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REMINDERS TO PARENTS

Hats

As the weather is still quite warm, we ask that you ensure that there is a sun smart hat in your child's bag every day they come to Kids club Torquay. At the centre we have a policy of '**NO HAT, PLAY IN THE SHADE**'; this means that if your child doesn't have a hat then they will not be able to participate in all the outdoor activities.

Children's Holidays

Centre policy states that each family is entitled to 50% discount for 1 week of fees every financial year. In order for this to be approved families must have their accounts up to date (2 weeks in front), be on direct debit and has provided adequate notice. If you require a form please see the holiday application folder in the foyer.

DEEWR Requirement

All families are required to be linked to DEEWR. If you have not supplied me with yours and your child's CRN (customer reference numbers) and dates of birth please do so ASAP. This is a requirement for any child in care. Please contact your local Family Assistance office or centrelink for more information.

Thankyou in advance ☺

Drink Bottles

Please ensure you bring a drink bottle for your child every day if you fill it up please ensure it had WATER ONLY in the drink bottle.

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Centre Availability

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

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



Philosophy, Broad Goals and Policy Reviews

Sections of these policies are reviewed each month and are available in the centre foyer. In March we be focussing on

- ◆ Centre Philosophy

Feedback forms are available in the centre foyer and we encourage parents to provide feedback to the centre manager on any policy at any time.

Important event coming up: March 2010

Tues 2nd- Dr.Seuss's Birthday, Birthday cake for Dr. Seuss and reading Dr.Seucc books

Tues 2nd- Business clean up day Australia

Monday 8th- Labour Day- Centre Closed

Mon 8th- International Women's Day

Thurs11th- World's Greatest Shave- Come with coloured hair

Wed 17th- St. Patrick's Day- Come dressed in green

Fri 26th- Pyjama day- Come dressed in your PJ's



Accreditation

Child care centre management structures vary greatly: centres may be managed by an owner, a manager, a corporate body, management committee, local government or other organisation. In all centres, management ensure that information about their structure is clear to all parties involved in the centre, and is available and accessible to staff and families.

Information about the centre philosophy, policies and procedures, and how to raise issues is made available.

At times the centre will need to manage complaints about the care or practices provided at the centre.

Complaints are best dealt with and resolved at the centre level. Grievances and complaints need not be viewed in a negative way. Rather, management and staff should see them as opportunities to understand other attitudes and views that may help improve the centre.

A clear procedure for handling complaints and grievances can help settle any anxieties families may feel about raising concerns. Essentially the centre needs a simple, transparent grievance and complaints handling procedure that is implemented consistently.

All centres should have a grievance and complaints handling procedure in place, regardless of the level of complaints they may receive. It is important to promote transparency and equity in all centre procedures.

The centre should have an effective and ongoing process for informing families about management decisions that will directly or indirectly affect their child or their own experience of the centre.



Nursery Room News

Hello to all families,

May we just start by wishing Patrick and Max a very Happy 1st Birthday. We hope you had a wonderful day with your friends and families.

We can't believe how fast the month has gone but the children have been so busy exploring their new environment. We have been providing many experiences to enhance all your child's developmental needs to allow them to grow and learn at their own paces. Such as, homecorner with a range of different foods and utensils, great for imaginary play and social skills. Cars and bikes for riding to enhance their gross motor skills. Playdough has also been very popular for also developing their social, manipulative and fine motor skills.

The children have been loving the good weather and making the most of their outdoor play time, please remember to pack a hat for your child so they can play outside. The sandpit has been very popular, the children have been keen to make cakes and also we have been singing 'Happy Birthday'.

Photos have been displayed around the room of the children through out their day and have just begun a new 'sleep time' display. Please feel free to look at this; there are some gorgeous photos of the children sleeping. Also if you haven't already filled out a photo permission form please do so we are able to display photos of your child around the centre and on our Kids Club website.

It is Nursery's turn to do the hallway display so you will be seeing some of your child's artwork up on the wires. A great way your child will have expressed them self creatively.

Hey-Dee-Ho is back and children who attend Fridays have been thoroughly enjoying this program and developing their language through song and their rhythm and movement. 'Green Speckled Frogs' has been popular with children using the finger puppets as props.

Parents have been very good at bringing back Child profiles but we are still waiting on a few more to come back. If you need a new form please let on of us know and we can provide you with a new one. Also just a reminder to bring in a drink bottle for your child if you haven't already, children are getting much better at drinking from their own drink bottles which is great for their self help skills and being hygienic.

