



Bundaberg Community Kindergarden

August 2010

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After much deliberation & from survey results, the kindy has decided the session format for next year, considering funding implications through the Universal Access strategy by the Government. They are:

Starfish group:

Mon. & Tues. 8:15-3:15pm (2Hrs. Non-contact/lunch relief scheduled)

Jellyfish group:

Wed. & Thurs. 8:45-1:45pm & Fri. 8:45-12:45pm.

Due to recent amendments and action from C&K & Unions, centres can provide 13.75-15.0 hours per group for children. We have decided to increase to 14 hours for each group & increase in 2012 if govt. maintains this strategy. Thank you to all families who responded to the survey.

We are very happy in receiving the grand of \$1,200 from the Bundaberg Regional Council sponsorship program for the development of a vegetable garden & recycling system. Our Kindergarden will be so much greener and eco friendly!



COMING UP EVENTS

Term III:

Mon, July 12 - Fri, 17 Sept

Term IV:

Mon, Oct 4 - Fri, 10 Dec

Next Committee meeting:

Monday, 25th August at 6.30pm

All the parents are welcome to come along

Linda at Early Childhood National Conference Adelaide (Holidays)

Kindergarden Class Photos:

S/F — Tuesday, 31st August

J/F — Wednesday, 1st September

Kindy mums Shopping Trip to Eumundi Market / Sunshine Plaza:

Saturday, November 20th - tentative

Staff T&D Multicultural workshop:

Saturday, 23rd October

Truscott Trains excursion:

S/F — Monday 11th October

J/F — Friday 8th October

Pirate Pete Show — Morning Tea Fun:

Both Groups — Friday, 6th August

Advanced notice — CHRISTMAS

◆ Family Christmas Picnic

(Santa comes) not the concert:

Wednesday, 1st December

◆ End of term concert/parties:

S/F — Tuesday, 7th December

J/F — Wednesday, 8th December

◆ Thursday, 9th December:

normal program plus clean up for J/F

◆ Friday, 10th December:

Pupil Free day — Last day of term 4

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Enrolments:

Starfish Group – 22
Jellyfish Group – 21

Waiting List:

2011 - 58 children
2012 - 47 children
2013 - 25 children
2014 - 7 children

Absences: Health of children has been slightly poorer, due to winter coughs & colds.

Mrs Jenner has had her leave extended and is due back on Monday 2nd August. Mrs Carolyn Page, Mrs Kim Helmore & Ms. Diana Winkler have worked as Relief Assistants in Ann's place across the groups.

Welcome Back: all families to term 3. As mentioned in the newsletter, we have a busy & exciting term ahead so make sure you check the Day Book & the kindy newsletter. There has been great excitement with the changes outside. The plants can't grow quick enough! We are making a big 'Good gardener Book' documenting the happenings in our garden at kindy. This will be available regularly to view & borrow.



Have you seen the 'Literacy' display on the wall inside-where Home-corner was? I did some reviewing & put this together on the Pupil free day. Focussing on Literacy learning at kindy highlights just how literate these children are & how much it is embedded in our program daily. Linda

STARFISH GROUP



- **Literacy**

Introduced the names of our vegetables & flowers- Humpty Dumpty book-read & recited, sung by individual children; excellent attempts by children at writing own names consistently.

- **Thinking Skills**

More difficult puzzles with related themes to families/children: e.g. new baby, plants, and animals.

- **Numeracy**

Fruit/veg. Memory games.

- **Creativity**

Creative straw, pipe cleaner & bead projects; amazing play dough 'flowers' & crocodiles designed one day- will try & follow up flower idea using food/culture to extend; Roller painting adding sand was a great idea from Jack V & lots of children joined in.

- **Science**

Made 'the best cup cakes in the whole world' (Roy said) & many concepts fostered through cooking & used the real mixer (took turns to hold it). Miranda used her smelling sense to detect them cooking!; planting & planting & watering plants-learning about

caring for living things & what the different parts are for-Seasons-singing songs & Listening to stories relating to change & growing.

