

# MARCH/APRIL NEWSLETTER



Can you believe that April is over  
and so is one third of the year?



Thanks for your patience while we have been working on the email system for the statements and accounts. If you ever have any questions regarding your fees you can ask or email Mara who works Wed-Fri.

Please remember that if you let us know you will be away and we can fill your day for you then you will not have to pay for your day. We do have some available spare days in some rooms so if you are looking for any additional one off or permanent days just let Kylie know and she *may* be able to help.

We will shortly be selling raffle tickets for our Mothers Day raffle. This will be drawn at the movie night. If you can not make the movie night you can still be a part of our fundraising by purchasing some raffle tickets.

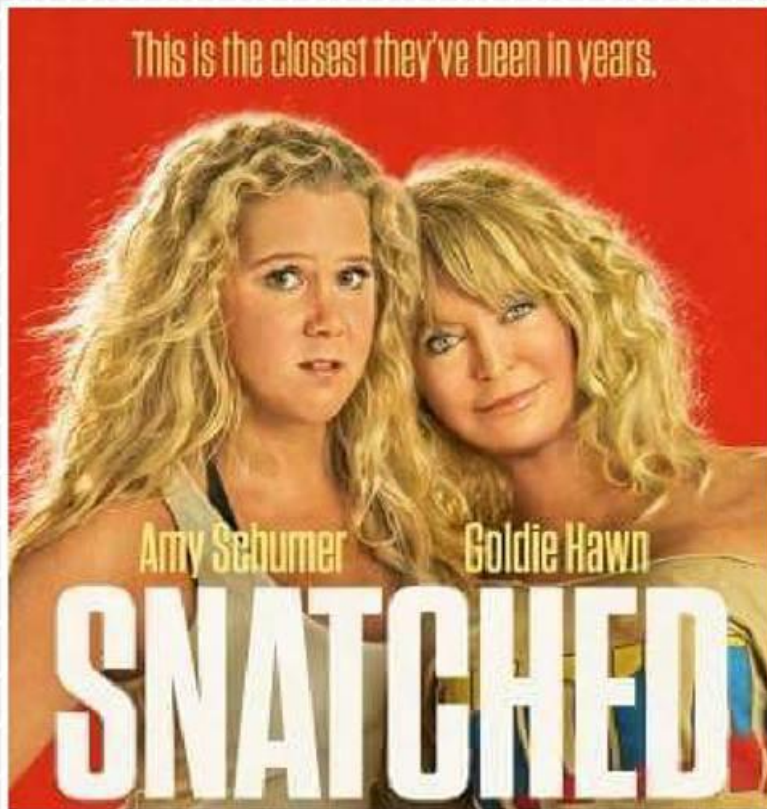
Henny Penny hatching arrives next week (8/5). The children always enjoy watching the chicks hatching and growing. These chicks are available for adoption at the end of the fortnight. Please let Kylie know if you are interested.

We are wondering if people could help us with restocking some items. We are after towels, material scraps, ice cream containers with lids, plastic bags, hats that no longer fit your child and socks of all sizes.



HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR MOVIE  
TICKET YET?

**Toronto Community Childcare Centre's  
Mum's night out Fundraiser  
Monday 22nd May 6pm  
Event Cinema Glendale**



**\$25, includes a glass of champagne  
or soft drink and entry into the raffle**

# PRE- SCHOOL ROOM NEWS

Welcome to our second newsletter for the year. The preschool room has been busy since our last newsletter. Our room has been involved with many small and large group learning experiences, including music and language each day. We also provide art and craft, prewriting learning areas and our outdoor environment, which has been designed to set up physical challenges for the children in our room. We have also begun our floor books which contain mini projects or experiences the children have been involved in with relevant pictures and stories. Clouds and toadstools are two of our entries. Each day we will be presenting our daily slideshow of photos for you to peruse and discover what your child has been involved in throughout their day. This is located just left of our outdoor sliding door.



## **What has been our focus with the preschool children?**

As early childhood professional educators, our focus in the preschool room not only revolves around the children's overall development but also on our children's interests. Our daily activities are reflections of these. During the month of March and April we have been promoting physical development both inside with our music and movement each day and outside with our obstacle courses and gross motor activities. Our favourite music has been Teapot rock, Starfish,

Hokey pokey, Wheels on the bus and musical chairs as well as circle games to promote concentration and turn taking including 'Doggie doggie whose got the bone?', 'Kangaroo skippy roo' and 'Duck Duck Goose'. The freeze game has been popular as well as 'What's the Time Mr Wolf?' These games assisting to promote the children's spatial awareness, social skills, confidence and cognitive development.





# PRE- SCHOOL ROOM NEWS

## **What have our interests been in the preschool room?**

Throughout March and April the children's interests have been; The body, Rainbows, Clouds, Turtles, Recycling, Emotions, Lizards, Birds.

Preschool educators have observed, recorded and then planned activities to support these interests. Peter brought in his body book to share with us and to discuss during language group times. The children observed rainbows on the internet then they collaged their own rainbows. Some pictures of clouds were provided then children were encouraged to join a collage activity which followed. A small group of children dramatised being turtles after making shells from our large hexagonal blocks, from this we observed turtles and their babies hatching eating and a craft collage activity was provided using paper plates.

We had a show called "Ship of Fools" come to the centre. This was about reuse, recycle, reduce. Since then the children have been focusing on our two coloured bins in our room to sort their paper each day and general rubbish.