Please if you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to ask on of us as we are more than happy to help and provide you with any assistance or information we can.

Until next time, take care.

Carley, Lisa and Jayne.



Toddler Room News

With the new year, brings some new toddler children. It has taken a little while for all children and the parents to settle in. And as a result I have thought of a way to help with the transition between home and childcare. I believe that a family wall, where the children have a photo of their parents, guardians or pets will give comfort to the children. The photos will have Velcro on the back, which give them the ability to look and hold onto the photo of their loved ones for however long they want. This will also give the carers an understanding of the children's families and form a stronger bond with the children, and also spark conversation and have a deeper knowledge about their life and interests.

Another way to help your child settle in, although may be tough at first but the improvement will be obvious within a few more visits, is NOT to linger when dropping off. Make sure you say goodbye, give a hug and kiss but then it is vital to leave, tell your child that you will return. Otherwise your child will not know when you are leaving and will sense that you too, are also nervous, and unsure about leaving them here.

With the latest program, the children are very interested in dramatic play. Some of the children have been playing at the party table, where the children were also encouraged to share and take turns. This improves their social skills and language development. They are also using different props to include with their make believe, dramatic play, which improves upon their imagination.

We are also trying to use natural materials in the toddler room to make the experiences aesthetically pleasing, such as plants, ferns, woven materials. The children will also learn how to look after the plants and ferns by recycling the left over water in our drink bottles at the end of the day, taking them outside during the day to get sunlight, and discussing how and why they need these things to grow. If you have any natural materials that you would like to donate please feel free to do so as they will be extremely useful.

Also to all the parents, can you please bring in a labelled hat and put it in the correct children's pocket on arrival. And to also Just a reminder to all the parents who have children toilet training, can you please ensure an adequate amount of spare clothing is in their bags. And if your child has worn any spare clothing from kids club, to also return please.

Until next time,
Alana, Leah and Christine



Pre-Kinder Room News

Hello everyone,

Pre- Kinder children have been busy with painting, using both fine and large brushes as well as sponges. This enhances fine motor Development, Creativity and Self Expression.

Making lady beetles has been fun and our insect table has been fun and popular with lots of imaginative play and discussion.

The children seemed to enjoy car printing, enhancing creativity and Gross Motor Development. We have an African pack up song 'Mbube' and the children know when this song comes on that it is pack up time.

The children are enjoying waterplay in the last week we have been looking at items that 'sink and float'. A great science experience that has led to lots discussions.

Playdough is another great sensory experience that the children have been involved in. This also enhances Fine Motor Development and Imaginative skills.

Our homecorner 'Kitchen' has promoted lots of role play, dramatic play and imagination. Also a great experience to enhance social skills.

Outdoors the scooters have been popular as always enhancing Gross Motor Development. The children have been working together with the large connecta blocks to build 'monster trucks' and 'rocket ships'. We have seen lots of cakes and biscuits being made in the sandpit as well as tunnels and 'dinosaur caves'. In the coming weeks we will continue to work on numbers, shapes, colours and Days of the week'.

We will also start work on 'Letterland' in the next month.

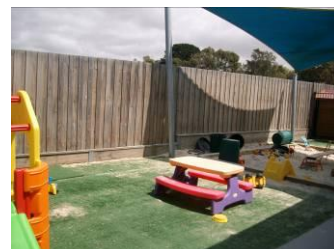
This is a program designed to learn sounds and names of letters with fun characters such as 'Annie Apple' and 'Bouncy Ben'.

Happy Birthday to Breanna, Caden and Aston.

Just a friendly reminder to please bring in a named water bottle for your child each day and please pack a spare change of clothes in your Childs bag as well as a hat for outdoor play.

Until next time,

Ange & Ange



Kinder Room News

Hello to all families,

What a busy month we are having. In February we helped celebrate Fraser. S, Jayden.H and Charlie. F turning 4 and Jye, R, Tanner. R and Grady.C turned 5!!

Happy Birthday this month to Grace. O, Liv. O and Ashlee. F turning 4!! Happy Birthday from all your Kinder friends.

Kinder children will be learning basic computer skills on the computers that are in the Kinder room. We will be focusing on moving and clicking the mouse onto special items, we then will move onto turning on and turning off the computer. Also with our computer skills we will be starting Letterland program which teaches the children a fun way of learning their ABC'S as well as memory games, matching activities and colours.

