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Love Kids 2010

Last week we have had our front playground re-surfaced with new grass, It looks fantastic. The children will be able to use the playground again on Tuesday 2nd March; 2010.

We would like to say a big Congratulation to Miss Mel last month on the arrival of her baby boy Thomas Patrick, they are both doing well.

Thankyou,

Belinda Carrick
Centre Manager

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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 March 2010.

Room/ Days	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Joeys	*	*	*	*	*
Koalas	*		*		
Wallabies	*	*	*	*	*
Bilbies	*	*	*	*	
Possums	*	*	*	*	*

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



STAFFING

Last week we said a sad goodbye to Miss Nicki, Miss Nicki finished up with us on Friday 26th February due to personal reasons, we wish her well for the future.

Miss Deborah started with us on the 1st February, has recently just completed her Diplomas in Children's Services, Miss Deborah will be taking on the role as Group Leader within the Bilbies Room, from Monday 1st March.

Miss Vanessa is on leave at the moment, she will be back on Tuesday 23rd March, and she is getting married on Saturday 27th February and then going on her honeymoon to Vanuatu. We wish her all the best for this day and her future ahead.

Miss Amber who has been working at the centre as a casual, has now joined the Love Kids team permanently, Miss Amber will be the third staff member in the Joeys Room with Miss Sarah and Miss Joanna.

While we are interviewing for Miss Deborah's previous position within the centre, we have some casual staff working with us, Miss Gurleen, Miss Emily and Miss Naomi.

STAFF TRAINING

On Thursday 18th February, all staff within the centre attended training course on Team Work.

This year we have Miss Placida and Miss Joanna studying Certificate 3 in Children's Services. We wish them both well.

Miss Sarah is also completing her Diploma in Children's Services.

Philosophy, Broad Goals and Policy Reviews

- ❖ Enrolment ENR 1.1 – 1.9
- ❖ Centre Philosophy

All these policies are available at the Parent Library in the foyer area. Please feel free to read these and give us some feedback.



REMINDERS TO PARENTS

PARENT POCKETS

Don't forget that all families have a parent pocket, even if you receive your statements and newsletter via email. Notices and other items are placed in the regularly, so please remember to check them.

ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please inform the centre by 9.00am. This will assist with our correct staffing for the day and also if any families require an extra day.

CASUAL DAYS

Casual bookings for extra days are welcome as we understand that families may need care on days outside their permanent bookings. Casual days will incur a \$5.00 administration fee to cover the change of ratios and administration involved and will be subject to availability in the required room.



Important event coming up: March 2010

Tuesday 2nd March: Dr Seuss's Birthday, bring along favourite Dr Seuss book to share with your friends

Monday 8th March: Centre Closed, Public Holiday Labour Day

Monday 15th – Friday 19th March: Multicultural Week, celebrating cultures within the centre. If any families would like to participate you are more than welcome. Please see a staff member to organise.

Wednesday 17th March: St Patrick's Day – come dressed in Green

Sunday 21st March: Oakleigh Community Festival, 12pm -6pm, Warrawee Park, Oakleigh



Joeys Room News

We have been very busy in the Joeys over the last couple of weeks. There are quite a few of us that have started walking, pulling ourselves up and crawling. This is a very big developmental milestone for us all. The next few weeks will be very exciting, as we will all be on the move a lot more and exploring.

We are trying to get into artwork. Most of our Joeys are keen to give it a go... Some of us are still not too sure – I'm sure we'll all get there eventually.

Just a quick note for parents: -

- Please make sure the Joeys have sunscreen on in the mornings, as we are hoping to get outside a bit over the next few weeks.
- Please don't bring in spoons, as we have plenty of these and we are losing track if they are ones from home or the centres

Regards,
Miss Sarah, Miss Amber and Miss Joanna

Koalas Room News

Koalas would like to welcome Laila, Mayson, Giancarlo and Lili.

We've had a lot of 2nd birthdays recently, so a big Happy Birthday to Michaela, Leandra, Ethan, Edith, Sebastian, Savannah, Liam and Aliyah.

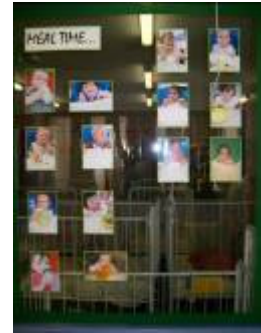
We are enjoying the recent beautiful weather, which allows us to play outside in the sand and on the bikes.

Our creative development is coming along really well. We're all getting into the art fever, so please look out for your child's masterpieces around the room and hallways.

Indoors: - We are really enjoying the dirt/farm area as well as dancing and musical instruments. Self help is still one of our main goals we're focusing on; pushing our chairs in, cleaning our faces and hands as well as packing our own things away in our bags. We are all doing pretty well at this, but please bare with us if things get misplaced as we are trying really hard.