- **Physical**

T-Ball practiced and the rules for safe play clearly organised & learned by all; balancing on the rocks- that have been moved; balance game set up by the girls using variety of equipment; Basketball often played by individual children who enjoy throwing from the highest target in the hoop.

- **Music**

"I woke up this morning with my Dancing feet"; "Viddy -Viddy-Vick", "A Tiskett a Tuskett" - circle game, "Green tomato/potato" game with bean bags, "Simple Simon".



JELLYFISH GROUP



- **Literacy**

Story "Dear Dragon" - extended children's interest in Dragons & they have requested it several times since—"it's Ok to have it a little bit scary" they said. Crocodile fiction & non fiction animal stories, bees, pollen, plants learned about.

- **Numeracy**

Cooking-cup cakes & with the photos- the children helped order them & reflect about them; shapes-puzzles & dominoes.

- **Science**

Shadow experiments-lamp/screen & cardboard cut outs-quite intriguing for the children; experimenting with cress seeds-wet & dry bases & lots of learning about plants

- **Creativity**

We made Mrs Jenner a stunning collaged big card while she was in hospital

- **Social**

A fire truck station was built from blocks outside & dramatic play with lots of busy engines, Birds & mermaids played at the playground by mostly the girls; The chairs were moved & a long train game evolved inside (noisy but happy)-it went to Brisbane & everywhere & the best part was being the driver-which had to be shared/tickets were made & lots of language involved with children talking about where they were going, been etc.



- **Physical**

Blocks built on the grass & group problem solving was important because oh, oh how could the bikes get through? A clever pathway & lifting bridge was designed-good resolution.

- **Music**

"A Tutti-Ta" circle song — very funny with accumulative actions;' Sophie, Sophie its a lovely day'-circle friend game; Good involvement by the children at music time contributing ideas. Bailey & Jack D had some fun ideas using the bean bags which we incorporated; Yummy, yummy Wiggles songs; Please Mr. Crocodile game outside-very exciting & concept based.



Happy Birthday



Warham Miranda 1 August



Evans Emily 20 August

Activities Across Both Groups

Environmental awareness-promoting 'sustainable' practices

This year, in my teaching reflections & planning, I have aimed to develop & implement sustainable practices in the centre. Together with the management committee & all families, we are striving towards these goals.

C&K have a Policy called "**Sustainable environments**" & recycling, minimizing packaging, using recycled paper, disposing of litter appropriately, promoting the conservation of water, careful storage of chemicals, using environmentally safe cleaning products, investigating using solar energy are all sustainable practices to be encouraged. A copy of the Policy is in the "Good Gardener" black portfolio).

As you all know, the Grant we received from Bundaberg regional council has helped us fund projects toward this aim. Now, the rainwater tank is in, the beautifully made garden boxes are in, the boulders are cleared, the planting has been done & we have added the worm farm.

The children are beginning to talk about recycling. We have to sort the morning tea & lunch scraps for the worm food. Inside we have a "Paper Only" bin for use & soon we will have a compost system. We just can't wait to see the worm pee, "castings" as we really call them!

Caring for the plants involves careful watering and lots of inspecting. After some recent rain, we know they have grown & look straight! We have had beginning discussions about the parts of plants (roots, bud, leaves, flowers), about seeds, bees, honey, insects. The list is ongoing & possibilities endless.

Please check our "Good gardener" book, which will have lots of the children's samples, documentation, references to the curriculum, information, photos, ideas, plans. It is available for borrowing.

Kindy President's Report

Hello all parents and carers,

As most of you are now aware, we have decided on the new operational hours for next year. The Government is allowing next year as being a transitional year by only needing to provide 14 hours a week of Kindy program and then increasing that to 15 hours a week in 2012. We have done our best to accommodate the needs of our future families but we can see this change is necessary for ensuring the educational needs of children first.

Our working bee jobs are still being completed. Thank you to Tom Espinoza who cleaned out the guttering on the shed in preparation for plumbing up the rainwater tank, as well as cleaning off the shade structure near the garden beds. Thanks to Jo Kenzler also who helped with mulching the front garden last week. Our front entrance is a place of first impressions and it has certainly improved the overall look of our Kindy.

