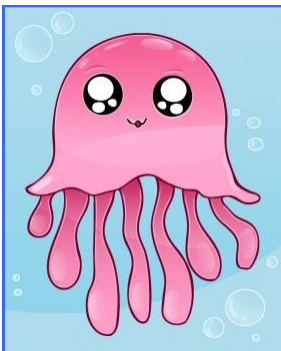


Bundaberg Community Kindergarden

April 2011



NEWS



◆ Good news first- Did you see the Newsmail? Our kindergarden has been notified by that we will have installed **Solar panels** this year as a part of the State government funding to improve educational facilities. We are thrilled as it supports our sustainability goals and will save the kindy approx \$400-500 in electricity.

◆ Kindy has had some generous donations (still from last years families) outdoor chairs, wood & all sorts of interesting paper, rolls & boxes.

◆ Children's Library going well with lots of regular borrowing. If staff are occupied (remember the needs of our individual children come first) and you arrive later, please feel free to borrow or return a book yourself by writing it in the book provided. Thank you



◆ Through Bundaberg Council we have been informed that we have been successful in receiving a Work place health & safety grant of \$2,500.00 to improve the veranda surfacing & edging around the sand-pit which are risk areas for trips/falls.

◆ The council changed the Show holiday date which in turn has affected us & staff this year will attend the C&K conference in Brisbane as last year we were unable to. Please note, families do not pay for Pupil free days or Public holidays.

COMING UP EVENTS

Advanced notice: **FAMILY PICNIC, SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 12-2 PM.**

Children to bring a soft teddy bear as will have a Teddy bear's picnic & games.

This event is a social activity for both Kindy groups and we will have a BBQ provided. A list of what food to bring will be out soon.

Come & celebrate "Queensland day" a day early.

Pupil free day for **SF**— **MONDAY, MAY 23^P**

Public Holidays for **SF**—
MONDAY, MAY 2ND (Labour Day),
Monday 13TH June (Queen's Birthday).

Pupil free days for **JF**—
Wednesday, August 10th
Friday, December 9th

Public Holidays for **SF**—
Thursday 2ND June (Bundaberg Show).

Term 2: Wed, 27 April - Fri, 24 June

Term 3: Mon, 11 July - Fri, 16 September

Term 4: Mon, 3 October - Fri, 9 December

Next Committee meeting:

Monday, 16th May, 6:30pm

The Kindy **will not be closed** on **Monday 11th July** & will be a normal SF gr. session.



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A very warm welcome to a new family to our centre in JF group — Bavy Ali and his family.

Sadly, we have 2 children leaving the SF group Kai Belz & Kodyi Thomson. We will all miss you.

We say a big farewell to Kodyi & Yuka who are heading to Japan & have many new exciting cultural adventures ahead. Best wishes to both families.

Enrolments:

StarFish Group — 21

JellyFish Group — 21

Waiting List:

2012 - 64 children

2013 - 33 children

2014 - 11 children

2015 - 1 child

Term 1 has finished & we have seen some tired kindy children after such a long term. Everyone has settled into their sessions happily, some still saying their goodbyes at the fence but then it is a run into the centre for the fun to begin! Feelings of safety & security being learned & nurtured by staff, catering for children at their own levels.

Absences: Health of children has been generally very good with high attendances.

Activities Across Both Groups



* Crazy Hair days

* Crafty fun: Easter activities, cutting, sticking

* Ball launching

* Roller painting

* Japanese cultural kit, songs, language

* Outside group games: What's the time Mr wolf?, The old grey cat, Where, Oh, where is the Easter Bunny?