Our room has been promoting the song "if your happy and you know it" and discussing emotions with the children. From these discussions our paper mache emotion balloons have emerged. The children have taken great delight helping to make and decorate these.

Outside time provides the children with many opportunities to explore and investigate what things live in the playground. This month the children have discovered the blue tongue lizard, the various birds that come each day such as rainbow lorrikeets, magpies, minor birds and we even have a kookaburra and tawny frog mouth. Discovering these has led to many valuable language discussions and follow experiences with the children including feeding our newly found friends after learning what they eat.



A few friendly reminders : Please send along a hat each day for sun protection ,your child needs at least two sets of spare clothes each day with their name on them and shoes they are able to put on and take off themselves to promote their self help skills.

Til next newsletter; bye from Sandy, Vicki ,Alyce, Julie, Claire, Sue and Ellie.



# TODDLER ROOM



Hoping everyone had a safe and wonderful Easter Holiday, we have heard lots of exciting stories from all the toddler children.

Self Help skills have been a focus in the toddler room lately. We have been encouraging toileting and hygiene with washing hands with soap and using clean paper towel. The children have been encouraged to take care of their belongings and put shoes, hats etc. into their lockers. We are working on putting on and taking off socks, shoes and jumpers/jackets as the weather will soon become cooler and these items will be worn every day.

The children have begun gardening experiences, we are planting and observing growing from seeds and learning about nature. The children have enjoyed exploring a range of art and craft experiences, which include string painting, glitter, collage, pastel painting, making spiders, golf ball art etc. There has been a lot of spontaneous play from the children as they have been making cubby houses and beds from play blankets and sheets and also pretending to be fire fighters.

The rock climbing wall has proven to be a very popular piece of equipment so to extend on the children's gross motor skills we have been adding 'A' frames, beams, bridges and slides and making obstacle courses to challenge and extend co-ordination and physical strength and skills. The children have been dancing and doing movement by following directions of actions of the songs.



# TODDLER ROOM



As a part of the children's sense of identity and belonging we have started to focus on PETS. This coincides with the arrival of our own pet fish. We are asking if you have any pets at home or extended family have any pets to please send in or email some pictures [tccctoddler@gmail.com](mailto:tccctoddler@gmail.com) . We are hoping to display them on the wall and have discussions with the children about animals and family.

Just some quick reminders:

Please ensure you pack a **hat** everyday as we follow the SUN SMART UV Rating and sun protection is still required for certain times of the day.

If your child requires a **rest nappy** please pack one in their bag. If they don't have one we will assume they no longer need one.

Please feel free to come and talk to us if you have any concerns or input into the program. We appreciate any feedback or communication from families.

From the Toddler Room Staff

Vicki, Cindy, Madee, Ronda, Sarah and Nicky





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RELATE TO THIS ONE...





# NURSERY

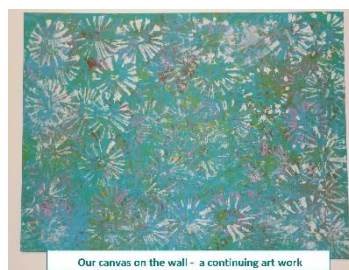


A big "Hello" to everyone and welcome to our March/April room message. It is wonderful to see the children are settled and happily engaging themselves in an array of experiences after having formed solid bonds and relationships with their Educators and peers. It is also lovely to see some close friendships developing between the children.

We hope you have been enjoying the weekly slideshows which show 'snippets' of what the children have been involved in each day. 'We' also enjoy receiving emails from families, and when photos are attached it enables us to talk about them with your child and share them with their peers. Some examples could be - a family pet, a recent holiday, something special you have done over the weekend, or just something funny or interesting your child has been involved with. Sharing these experiences and information provides an array of learning opportunities which can contribute to a child's development. Our nursery email is [tcccnursery@gmail.com](mailto:tcccnursery@gmail.com).

We are very excited about having our very own pet in the Nursery, a beautiful blue budgerigar which has been named '*Leo*'. As Educators we look forward to involving the children in caring for and nurturing their new pet. Although having a pet bird, we are lucky at our Centre to also have many different birds visit and at times nest in our yard.

A large canvas covered with artwork created by many of the Nursery children has been hung in our room, however we intend to take it down every now and then allowing the children to continue adding paint and changing what it looks like over the year. Next time you are here have a look ☺



Our canvas on the wall - a continuing art work

This is Leo - our new pet budgerigar



# NURSERY

The weather is beginning to cool down which means the children will start wearing warmer clothes to Daycare. Children need a warm coat or jacket as an outer layer for outdoors which can be taken off when returning inside. Please remember to pack spare clothes that are suitable for all types of weather as it is difficult to judge what the weather is going to do each day, plus there are spills and accidents that may happen requiring a change of clothes.

As you may already be aware our Centre follows the Sunsmart recommendations from the Cancer Council. If the UV rating is 3 or above we need to wear sunscreen and hats as well as clothing that provides appropriate coverage on the top of arms and legs. If the UV rating is below 3 we **are not** required to wear a hat or sunscreen.

The reasoning for this is to minimise the risk of skin cancer yet to provide some exposure for vitamin D levels.

Please remember if you have any concerns or questions about your child, staff are always available to talk to and only too happy to do so :)

From Nursery staff - Kylie G, Sharon, Michele, Jess and Nicky.