Well, the excursions to Snakes Dow Under were a huge success. Thank you to Mrs. Stone who did a great job organising the events and also to the parents (and Mrs. Todd) who happily volunteered their time by attending. We also want to thank Mrs. Helmore who has regularly volunteered her time at the kindy throughout the year, and to Mrs. Todd who has recently began volunteering.

Finally, welcome back Mrs. Jenner. We know that you will be sharing your stories with the children and us for weeks to come. Why does it seem that time goes so quick when you are away on holidays, yet for the children your absence seemed to be 'for ages'.

Keep safe till next month,
Kellee Hutchinson

PLEASE NOTE

- ◆ All food containers must be labelled with child's name
- ◆ Discuss not sharing any food at kindy with your child-something we discuss at kindy but should be also talked about at home
- ◆ All people (child, parents, siblings) must wash their hands when coming into the centre - this a general C&K requirement
- ◆ Please do not bring any boxes for making that have nut products in them e.g. muesli bar boxes, cake boxes & check egg cartons have NO remains of egg, please
- ◆ If you have a change in contact details (phone/address/e-mail) - please inform the centre immediately.

A special reminder to all SF families -

- ◆ Due to a severe food allergy we ask that **NO PORK/HAM/EGG FOODS** be brought to the Kindy. Please be mindful of this when packing sandwiches & salads.

Thank you for your attention in these important safety matters.

THANK YOUs TO

◆ To all the families who helped with the gardens in the holidays & since. The Wooldridge, McWha, Hancock, Evan, Chesney, Powell, Hutchinson, and Manski families.

◆ A very warm thanks to Donna Cayley - Kai's mum for her fantastic presentation on Friday 23rd July. It created much discussion, was very informative & has prompted more understanding of the processes, contacts & symptoms of child abuse in its many forms. Thanks Donna, you were amazing.

◆ To Dragonfly Nursery for providing plants for our Kindy's garden. Anyone who would like to purchase plants for their garden can do it for only \$10 at the Nursery (look at advertisement on p.6)



STAFF

Training & Development

- ◆ Linda & Ann attending July 31st sessions about Brain Gym moving, Storytelling, Magnetic/sensory moves - looking forward to this.



MAINTENANCE

Maintenance-to be done:

- ◆ Wooden signs for gardens to be designed
- ◆ Mulch to be added to back gardens not playground

Maintenance completed:

- ◆ Display board attached
- ◆ Toilet roll holder replaced
- ◆ Front mulching & planting



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FACES OF OUR COMMITTEE



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- ◆ President: Kellee Hutchinson (Celeste "SF")
- ◆ Vice President: Caroline Lamb (Alex "SF") **NEW!!!**
- ◆ Secretary: Fleur Wooldridge (Jack "JF")
- ◆ Treasurer: Terri-Anne Dwyer (Reid "JF")

Other Office Bearers

- ◆ Fees Treasurer: Cary Cheshire (Carl "JF")
- ◆ Minutes Secretary: Jess Norman (Ethan "SF")
- ◆ Newsletter Editor: Kate Eddy (Timothy "JF")
- ◆ Book Club Convenor: Silvana Cayley (Ella "JF")
- ◆ Child Protection Officer: Donna Cayley (Kai "JF")
- ◆ Maintenance Coordinator: Megan Evans (Emily "JF")
- ◆ Marketing/Promotion Officer: Kylie Manski (Emily "JF")
- ◆ Social Event/Purchasing Officers:
Pru Saunders (Lisla & Roy "SF"), Cary Cheshire (Carl "JF")

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Multicultural Parents -Support Group



Sharing friendship, parenting tips and settlement info

Kids are welcome to come along and play

When: Every Wednesday from 3:30pm

Where: Bundaberg & District Neighbourhood Centre, 111 Targo Street

Cost: FREE (includes afternoon tea)

For more information contact Ekaterina Eddy- Migrant Settlement Outreach Officers on 4159 1614

The Migrant Settlement Program Wide Bay-Burnett is managed by the Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre Inc. and is funded by the Department of Immigration & Citizenship SSP Grants.