

JAN/FEB NEWSLETTER

We welcome you to our first newsletter of the year.

We are already at the end of Summer and so the year marches on!

Children are settling well into rooms and everyone seems happy to be here (and why wouldn't they?)

We will be shortly handing out enrolment updates. It may seem like you are repeating information that we already have but we are required to update things. Also there will be a couple of additional questions on the update forms.

Emergency Drills are being conducted 25th Feb- 2nd March. These are a mixture of fire, outside threat, earthquake etc. This is to teach the children to find a teacher and follow instructions when they hear the whistle. It helps to prepare us in the event of a real emergency.

We have had some delays in our building works as the Council is requiring us to obtain a report from an Arborist regarding one of the trees near our property. Hopefully we will be back on track soon.

A funny story.....



Such is the change in technology that one little friend found this old VHS. He picked it up, looked at it for a while and then announced "I don't know how to turn this fan on!" Oh don't we all feel old....



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Some dates for the diary:

*Easter Raffle will be drawn on Friday 18th March-
donations welcome*

Henny Penny hatching chickens will be visiting the week
beginning Mon 9th May.

*Photos will be early this year to avoid Christmas
delays. They will be week beginning Mon 29th Aug.
We are unsure of days at this stage. We will keep
you posted.*

**Thank you again to Will's dad Scott who built us a
new stage. As you can see it is VERY popular!**



PRE- SCHOOL ROOM NEWS

Dear Families,

Welcome to the Preschool room. The program in our room is based on the children's interests, and experiences. If you have any special activities that your child likes, or special activities that your Family participates in, e.g. holidays or celebrations, please let us know so that we can include these in our program.

The children are currently interested in the Natural environment. They have been helping to feed the tadpoles, and spent considerable time observing two Tawney Frogmouth owls that were perched in a tree near the back fence. They have also been watching a small Blue Tongue lizard that is often in the yard.

Craft, box construction from recycled containers, and painting, have allowed the children to develop their imaginations and skills with many clever concepts being created.



PRE- SCHOOL ROOM NEWS

Since the children have now settled well into the Preschool room's routines, we have included some tips to further assist their independence, and participation in the program.

Can your child –

- dress and undress him/herself independently
- put his/her shoes and socks on and find his/her own hat
- identify his/ her own bag and belongings
- put his/ her belongings inside his/her school bag and zip the bag shut
- toilet independently, and wash hands
- listen, follow simple directions, and stay focused to complete simple tasks, e.g take your hat off and put it in your bag
- use a fork or spoon when eating
- sit at the lunch table appropriately
- answer when spoken to
- verbalise needs, and ask for help when needed
- help to pack away activities
- select own activities to participate in
- play appropriately with others without hitting, pushing etc
- respect toys and equipment.

If you have any matters regarding your child that you wish to discuss, please see a staff member at any time.





TODDLER ROOM

Happy reading of our first Toddler room message for 2016!

The children have all done a great job of settling in, learning the new routine and becoming familiar with both their peers and educators. It's been wonderful to see some old acquaintances from the previous year emerge once again, while new friendships continue to grow and develop. We have started the year's program with lots of open ended, free choice experiences. This has given the children a real sense of belonging, while the continuity has encouraged the children to revisit and further explore their play opportunities.

Some popular indoor activities have included the playdough, dress up's, construction work and of course art & craft. Outdoors we have been busy with some water play, climbing on the gross motor equipment and cooking in the sandpit.

As the weeks progress we will focus more on the children's interests, letting this lead the way in our intentional teaching practices and future planning.

We hope everyone is enjoying the new emailing system where we send through a sneak peak of our fun and exciting week every Friday afternoon. It's a great way to stay up to date, have a look at what we've been doing and to share with your loved one's at home ☺
Please come and see us if you aren't receiving these messages and we'll double check the email address we have here on file.