 Rorik Dunstan	04 April
 Braydan Smith	07 April
 Lachlan Young	09 April
 Ebony Ricciardi	10 April
 Alyce Pegg	13 April
 Dakota Klippe	16 April
 Monica Horvath	21 April
 Angus Walker	26 April
 Brooke Smith	28 April

STARFISH GROUP



- **Literacy**

Stories/rhymes: Mrs Stone has been presenting felt rhymes & stories: "There were 5 on the bike", "Teddy bears balancing", "4 Little candles", "Cheeky monkeys", "Mr Brown's magnificent Apple tree", "The very Hungry caterpillar" The children have then used these felts to re-enact stories or invent own. Listened to poems from "Commotion in the ocean" many times, especially at rest time. The children are learning these poems well. Big Book time with Mrs Jenner & related concept discussions.

- **Social**

Promoting respectful & friendly talking & behaviour to each other i.e. not shouting, arguing, hitting, answering somebody if they speak to you, using bad words ("bum bum" & "pooh" talk is about the worst fortunately). Remembering to ask teacher for help if concerned or have a conflict situation e.g. want to share something.

- **Physical**

Throwing, catching bouncing balls - good co-ordination practice. Horse rides on the low barrel, stretching to playground in a step course designed by 3 children, fast sliding down the slide, ball launching with new boards. SF children like to challenge their gross motor physical skills, fine motor skills were also practiced when we made out "Easter baskets" & carefully took stickers off and decorated the cups. Some of us had our parents with us helping which was a happy shared experience. Running races at the end of the day - just like schools sports day!

- **Science**

The outdoors - gardens, neighbours fruit trees closely investigated with flowers, fruits, vegetables, insects discovered excitedly. Some children used the kindy camera to document their findings & this was followed up with preparing the vegetable gardens for planting. We planted seeds ready for growing & got to take a little pot of sunflower seeds home to grow for Easter.

- **Numeracy**

Acrobat construction and some children measured their bodies & explored how many on one side, how many on the other using number & symmetry concepts.

New Dinosaur "snap" - this group are enjoying challenging games in small groups like this as well as Blokus & Memory. Mosaic peg boards have seen children plan, sort, classify & explore shapes & create pictures. Mosaic shape patterns & maths understandings about number, order, pattern have been learned.

- **Creativity**

Designing detailed Tempera palette paintings, Crazy play dough projects using feathers etc. Card collage, using the back & front of cardboard, lots of thinking involved as children plan the materials they need, place them on card (on top, bottom, side, middle) & explore & pattern materials.

- **Music**

"Little Bunny Foo-Foo", "Little Peter rabbit", marching & heart music - "Touch the stars", Japanese songs, Greeting song, "Heads & shoulders", "Twinkle, twinkle little star".

- **Cultural**

Drank "Barley" tea from Japan - a warm tea with an unusual taste - good to try new sensory experiences. Explored Japanese cultural kit from the Bundaberg regional art gallery & learned about the country Japan (Nihon) and were very lucky to have a visit by Miss Thommo (Japanese teacher) who showed us photos from her Japanese school & gave us some masks to make at craft time.



JELLYFISH GROUP



- **Literacy**

Told stories & felt rhymes, Bear stories, including "Going on a Bear Hunt", "Wake up, bear" & "Mr & Mrs Brown (felts) go on holidays". We have acted out "Goldilocks & the 3 bears" (to CD story) nearly every day for 2 weeks!!! Now we will extend through story writing & drawing - this extend prior learning in another way - Focussed drawing extended from music/movement -jungle animals. *Rhymes:* "Ten thin sausages" - very popular. "Isn't it funny why bears like honey" played in a circle game involving listening for the honey pot (bells) that disappear, "Happy Birthday" song in play-sand.

- **Physical**

Riding the bikes are always so popular & many friends are included in games as sharing is so much easier for children now, T-Ball introduced & children worked at their accuracy and strength & learned about rules for safety. See-saw fun in pairs-children chose special friend to ride with - social experience too, the fire-man's pole is still a challenge as children try daily to improve with nearly all children able to achieve it - great perseverance evident, jumping, leaping, sliding, balancing courses continue to challenge & interest our physical JF friends, new ball "launch board" has seen balls fly up & then get caught again.