We would all like to say a big Congratulations to Miss Vanessa who got married on Saturday 27th February; Miss Vanessa will be back with us on Tuesday 23rd March.

Thanks
Miss Rachel, Miss Jaci and Miss Vanessa



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Wallabies Room News

Dear Parents,

The Wallabies have been an extremely busy bunch of children lately. We have welcomed some new friends to the room which we are very excited about. Big welcome to Jade and Filip and welcome back Ishika.

Well, as you can all see from looking in our room, the Wallabies have been getting their hands dirty with lots of artwork. We have done a variety of different experiences which include finger-painting, butterfly prints, easel painting, collages, cork paintings, cotton bud and glitter paintings.

We have also done some cooking, we enjoyed making the play dough and cooking pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. There are lots of photos on display, so please have a look.

We have definitely settled back into our routine now, which is fantastic and have had lots more success with toilet training. Just a reminder, if your child is currently toilet training, please remember to pack lots of spare clothes as well as underwear. Also please remember when children are toilet training, its all about timing. Please try and dress your child in clothes that they can easily take off and put on themselves. Jeans, belts, tight fitting clothing can be too difficult for children when they are in a hurry.

We have been concentrating on working on our independence skills and looking after our belongings. In order to help the children's independence skills, whenever possible, can we please use footwear that the children can take off and put back on independently? Laces and buckles are too tricky to do alone; we have found that Velcro is very successful with this age group.

That's all for now, if you have any questions please feel free to com and see/ speak to us.

Miss Nicole, Miss Dee and Miss Taryn

Bilbies Room News

Well as most of you are aware I am finishing/finished working at Love Kids. I really love to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome here. I have enjoyed my time, however brief, at Love Kids, and I wish you all the best.

The Bilbies have come in leaps and bounds with their independence. We are now taking off our own sheets and replacing them with clean ones. Sometimes with some help from friends we are even able to stack them away. We are also becoming familiar with our names and some Bilbies already recognise their names. This is very handy when its time to put away our hats.

Thank-you
Miss Nicki



Possums Room News

Hello Everyone,

For those of you who haven't met me yet, my name is Miss Tammy and I'm the Kinder Teacher in the Possums Room. I have been here for a month now and am really enjoying working with your children.

They have all welcomed and accepted me into Love Kids and we are all settling well into routines and expectations.

I can't believe March is upon us already, but here it is. We have started one of our projects for the year. As most of you know we are making our own volcano. The children have loved learning about volcanos and how they work and enjoyed getting their hands dirty making the volcano. You can see our progress on the noticeboard outside our room.

As most children are heading off to school next year, my aim is to make sure they are well equipped for that, so my goals for the Possums children are all geared towards school readiness.

Over the next couple of months we will be using our Letterland props and going through all the letters. I would like all the children to be able to recognise their name and then be able to write their name by the end of the year. We are also working on children taking responsibility for packing up what they play with and use and also working with the children on the social and emotional development. My goal here is to help encourage the children to become resilient and confident individuals. We are discussing ways to talk to the children who hurt us, giving practical suggestions on what to say to children who upset us and helping the children enter into play with each other positively.

Placida and I are looking forward to the next couple of months with the children and if you have any questions or suggestions please don't hesitate to talk to one of us.

Miss Tammy and Miss Placida



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Food ideas that I would like in my Lunchbox each day!

Some ideas of food that I CAN take to child care:

- Sandwiches or Wraps with healthy fillings
- Lasagne, Noodles and Spaghetti
- Carrot, Cheese, Salami & Dips
- Veggie Sticks & Dips
- Two Minute Noodles (already made & ready to heat)
- Roast Meat & Vegetables
- Fruit – Kebabs, Single Pieces & Fruit Salad
- Plain & Fruit Yogurt
- Soup & Bread Roll
- Casseroles or Curries with Rice
- Home made muffins
- Fruit Bars
- Muesli Bars with no Chocolate or Nut Products
- Rice Cracker Snacks
- Biscuits & Cheese
- Sultanas & Dried Fruit
- Jelly Fruit Cups
- Sushi
- Pikelets & Pancakes
- Canned Baked Bean & Spaghetti

Some ideas of food that I need to leave at HOME:

- Chocolate Snacks including biscuits, yoghurts, cakes or chocolate spreads
- Soft Drink, Cordial & Juice
- Peanuts, Peanut Butter or Nut Products
- Lollies, Smarties or Sprinkles
- Meat Pies
- Chips
- Left over Take Away Products
- Flavoured Milk
- Chicken Nuggets
- Fried Foods
- Pizza