TODDLER ROOM



Being a big Toddler comes with some pretty important expectations and challenges... self help skills in particular like learning how to put on and take off our own shoes and socks, being responsible for our personal belongings, becoming more independent with toileting practices and feeding ourselves at meal times using forks and spoons and drinking from a cup. These are just some of the skills we encouraged the children to participate in (with lots of assistance and guidance of course) throughout the day.

Following through with these at home will really help the children accomplish these milestones, building their confidence while giving them a wonderful sense of achievement and independence.

A few quick reminders before we sign off...

- *Remember to pack rest time sheets, hat, nappies/pull up's and a couple of changes of clothes each day your child attends care (all clearly labelled)
- *Encourage your child to 'sign in' by choosing a locker and placing their photo inside, putting it back in the basket at the end of the day
- *Apply sunscreen before saying goodbye (don't forget to put a stamp on their hand)

Thankyou for your co-operation

Any concerns or questions? Please feel free to come and have a chat. We're here to help ☺

Until next time

Nikki, Delma, Madee, Ellie & Jesse



NURSERY

Hello and welcome to our first Nursery newsletter for 2106!

We would like to extend a very warm welcome back to our new families, we are really excited to meet you all and we are looking forward to educating and interacting with your children. To our existing families- welcome back! We are looking forward to spending another year with your children as we watch them grow, develop and learn new skills.

We are very excited about the year ahead. Educators in the Nursery room this year are:

Kylie G (mon-thurs) Sharon (tues-fri) Julie (mon, tues & fri) Sarah (mon-fri)
Ronda (wed-fri) Susan (mon)

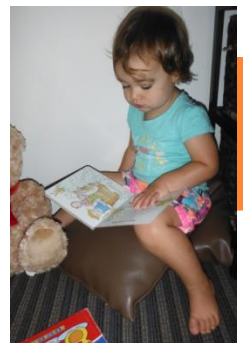
We are so proud of our children! What a fantastic job they have done settling into their new Day Care environment. We are so proud of them all as we know how difficult and unsettling this can be to some children.

We understand that some children are still a little sad or unsettled at drop off time but please be reassured that this is normal and common behaviour. We know this can be heartbreaking for some parents but please know that they settle very quickly. Most times, they have stopped crying before you even leave the car park, so keep in mind that all of our children have settled in really well.

The children are already starting to form strong bonds and relationships with their Educators which is great to see. This shows that the children are feeling a sense of belonging as they get to know us, their peers and the environment around them.

We are super proud, well done to all of our friends 😊

As Educators, we strive for excellence in everything we do, so we have lots of new adventures and ideas that we plan to implement into our programs this year, both indoors and outdoors, so stay tuned!



NURSERY

Over the Christmas break we were lucky enough to have our nursery room painted and we think it looks fantastic. What a difference a new coat of paint makes! We feel the room looks much brighter, cleaner and fresher. We hope you like the change also.

Since starting back, the children have shown a great interest in animals. To extend on this we have included wooden zoo animals to inside play along with wild African animals to the sandpit during outside free play. We have read stories, completed simple puzzles and even created our own animals using playdough!

Water play was introduced to inside play this week with ducks and boats as added accessories. Blue coloured water was provided in a tray for the children to experiment and explore. This was extremely popular as the children enjoyed 'bathing' the ducks and rowing the boats 'down the stream.' A fun and interactive way for the children to enhance sensory exploration 😊

Just a few friendly reminders:

- . Please label all of your child's Day Care belongings please. These items include: Nappies, shoes, clothes, hats, bottles, dummies etc... This is very important to remember as it will help to eliminate any mix ups occurring and items going home in the wrong bags! So please check that all items are labelled
- . Sunscreen- There is a UV rating chart on our information board which will inform you every morning if sunscreen is or isn't need. If the chart reads 'yes' then PLEASE apply sunscreen to you child on arrival
- . A hat MUST be provided for your child EVERYDAY that they attend Day Care
- . Please provide numerous changes of clothes for your child. We encourage the children to participate in all sorts of activities ranging from water play, craft, self feeding, dirt and mud and this sometimes requires us to change their clothes, so please pack LOTS of spare clothes as we love to see the children having fun!