- **Numeracy**

Roller painting cars, buses, & problem solving the number of wheels & other characteristics e.g. shape of windscreen needed, New Bunny domino game-matching & classifying by colour & attribute.

- **Science**

Explored sensory "taste" buds spreading 3 different toppings & describing tastes, Problem solving in block play building roads & bridges that fit smoothly together for the traffic, Sand play in long tubes, pouring sand along, down, across & seeing & hearing it travel has excited our senses. Team work encouraged to work together to pour, fill into buckets in a long term project & differences in wet/dry sand tested. Challenging Easter puzzles worked through. Sand pit is a hive of activity in this group - a billabong was created with plastic sheeting to keep in the water. Another day cylinders were added (being painted the

previous day) for children to investigate gravity and textures as they pour down the tubes.

Hoses have added more provocations for investigating the direction & possibilities of water.

- **Creativity**

Dramatic play on the playground "A rocket ship" made in very co-operative play. Treasure finding & making maps a big interest & it was interesting seeing children follow this game & idea & try it themselves. More dramatic play - playing "teachers" & this game is still being played as the children adopt my felts & instruct others. Aeroplane play - travelling to New Zealand - children learn closely from their surroundings.

- **Social**

Reminding children about not running inside (dangerous & we have had some bumps & crashes still), Great to see the improvement in self-help skills e.g. toileting & putting shoes away, shoes on when asked. Duplo construction has involved building & dramatic play and some children value it so much, they have taken photos of it (self documenting). The dolls have been cared for so dutifully: getting bathed regularly, fed & dressed & the children always know EXACTLY where they are-learning responsibility at an early age!

- **Music**

Animals acted out in "Down in the jungle" song, Easter songs being learned, Cultural songs-Greeting song in Japanese, Maori Heads & shoulders & a fun new one called "Tideo" which teaches us to work with a partner & count beats in a sequence.



PLEASE NOTE

- ◆ All food containers must be labelled with child's name
- ◆ Discuss not sharing any food at kindy with your child
- ◆ All people (child, parents, siblings) must wash their hands when coming into the centre
- ◆ Please can all parents only put ONE treat in their child's lunches? We are noticing that some children have 2-4 treats each day. A treat includes biscuits, chocolate desserts, fruit/lolly snakes, muesli bars, muffins, tiny teddies, LCM bars etc. Not only does the sugar stay on their teeth during the day, high sugar content is unhealthy for developing bodies. I encourage you to think of alternatives e.g. cucumber, cheese, left over dinner (we can heat), an extra sandwich, a salad, baked beans, etc.

STAFF

Some absences:

Mrs Jenner absent 21/3/11

Mrs Helmore absent 22/3/11

Mrs Stone absent March 30th - April 1st.

Relief staff: Ms Yuka Thomson for Assistants & Mrs Jenner relieved for Mrs Stone.

Training & Development:

Linda & Ann attended professional network meeting at Burnett Heads C&K 15th March 4- 6pm. The kindy Management Committee & Mrs Ann Jenner attended the C&K Management seminar on Wed. 30th March & participated in information sessions about C&K & the important role the committee plays in running our wonderful centre.

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance completed:

- ◆ Drains out the back have had some maintenance to help with heavy rains
- ◆ A tree has been removed from the rockery garden due it having been affected by disease

Maintenance to be done:

- ◆ Cubby house - water damage/rot
- ◆ Soft fall needs topping up

THANK YOU

◆ Special thanks to our lovely relief staff who help out so well & strive to continue our quality play based program

◆ Thank you to parents who consider nutrition in their children's lunch boxes every session. We recommend one treat in lunches as this is sufficient for the time they are here at kindy & promotes optimum health & long term energy.

