

Kingaroy Child Care Centre Newsletter

April 2014

April Quote "I think that the best thing we can do for our children is to allow them to do things for themselves, allow them to be strong, allow them to experience life on their own terms, allow them to take the subway... let them be better people, let them believe more in themselves."

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April

- 15th Easter Raffle Drawn \$1.00 per ticket
- 17th Pre-Prep and Sk Bonnet Parade
- 18th Easter Friday Centre Closed
- 21st Easter Monday Centre Closed
- 25th Anzac Day Centre Closed
- 30th Crazy Dress Day come dressed in your craziest outfit

Staff Notes:

This month Miss Nikki has enjoyed a cruise to Fiji returning on the 9th of April. Miss Mel, Miss Sue, Miss Helen have also enjoyed small breaks. We have some new faces around the centre with Miss Jessica she is studying her Bachelor and Education and is working in the Pre-Prep Room. Miss Emily has joined us as relief completing her certificate III.

Some of the children in the yards have been throwing rocks and other items over the fences staff are educating children the respect for equipment and the danger in throwing items. Please help us by talking to your child at home.

Kingaroy Childcare Centre has a Facebook page which I put post upcoming events. Please add us so you are able to keep up to date with events.

Room Messages:

Nursery – Due to the cooler months please remember to start packing some warmer clothing especially socks as we do not have any spare socks. We are noticing that children are bringing a lot of snack foods in their lunch boxes we do supply morning and afternoon tea but the children are requiring a healthy lunch. A lot of the children are able to have sandwiches with the crust off so this is a fantastic lunch idea.

Toddler – We have been enjoying a lot of Easter Craft in the room please take time to have a look around the room. We welcome Kaylan who has graduated from the Nursery Room. We are noticing shapes around the environment and I'm starting to name them with the children. Please encourage your children by naming shapes at home.

Kindy – We have said Good bye to Phillip and Lachlan who have moved up to SK room. Some of the children are starting the process of Toilet Training to help the next transition to the Senior Kindy room smooth. Please assist us by providing undies and spare sets of clothing. **You are able to help us by placing your child on the toilet at home as well between nappy changes.** If I have any problems please don't hesitate to come and see me. Please also

remember to pack a jumper for your child as it is becoming cooler in the afternoons. Miss Mel and Miss Letika

Senior Kindy – This month we are enjoying the holidays with a lot of children taking a break. We are doing a lot of Easter activities so please watch out for them up around the room. We welcome Phillip, Lachlan and Katarah. The children are working on routines independence and social skills through this month.

Pre-Prep – The children at the moment are learning all about manners and respect. Through this the class will be looking at respect for ourselves and others by keeping our bodies and hands to ourselves. We have also been going over the room rules please ask your child about their day and remember if you would like to leave a message for your child the box is located on the locker shelves.

Schoolies – Any children attending the vacation care program on the 17th please bring in an old hat to decorate for our Easter Bonnet Parade. Just a reminder for next week activities Monday Craft, Tuesday Cinema seeing Mr Peabody and Sherman, Wednesday Cooking, Thursday Face Painting and Circus Day with a Easter Bonnet Parade. This Friday swimming has been cancelled due to the weather being a little cooler with all the sicknesses going around already. Please remember if the children are taking part in any events that require payments please

Signing your child in and out:

All sign in and outs will be checked monthly and parents will be called to come into the centre to sign any missing signatures this includes public holidays and personal holidays.

Centre Open and Closing Times

The centres operating times is 6.00am to 6.00pm and we as a centre and you as a family are only insured and covered between those times. **For the safety of the staff and children, any children here after 6.00pm parent's accounts will receive a flat late fee of \$10.00 for children that are still in our care after this closing time. All staff have been informed of the procedure when children have been picked up after 6.00pm.** Family name, how many children and time they are picked up will be documented and both staff will sign. This late fee will then show on your account. Staff will also try contacting parents and emergency contacts on the enrolment forms if no one is contactable the next protocol is to call the police.

