

July Newsletter



DIRECTOR'S NEWS

From Karen

Here we are already half way through the year and we are moving ahead rapidly. We have been selected as a finalist in the Queensland Training Awards as Small Employer of the Year; and we are excited to have gotten that far! The winners will be announced at a function on 24 July. Keep your eyes on the Foyer and we will let you know who the winner is for 2009. There will also be an increase in the amount of CCB per hour that the Government pays from 1st July. This amount will increase from \$3.47 per hour to \$3.60 per hour. As we are a 10 hour a day centre this means an increase in the amount that the Government will pay. Your fees will change after this is introduced, please check your statement to see what your new payment amount will be, or talk to the office staff for clarification. The Hey De Ho music program has been very well received. The children are enjoying participating in the experience. In July the program will be on a Tuesday and may swap to afternoons, depending on the availability of the teacher. Our Chocolate Drive has been a great success. Please return all money or unsold chocolates as soon as possible so we can calculate our earnings. We have a few boxes left to sell if you think you can manage it, we would love you to take a box. Future Newsletters and other information: The Management Committee have suggested that it may be better to send out information to families via email rather than printing out and delivering information the old fashioned way. We would appreciate your feedback on this and ask if you would please ensure that we have your current email address on file. Just check with the office to confirm you email address. The committee have also asked if you have

any suggestions for improvement in the centre and the program that you would like to make. A suggestion box will be placed in the foyer for this purpose or you can talk to the staff at any time about your ideas.

For July we have a couple of happenings for you:

- **Tuesday 21 July** – Old McDonald's Farm will visit. Permission forms will need to be signed and returned to group leaders prior to attending the show.
- **Wednesday & Thursday 22-23 July** – Kindy Photos will be taken. If your child does not attend on Wednesday or Thursday, please come in and visit between 9.00am and 11.00am to have your child's photo taken.
- **Parent/Teacher Interviews** – See room staff for details
- **Policies Relating To Teaching**- We would like to review the centres Policies Relating to Teaching and require your help to give us input as to whether you feel that our current policies are still effective. We value any comments or suggestions – please check the information on the foyer display board.
- **Committee Meeting**- Next meeting will be held on Monday 17TH August at 6pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

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KINDY/PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

From Barb, Bindi, Beth & Kristy



“Brrr” another month has gone by and we are definitely into winter - -quite a few cold days and more to come apparently! Don't forget to pack the winter woolies to keep your preschoolers warm – even though some of them don't seem to feel the cold! What a busy month we have had, our “Spotlight Theatre” produced many varied role play and dramatic games for all our children, they have enjoyed using the costumes and props to extend their play – the children do not discriminate between gender associated costumes and eagerly wait to try everything on. Thanks to all parents who helped provide some of these costumes – the children loved this experience, it provided valuable language and social skills. Our actors and actresses contract have expired and they have moved on to Hollywood to try their luck on the big screen and/or stage. Our theatre premises will become the “Kindy Bistro” where the children will be exploring new cuisines and finding out about Food of the World. Feel free to bring in any menus take-away cartons (unused) for us to use as props.

We also enjoyed the Henny Penny Chicken Hatching - the children followed the life cycle of a chicken from eggs, watching the bay chickens pecking their way through the eggs and out into the world. Our chickens were so small and fluffy they were an immediate hit not only with the Kindy/Preschool but all of the children and adults in the centre. The children learnt to hold our chickens gently and to look after them. They created many paintings and feather collages to decorate our room. We are completing our Child development Lists and will be handing these out to parents shortly, please read these through and return them to Bindi, Beth or Barb letting them know if you wish to have an interview to discuss your child's development. These interviews will be held after the school holidays – a timetable will be provided to assist in finding a suitable time for both parents and staff.

*Regards,
Bindi, Barb, Beth and Kristy*



Being gentle with the chickens

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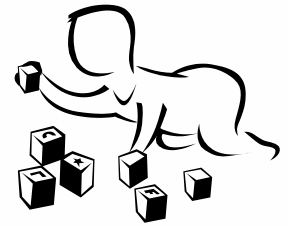
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NURSERY NOTES

From Kate, Katelyn & Rosalie



Hello and a big warm welcome from us all in the Nursery! Wow, half way through the year already! Time flies when you are having fun! We may be the smallest room/group in the centre, but by far the cutest!!! Hope you took some time out to admire the chickens in the big room? They grew each day and we enjoyed visiting them whenever we could. Throughout our days at Kindy the children enjoy engaging in various role play activities. These include such things as dress ups, telephones, cash registers, dolls & prams, play dough and tea sets. These play activities are not only fun and engaging for the children but are also teaching them early life skills such as self help skills – dressing, feeding etc, as well as social skills – interacting with peers, sharing and language skills. Thank you to Tyson's Mum, Shaaney for the donation of pre-loved clothing, we really appreciate it, especially with the cooler afternoons upon us. It is important to keep snug as a bug, helping to prevent the colds. Our parent teacher interviews will start the week commencing 13th July. It is

not essential for you to have a meeting, but if you choose we can briefly explain to you how we individually program for your little one. It is also an opportunity to discuss any concerns or goals you might have. We have sent home a basic questionnaire on your child. We appreciate your feedback, so please take a minute or two to complete and return them to us.

Regards,
Kate, Katelyn and Rosalie



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TODDLER TALES

From Lynnie, Barb, Rosalie & Kristy



Well, can you believe it we are at the end of June already! The first half of the year has been lots of fun. We have been reveling at the way the children have been developing, and enjoy the opportunity to facilitate this learning process. The chickens in the Kindy/Preschool room have been very popular and influenced some of our rooms learning experiences e.g stories, discussion and art activities. We have just finished doing checklists on the children and will be handing them out soon. We have also created journals for each child which shows each child's growth. These are observations, photos with learning explanations that document

your child's interests and achievements. If you would still like a parent interview with Lyn or Lynnie to establish mutual goals please don't hesitate to ask. Please remember to add an extra jumper/jacket, socks, etc. to help with winter chills or accidents.

Regards,

Lyn, Lynnie, Barb (and our student, Winnie)



Enjoying a Hey De Ho Music Session

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