

APRIL NEWSLETTER

As you can see, we are a little late getting this newsletter out to our families. Sincere apologies. It has been a little hectic with our Assessment and Rating visit. We should receive a draft report in a few weeks and we can respond to that before receiving a final report in a couple of months. Thank you all for your support and understanding during this time.

Mara is off enjoying her retirement and Kim is settling into her new role.

Kim's hours in the office are:

Tues: 7.30am-5.30pm

Wed: 8.15-2.45

Thurs: 8.15-2.45

Fri: 10.30-5.30

She can also be contacted by email at any other time with queries about fees. You can email her on:

torontochildcare@gmail.com or
accounts@torontochildcare.com.au

Kim is reminding everyone about the importance of registering for the new Child Care Subsidy. Apparently this is a very quick and easy process online through My Gov at:
<https://my.gov.au/LoginServices/main/login?execution=e1s1>



PRE- SCHOOL ROOM NEWS

Hello to our Families,

Our recent program has included a visit to Avondale School, Toronto Campus, to participate in their 'Alphabet day'. Our older children participated in the organised activities that the school presented. Some of the activities that the children said they liked were –

“Making the bear and shaker.” - Shelley (these were craft activities)

“The animals, lambs, ice-cream, and making the windmill” – Mackenzie

“Making the toys, the Mini Bus, and face painting” – Emily

“Everything that I did” – Saige.

While the older children were at the school, our younger children had a fun day in the park next door and participated in some Sports games.



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We have also had a visit from the Toronto Fire Brigade. The children learnt about “good” and “bad” fires. How to ring 000 in an emergency, how to “get down low and go, go, go” in a fire, and how to “stop, drop, and roll” if their clothes are on fire.

Everyone wanted a turn to use the fire hose. It was also fun to sit in the truck.



We have also recently made our own Pizzas for lunch. They were delicious !



TODDLER ROOM

In the toddler room we have been learning about emotions and feelings. The children have enjoyed reading stories about emotions, drawing pictures and doing emotions/ feelings art and craft.

The iPad with the 'Baby Sign' app has been very popular when we have been learning some sign language. We use it on the iPad and it is very child friendly and we are suggesting parents/families to download the app so you can practice at home.

We were so lucky to have the local fire truck and fire fighters come and visit us. Everyone on the day got to have a turn at getting into the fire truck and they even turned on the siren and lights for us.

The worm farm has been a constant interest for the children and they are beginning to remember what we can and can't feed to the worms as they save scraps/food from afternoon tea. Also, Nemo our resident fish has been growing very big and healthy because the children have been helping to feed him. These are encouraging the children to develop understanding and knowledge of their natural environment and learning to respect other living things.



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Everyone has still been greeting the coffee man and some toddler friends are now even calling him by his name 'Steve' and giving him a big wave.

We have been encouraging independence and looking after our own belongings with lots of toileting, dressing themselves, pushing up sleeves to wash hands and putting shoes and hats into their own bags/lockers.

We have been learning about our cultural heritage and diverse backgrounds with the children and we are asking families for any extra information or photos we could use to display in our room or learn more about your families culture and/or religion. Please feel free to email us in the toddler room with photos, information or any questions you may have. tccctoddler@gmail.com

Cheers from the Toddler Room Staff
Cindy, Kylie, Ronda, Nicki, Belle, Sarah, Caitlin.



NURSERY

Hello to everyone and welcome to our march/April room message. We are so happy to see all the children settling in well creating new relationships with their educators and peers. The children have all been very busy exploring their new environments and socialising with each other throughout the day.

The children have demonstrated an interest in cars and trucks. They have had the opportunity to explore our large cars outside and small vehicles inside on the table. Over the past few weeks we have introduced the concept of road safety by placing visual sign around the outdoor environment eg stop, slow down. The children also enjoy using the chalk to draw a pedestrian crossing on the concrete foot path.

We were very excited when the fire brigade come and visited us. We observed the truck and had the opportunity to explore the inside. The fire man even demonstrated how they used their special hoses and turned on the lights for us to watch.

A big thank you to all the families who purchased their child's photo disc for our room fundraiser. All the money raised will be spent on new and exciting resources for our room. If you have not purchased your child's photo disk but would like to please see one of the friendly nursery educators.



NURSERY

Thank you to everyone for sending us your family photos for our family book. This book is for the children to share and observe their families throughout the day. The children get very excited when they see their families. We understand it is hard to remember to bring in your family photo so please feel free to email us one at

tcccnursery@gmail.com

Just a few friendly reminders:-

Please remember to apply sunscreen on your child on arrival if needed.

If your child has any changes to their routine or diet please inform staff of these changes so we can provide them with the best quality of care.

Now that the weather is becoming colder please ensure you pack appropriate clothing eg a jumper, long pants for day care. Children need an additional coat/jacket for outside. Please remember to pack all types of weather clothing as the weather is very hard to judge from day to day.

We understand drop off and pickups can be very busy but we do require parents to Sign your child IN on arrival and OUT on departure as this is a legal requirement

If you have any questions, queries or concerns, feel free to talk to us or send an email on :)

From Nursery staff - Sharon, Alyce, Vicki, Michele, Jess and Caitlin

