

Kingaroy Child Care Centre Newsletter

May 2014

May Quote A Mother's Love

Your arms were always open when I needed a hug. Your heart understood when I needed a friend. Your gentle eyes were stern when I needed a lesson. Your strength and love has guided me and gave me wings to fly."

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May

9th Mother's Day Activities and Big Cuppa 9.30am

9th Mother's Day Raffle drawn 12.00pm

18th Millions Paws walk

22nd PJ Day come dressed in your winter warmers

Staff Notes:

This month a congratulations go to Miss Mel who is Kingaroy's Show Girl for 2014. Miss Nicole is enjoying a belated Honeymoon. Birthdays for this month are Miss Cat and Miss Mel. We are saying a sad Goodbye to one of our much loved staff Miss Neva who is moving to the Sunshine Coast to family. We hope her all the best in her new adventure.

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

Room Messages:

Nursery – Welcome to May we have had a nice taste of what winter has to offer us already. Please remember to pack socks, jumpers, long pants and blankets for their cots. We say Happy 1st Birthday to Kayne this month and a Happy Mother's Day to all of our mums. As numbers are low in the room at the moment Miss Nicole will be in here on Friday and if numbers go over 4. At the moment Miss Nicole has gone on holidays, Miss Helen is back from holidays and will be doing my programming days again. Until next month take care Miss Bec, Miss Nicole and Miss Helen

Toddler – We have been busy looking after our new garden out the front. The children are always eager to use the little watering cans. We have also been learning our colours and shapes. Now that the colder weather is here, please send a jumper and shoes and socks each day so we can still enjoy outside.

Kindy – Hi from the Kindy room... We are welcoming in the cold weather with lots of indoor play and art and craft activities. The Kindy children are really enjoying dress ups at the moment as you will see with the photos. We are asking that all parents' please send in warm clothes so that the children can go outside and play as the weather gets colder. We have also been busy working on the Mother's Day presents for this weekend and we hope everyone has a great day. Miss Mel and Miss Letika

Senior Kindy – We are concentrating a lot on Listening Skills with conjunction with Team Work and Problem Solving.

With the warmer months the children are requiring warmer clothing but also spare clothing for the warmer weather as well. Please remember to send Healthy food options in your child's lunch box as the children will finish all healthy foods first.

Pre-Prep – This month we will be focusing a lot on relationships. Relationships with the children, staff and families. With this we will be linking communication and manners with how we speak to each other, staff and families. The children have also been developing some counting skills and learning the first letter in their name as well as some are starting to write the letter as well.

Schoolies – Please remember to pack for the afternoons with jumpers and long pants as it's becoming very cold. As of the 26th of May I will be taking a position in the Toddler Room as the Senior Educator. I thank all my families for the wonderful time that I have enjoyed with you and your children. Miss Letika will be taking over the Schoolies in the afternoons.

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:

Quality Area 2 Health and Safety 2.1.1 each child's needs are supported. All staff develop an in-depth profile containing the children's health needs. Through conversations with parents we are able to make sure we have up to date information about children's health needs for example allergic reactions, illnesses (even if the child has become ill away from the centre etc. Good communication about children's Health needs help keep all children healthy and safe.

Fundraising:

The Mother's Day raffle will be drawn on Friday the 9th of May, each ticket is 50c. At the end of May we will receive chocolates to start our Chocolate Drive in June.

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Sun Safety:

Even in winter our skin and eyes are still effected by the sun so please remember to Slip, Slop, Slap, Slide!!! While enjoying the outdoor warmth this winter.

Policy Of the Month:

I am refreshing everyone on the Medical Conditions and Medication Policy. Please remember that all medication must have a label with the child's name and correct dose. Any medication which isn't labelled appropriately or if this is the child's first dose of the Medication as stated in our Policy Handbook.

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:

We are noticing the return of such foods as Mac Donald's in the mornings and sausage rolls and meet pies for lunch. 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. And if your short for time left over dinners are able to be reheated here at the centre. Pre-Prep children do require foods that they are able to get use to for school the following year.



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_locations/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.

Cold and Flu:

Excluding sick children and educators is one of the three most important ways of limiting the spread of infection at Kingaroy Childcare Centre. Often children are unwell with the common cold (coughing, runny nose and a slight temperature) but do not display symptoms of an infectious illness that requires exclusion. Although the exclusion of a child may place added pressure on our parents and families with work commitments, we as educators must ensure the Health and Safety of all other families utilising the service and therefore the need for exclusion from the service will be at the Directors discretion. Panadol and Nurofen will not be given to children during the day to help with symptoms of a temperature. If a child is running temperatures this is a usual sign of fighting a virus and should be resting in the comfort of their own home with one on one supervision.

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