◆ A big thank you to Shannan Heycox for working hard fixing the drainage problems in the back yard so quickly J

◆ An advanced big thank you has to go to Simon Farrar who has taken on the big job of fixing the cubby house. We are so lucky to have a clever carpenter in our kindy family

◆ Special thanks to Mrs Jenner for filling in so well when I was away on leave

◆ Thanks especially to Rowena Williams (Blake's mum) for cooking zucchini slice with us Wed. 13th April-it was so popular & healthy too

◆ Thanks to our busy helpers & shoppers..Leigh, Melissa, Jessica, Aysa

◆ Thank you to Janelle Hutchinson-Schnabel (Faith's mum) for the kindy donations of laminating pouches

◆ Thank you to John Campbell & family for removing the 'tree' so quickly & safely

◆ Thank you to Shannon Heycox (Lachlan's dad from JF) for donating your time to complete the following tasks for us: clearing the blockages in the outside drains and concreting to resurface and shape the stormwater pits.

◆ Thank you to Paul and Rachel Barlow from Barloo Plumbing for allowing the use of your drain machine to clear the blockages in the outside drains of our kindergarten and for kindly donating the concrete to resurface and shape the stormwater pits.

BLAKE'S ZUCCHINI SLICE

INGREDIENTS:

375G ZUCCHINI, 3 RASHERS BACON, 1 CUP SR FLOUR, 5 EGGS, 1 LARGE ONION, 1 CUP GRATED CHEESE, 1/2 CUP OIL, SALT & PEPPER

METHOD:

GRATE ZUCCHINI COARSELY, CHOP ONION & BACON FINELY. COMBINE EVERYTHING IN A BOWL.

BEAT EGGS LIGHTLY, ADD SALT & PEPPER.

PLACE IN BAKING DISH.

COOK IN MODERATE OVEN FOR 30-40 MINS OR UNTIL BROWNED.

Kindy President's Report

Hello everyone,

Welcome back to the Kindergarten for Term 2. You may be aware the kindergarten recently received a solar grant however you may not be aware that the kindergarten has also received a separate grant for 50% of the cost of re-flooring the outdoor patio area as well as adding rubber to the sandpit surround. This will be an excellent improvement to the safety of both these areas. This work is expected to occur in the winter holidays.

At the last meeting the committee agreed to put off making a decision on a new western fence until information regarding the sale of the neighbouring property was available. Attendees to the meeting also discussed changes that are occurring to the management of the kindergarten as a result of the CGB funding arrangements. At the next meeting we will be voting on a waiting list for unfunded kindergarten placement when there are fewer than 22 children in the group. If you would like more information on this please let me know.

I look forward to seeing many parents at the next committee meeting on Mon, 16 May. Regards,

Kirsten Beyer

The "Play school concert" in Bundaberg!
Sunday May 8th at North Bundy High School
10am. Tickets \$14-50. Children under 12 months free, other children at adult prices.
To book at PCYC Bundaberg (cash sales only).
For booking call Kids promotions on 1300 788 028. Online bookings (extra charges apply) www.kidspromotions.com.au

FACES OF OUR COMMITTEE



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- ◆ **President:** Kirsten Beyer (Rorik "SF")
- ◆ **Vice President:** Asya Bishop (Braydan "JF")
- ◆ **Secretary:** Marie Walker (Angus "SF")
- ◆ **Treasurer:** Tracey Cobb (Tucker "SF")

Other Office Bearers

- ◆ **Fees Treasurer:** Carolyn Young (Lachlan "JF")
- ◆ **Minutes Secretary:** Melissa Song (Sienna "SF")
- ◆ **Newsletter Editor:** Kate Eddy (Timothy "SF")
- ◆ **Promotion Officer:** Kate Eddy (Timothy "SF")
- ◆ **Book Club Convenor:** Jane Saint (Tia "JF")
- ◆ **Child Protection Officer:** Kylie Neycox (Lachlan "JF")
- ◆ **Maintenance Officer:** Debbie Cambell (Morgan "SF")
- ◆ **Social Events Officer:** Jessica Rodwell (Shanee "JF")
- ◆ **Purchasing Officer:** Leigh Critchlow (Jada "SF")
- ◆ **Inventory Officers:** Tracey Smith (Brooke "JF"),
Shannon Woodman (Kobe "JF"),
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