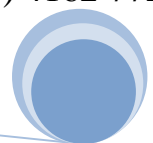
Quality Improvement Plan:

This month we are focusing on the Quality Area 2 Children's Health and Safety. The element will be 2.1.1 Each Child's health needs are supported. As parents and educators working as a team will best meet this area. Medication Forms, signing and communication of Incident Reports, Illness reports, communication about a child's health past and present. If a child is unwell we are asking to help keep

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the spread of any illness to keep them home. Temperatures are also hard to measure whether it be teething or fighting a virus. Any child that would require Panadol or Nurofen before attending the centre please reconsider keeping them home. Any child that has a temperature over 38 parents will be called to collect their children as stated in the Parent Policy Handbook.

Fundraising:

This month we have the Easter Raffle please remember to grab a bunch of raffle tickets they are \$1.00 each and we have 2 prizes. In early May we have the Mothers Raffle starting so please watch out for this great raffle

Sun Safety:

Slip, Slap, Slap, Slide!!!

Policy Of the Month:

We have updated the Cleaning of the Change areas from washing down with warm soapy water to wiping with large detergent wipes. The update policy handbook and parent handbook are viewable on the centres website www.kingaroychildcare.com.au

Fees:

Please make sure your account is up to date. Accounts help purchase new equipment and pay our dedicated staff. To aid in the payment of child care fees, from the 1st July 2000 the Commonwealth Government has provided Child Care Benefit to eligible families to reduce fees. Parents, please note it is your responsibility to apply for this scheme and to follow the relevant guidelines. Families need to ensure that if multiple % are applied for that you inform Kingaroy Childcare Centre which % to apply. Unless a sibling attends our service the lowest % will be applied.



Nutrition:

The centre will always respect a family's wishes, religious beliefs and lifestyle. Should you not want your child to participate in any food activity or menu item please list this on your child's background information sheet and enrolment form. This will then be passed onto the appropriate educators. We have also started to see the return of such foods as Mac Donald's in the mornings. Please remember we do not accept Mac Donald's here at Kingaroy Childcare Centre and remind parents that we have nutritious breakfasts available for the children.



Health and Hygiene:

Nose wiping is a vital self-help skill that all children should learn to help the spread of the common cold and flu. We encourage independence skills and self-help so please

encourage all children to wipe their own nose, discard the tissue in the bin and wash their hands.

- Use a clean tissue for every child.
- Encourage children to wipe their own noses.
- Dispose of tissue and glove into the bin.
- Wash hands or use antiseptic hand gel.

Remembering to utilise and Germ Buster Stations on Arrival and Departure.

RSPCA Million Paws Walk:

The centre will be supporting our local RSPCA by collecting some much needed toys and equipment. Million Paws Walk continues to be one of RSPCA Queensland's most popular outdoor events for animal lovers and their furry friends. Come and join some of the team on Sunday 18 May 2014, by enjoying a healthy walk starting from the Kingaroy Memorial Park. Here is a list of items the RSPCA would love Cat Igloo's, Dog toys, Cat toys, Dog treats, Crystal kitty litter, Layer pellets, Dishwashing liquid, washing powder, Collars, Dog coats, Blankets, Bird seed, Bird toys. Please go on http://www.millionpawswalk.com.au/Queensland/Walk_loications/Kingaroy.htm to register we would love to see you there.

For Sale:

We have 3 high chairs for sale at \$20.00 each please come see nursery staff or myself.

Kingaroy Show:

We are supporting the Kingaroy Show by having our kids play area again with a variety of activities set out for the children to come and relax for free. Near our area will also be the Breast Feeding facilities so please let any mothers that are breast know.

Educator for 2014:

Director – Heidi Henderson
Educational Leader – Heidi Henderson
Nursery – Miss Bec, Miss Nicole and Miss Helen
Toddler – Miss Neva, Miss Sam and Miss Kamari
Kindy – Miss Mel and Miss Letika
Senior Kindy – Miss Nikki and Miss Tameka
Pre-Prep – Miss Cat and Miss Jessica
Schoolies – Miss Tilley
Bus Driver – Miss Jane
Cook – Miss Jane
Opening – Mr Scott
Our other Educators in the Centre are Miss Sue, Miss Jan, Miss Deb, Miss Cindal and Miss Emily.

Thankyou
Heidi Henderson
Director

