participate in.



## **News from the Kitchen!!!**

### **Recipe of the Month- Vegetable Soup**

#### **Ingredients:**

- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cups chopped leeks, white part only (from approximately 3 medium leeks)
- 2 tablespoons finely minced garlic
- Kosher salt
- 2 cups carrots, peeled and chopped into rounds (approximately 2 medium)
- 2 cups peeled and diced potatoes
- 2 cups fresh green beans, broken or cut into 3/4-inch pieces
- 2 quarts chicken or vegetable broth
- 4 cups peeled, seeded, and chopped tomatoes
- 2 ears corn, kernels removed
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup packed, chopped fresh parsley leaves
- 1 to 2 teaspoons freshly squeezed lemon juice

#### **Procedure:**

Heat the olive oil in large, heavy-bottomed stockpot over medium-low heat. Once hot, add the leeks, garlic, and a pinch of salt and sweat until they begin to soften, approximately 7 to 8 minutes. Add the carrots, potatoes, and green beans and continue to cook for 4 to 5 more minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add the stock, increase the heat to high, and bring to a simmer. Once simmering, add the tomatoes, corn kernels, and pepper. Reduce the heat to low, cover, and cook until the vegetables are fork tender, approximately 25 to 30 minutes. Remove from heat and add the parsley and lemon juice. Season, to taste, with kosher salt. Serve immediately.

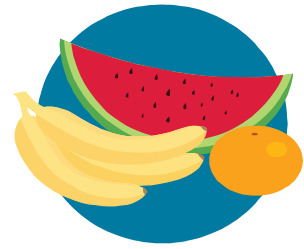
### **Art Recipe of the Month-Playdough**

#### **Ingredients:**

2 Cups Water  
1/2 Cup Cornstarch  
Food Colouring

#### **Procedure:**

Bring water to a boil in a medium saucepan. Add cornstarch, then food colouring while stirring constantly. Remove from heat and cool to room temperature. This makes a messy slime that goes from liquid to solid, and is great fun to play with



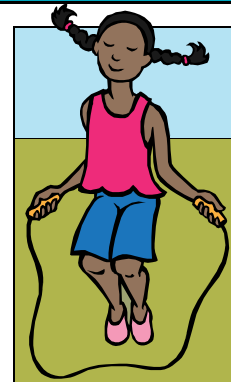
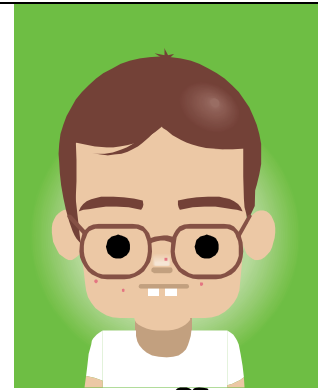
# Policy Review.

During March will be reviewing our Centre Philosophy policy. Please take time to read our philosophy and supply us with any feedback you may have.

## Children Learn What they Live

Dorothy Law Nolte

If a child lives with criticism,  
He learns to condemn.  
If a child lives with hostility,  
He learns to fight.  
If a child lives with fear,  
He learns to be apprehensive.  
If a child lives with pity,  
He learns to feel sorry for himself.  
If a child lives with ridicule,  
He learns to be shy.  
If a child lives with jealousy,  
He learns what envy is.  
If a child lives with shame,  
He learns to feel guilty.  
If a child lives with encouragement,  
He learns to be confident.  
If a child lives with tolerance,  
He learns to be patient.  
If a child lives with praise,  
He learns to be appreciative.  
If a child lives with acceptance,  
He learns to love.  
If a child lives with approval,  
He learns to like himself.  
If a child lives with recognition,  
He learns that it is good to have a goal.  
If a child lives with sharing,  
He learns about generosity.  
If a child lives with honesty and fairness,  
He learns what truth and justice are.  
If a child lives with security,  
He learns to have faith in himself and in those about him.  
If a child lives with friendliness,  
He learns that the world is a nice place in which to live.  
If you live with serenity,  
Your child will live with peace of mind.



## 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



If you would like any of these resources in another language please ask Belinda

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## Staff News

**New Staff:** We welcome Donna to East Ivanhoe as our temporary cook.

### **Staff Training:**

**March:** Rest & Sleep

**April:** Behaviour Management

Centre staff participates in monthly training sessions on different topics. Staff will have discussions on each topic and engage in small group activities to help keep their minds fresh. Staff will also focus on policies

### **Staff Meetings:**

We also hold monthly staff meetings in order to maintain the best possible care environment for you, your child/ren and the centre staff.

### **Occupational Health & Safety meetings:**

Occupational Health and Safety Meetings are also held each month. We cover topics such as back care & stress.

All of these meetings allow staff to voice their opinions, concerns and issues on any subject they believe needs to be focused on.

If any parents would like any information on the Training Topics please see Belinda

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## **Accreditation Updates**

We went through our two days of validation at the end of January 2010. The staff all worked really well, we passed and are expecting a High Quality results in all of the below 7 Quality Areas.

1. Staff Relationships with Children and Peers
2. Partnerships with Families
3. Programming and Evaluation
4. Children's Experiences and Learning
5. Protective Care and Safety
6. Health, Nutrition and Wellbeing
7. Managing to Support Quality

### **Parent Input**

At East Ivanhoe Early Learning Centre we encourage and appreciate parent input. Parents can offer suggestions on such things as our menu, routines, programming, and ideas for centre events and provide us with valuable insight into their child.

We are continually trying to improve the quality of our care and the service we provide for families so all feedback is appreciated and taken on board.

We hope you enjoyed this edition of our centre newsletter. Please remember our door is always open and we look forward to your feedback. Until next time,

Belinda and the staff at Ivanhoe Early Learning Centre.