We are also focusing on the children's Fine Motor Skills which will get them ready for their school Readiness Program. The activities include Scissor Cutting, Pencil Grip and Writing and Tracing Skills. The activities that the children have done will be put into their portfolio books which you are more than welcome to have a look at and take home to show other family members and bring back next time your child is in the centre.

We have a new friend 'Gertrude Giraffe' that has arrived at Kinder. Each child will have a turn of taking Gertrude home for a weekend where you will be given a journal and can record the adventures your family and Gertrude has. Feel free to add photo's as well.

When you pick up your child, can you please make sure your child has their drink bottles and take a moment to look through our 'Day book' which shows the activities your children have participated in with their friends. This book will be with the sign in/out book.

The Kinder children are enjoying reading to their friends at group times so if your child would like to bring in a special book from home to read, you may leave it in their bag or hand into staff.

Please ensure the books have your child's name in it so it won't be misplaced.



FROM THE KITCHEN:

Pumpkin, Feta and Rocket Salad

Ingredients (serves 4)

- 3 cups diced pumpkin
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon dried sage
- 100g feta cheese, crumbled
- 1 cup rocket leaves

Method

1. Combine oil, honey and sage together and toss through pumpkin.
2. Bake pumpkin in a 220c oven for 30 minutes until starting to brown, then allow to cool, making sure oil is kept in the bottom of the dish.
3. Toss the pumpkin, feta and rocket with the oil.

Notes & tips

You could add chickpeas to this salad for a crunchy addition.

* **Please feel free to ask at the centre for any recipes that we cook at the centre, we will give you a copy. 😊**



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
- Fact sheets
- Brochures
- Copies of the current newsletter
- Recipes
- Centre Menu
- Centre Events
- Holiday Forms



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KIDS CLUB
CHILDCARE CENTRES

Philosophy:

The staff at Kids Club Torquay are committed to ensuring that your children are cared for in a secure, comfortable, caring and safe environment. The programs will be based on the individual needs and interests of your child. We believe that every family member, child, visitor and employee is an individual, bringing a variety of skills, knowledge and understanding related to that person's unique experience of life.

Kids Club will value that uniqueness and nurture future growth through accepting the individual, recognizing interest areas, developing respectful interactions, supporting ongoing learning, offering inclusive programmes and promoting teamwork.

Our Policy is one of non-discrimination; all children have access to our centre regardless of sex, religion, disability, medical conditions or socio-economic status.

C1 - Particular focus is placed on promoting independence, creativity, imagination, self esteem and the development of healthy relationships. This will be achieved through regular documented observations on your child (in the form of written anecdotal records, photographs, transcribed conversations and work portfolio's). Staff will guide children's behaviour in a respectful manner that encourages the children to make appropriate choices. Children will not be subjected to any form of physical or emotional abuse. (Please see our comprehensive behaviour guidance policy).

All program plans have structured play experiences and child initiated experiences which encourage independent choices.

C2 - The service will provide nutritionally balanced meals and older children will be encouraged to assist with the table setting preparation and serving of their own meals. We will endeavor to make meal times as enjoyable and relaxed as possible.

At Kids Club Torquay if we care for a child who has been diagnosed as at risk of anaphylaxis is being cared and educated for and to please remember that we are a nut and egg free zone.

C3 - We encourage parents to become actively involved in the program and are happy to discuss any concerns or requests that you may have. Please let staff members know if you have any suggestions to improve the programs being offered. All suggestions will be considered.

We encourage all children to participate in learning experiences whilst playing. A range of activities are offered in our programs indoor and outdoors, to promote developmental areas, fine motor, gross motor, social and emotional, language, physical, cognitive, creative, solitary, parallel and group play. Program plans are flexible and allow for spontaneous activities, all spontaneous experiences are written on the plan in the spontaneous section.

All children are encouraged to interact at all experiences to develop their competency and self esteem helping each child to become a successful learner.

All staff respect and value each individual child to make them feel safe and encourage self-esteem.

Date- May 2009

Review Date- March 2010

Centre Information

Please fill in the below information and return to the office

Name:

Child's Name:

Email Address:

	Newsletters	Statements	Notices	Child Information
Emailed				
Printed				

Centre Events for 2010

Do you have any ideas or suggestions for our 2010 Calendar of Events?

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Suggestions:

Parent Input

Do you have any skills that you could offer our centre?

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Input:
