# Bundaberg Community Kindergarden

**March 2011**

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♦ How great to have our new management committee elected & braced with enthusiasm for the year. I wish to warmly welcome our new team & hope you enjoy your individual positions very much. Please, know that I am here to assist, as is Ann Jenner. Sometimes it is advisable to make a time after or before session to run through things with us as the children must be adequately supervised and staff-child ratios need to be ensured (1 staff — 11 children). Thank you.

♦ THROUGH CHILDRENS EYES PROJECT. Our centre has elected to take part in this project which involved kindy children using a camera & photographing "their lives". We have begun teaching the children how to use the camera & invited them to explore this media. I look forward to sharing these with families & will seek final approval from parents when we select a group of photos to send to Brisbane.

♦ Library at Kindy has started each week so please remember to bring your Library bag every Tuesday (SF) & Thursday (JF). We do encourage families to take special care of these books. Thank you.

♦ C&K are currently putting together their dates for the management seminars that are held annually. These are free and are highly recommended for new committees, staff & interested parents.

♦ Linda will be writing out referrals for some families this month recommending their child attend speech therapy. Families can go directly on the waiting list at the Base Hospital (free service) or book through private professionals. Linda can give more information about this as needed.

♦ Advanced notice — Pirate Pete (Entertainer) has been booked for Friday August 5th at 9:30am (at Kindy) & both groups will be welcome.

♦ Pupil Free Date has changed. Next term the pupil free day is Mon, 23rd May — NOT Fri, 27th MAY. This has been changed to coincide with the C&K Brisbane conference Ann & Linda are attending.
Dates will change for term 3 & 4 as well (scheduled pupil free dates). These are to be advised & consulted with Management committee.

## COMING UP EVENTS

**Term 1:** Mon, 24 January - Fri, 15 April

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

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

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

**Advanced notice:**

**PIRATE PETE —** Fri, 1st August, at 9.30am at Kindy. Both groups are welcome

**Next Committee meeting:** Wed, 13 April at 6.30pm. Everyone's welcome

**Funny comments:**

"I want to draw in my "Bookfolio".

"I don't like ice (ice cube painting activity), but I'll give it a go!!!"

"We're so busy" a girl exclaimed while playing in the home-corner.

When listening to the story "There was old lady who swallowed...", a child called out:-"She needs to go on Biggest Loser" as the lady becomes very large!

"No, Mrs Stone, you're not old, you're young. My Grandparents are not old, they are perfect."

At morning tea a girl suddenly announced:-"I love kindy!!!"

***Enrolments***:

StarFish Group — 22

JellyFish Group — 22

***Waiting List***:

2011 - 1 child

2012 - 62 children

2013 - 32 children

2014 - 11 children

# DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A very warm welcome to 2 new families to our centre recently in SF group: Emma Manson & Ella Smith and their families J

Thankfully Autumn has arrived and we might be starting to get some cooler weather! Even though I have been living in Qld now for 9 years (ex South Aussie) I still find the hot weather challenging. I have to live here for 20 years plus like Mrs Jenner (Ex English lass) to cope! We are so lucky at this kindy to have air conditioners in place. The children have enjoyed lots of water play this term and we try & get outside early to avoid the peak of the heat.

Waiting List for 2011 is currently filling. As we unusually have many vacancies for next year, please encourage friends, families to add their child to our waiting list for 2011. Thank you

**Absences**: Health of children has been generally good with high attendances. Thank you to the families who have phoned us to let us know if your child is ill or you will be away.

# Activities Across Both Groups

All children were **measured on the growth chart**. So it will be interesting to see the many centimetres grown at the end of the year! The children were thrilled that the number was so big 100 and more!

**What is the learning in ???**

"Birthday people" brought to show kindy friends and are hanging on the wall for children to see, touch, point to & learn about each other.

*This activity contributes to the child's - "sense of belonging & connection to others & to the environment' & makes kindy a' meaningful place where children can find traces of their lives...mirrors, mobiles, photographs of themselves, their families "*

*From ENLARGING pg 57 & 59 C&K Building waterfalls curriculum.*

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| Makelen Masterman-Smith | 19 January |
| Jaslyn Phillips | 29 January |
| Chloe Eckart | 26 February |
| Alex Byrne | 28 February |
| Morgan Cambell | 05 March |
| Alex Gowlett | 19 March |
| Sharnee McIvor | 22 March |

# STARFISH GROUP

- **Literacy**

Listening to others - teachers & peers, & following teacher instructions. Learning friends names "Billy ball" circle game. Drawing in portfolios for the first time. Rhymes - "Dragon boat", "Ten little fingers". Chinese words for mum, dad, hello (Née how). "Naughty Pussy Cat" rhyme, "Birthday candle" rhyme. Group "find & share" observations at carpet time - promoting listening & speech

***Stories***: "The Chinese animal race" (told Story), "A lion in the night" (extended by acting out), "Pig in the Pond" (Big book & extended outside at jumping board), "Balloon story". Identifying 'letters for each child's name - this began as incidental by one child & extended by teacher at mat time & printing paint on letters of names. Other stories — "Hetty's day out" & "My cat Maisie". Although "cat" related had lots of hidden themes e.g. protective behaviours concepts in latter book & related to kindy feeling safe, not hitting or pushing others.

***Home books*** - some children brought books from home & these have been enjoyed at big mat time or in small groups. Thank you parents for encouraging this home-literacy learning.

- **Social**

Learning routines & being "responsible" i.e. putting toys away, packing own belongings, working alongside others, sharing play areas & toys. Other rules - waiting for a turn (in the line up at bathroom, for a swing, a bike, a turn at finger painting, a turn at circle time etc.). Cooking -Fried rice with Sienna's family. It was so delicious. The children chopped ham & spring onion (scissors work well) and cracked eggs. Many had a turn to stir & help stir fry! Healthy foods talked about & cooking stories shared from homes. Train play a favourite of many children & language & role play are main learning here as well as planning & design.

- **Physical**

***Fine motor***- making Chinese fans, using hole punchers, drawing "fish" activity. New chalk pens are popular with fluro colours & large pen to grasp. Tap tap hammering shapes, squirt bottle painting. Some children (the playing cats) made puppets to extend their interest & skills.

***Gross motor*** - hoop rolling, jumping on low & higher levels, running races, Duck, duck goose, ball games — this group enjoys circle gamers outside after rest time.

- **Science**

Problem solving building towers with blocks, learning how to "siphon" water & discovering about flow & direction. Wedgit building & forming patterns of symmetry. Making a volcano with red flowing lava!

- **Numeracy**

Lots of investigations into "colours" while mixing at the water tray, Counting 1-5 in Chinese. Puzzles being worked on individually & now some children are working on them together

- **Creativity**

Dramatic play-babies, dressing up, cat role play, mixing "Gumbo", "Dragon soup" & "chocolate" outside exploring textures & liquids in play. Glittery paintings, playing Pirate boat games.

- **Music**

"Round & around & stop", "Knock, knock", "Dr. Knickerbocker", "Wiggle your fingers", "Hello greetings from other countries", "Crackle & pop", "Mr Clicketty Cane" & extended "Humpty Dumpty" with percussion.

# JELLYFISH GROUP

- **Literacy**

***Shared story time.*** Big Books: "Cows in the kitchen", "The Wheels on the bus", "Five little Bunnies", "The Three little pigs", "Ten fat sausages" & other stories "Owl Babies". Told stories responsive by this group: "The Chinese animal race", "The Magic key", "Handa's surprise", "The Rain hat".
***Rhymes***: "Where is thumb kin", "I'm a little tea pot", "Incey-Wincey", "Humpty Dumpty", "10 Fat - skinny- spiky- tasty sausages", "In the dark, dark, house".
***Listening to others.*** Teachers & peers & following teacher instructions: learning friends names "Billy ball" circle game, learning to sit & eat together, put rubbish away, shoes in cupboard, pack belongings. Drawing in portfolio's done regularly by this group & children now requesting to draw certain things.

- **Physical**

***Fine Motor*** - Pasting mosaics onto boxes, daub painting on letters of name, puzzle work individually, drawing to music, spray bottle art.
***Gross motor*** - Basket ball throwing into hoop, jumping off the board in different ways, lots of swinging practice & many children are able to "start off" themselves. Fire pole sliding & help given for children to persevered & try independently.

- **Numeracy**

Geoboards & rubber bands, shape exploring, counting rhymes, counting jumps, puzzle work, Wedgit tower building.

- **Science**

Investigated water play esp. sea creatures & sticky shapes, worm handling & caring - amazing for using vocabulary. Bubble blowing discoveries. Scientific sand play using pipes & water mazes to make "cement" - great group interactions & much testing out & changing ideas. Ice experiments in water trough & ice-cube painting.

- **Creativity**

Finger-painting fun extended over 2 weeks, amazing drawings & sensory learning practiced. Box art-making & decorating simple "surprises" for family members. Ear bud painting. Bike play is imaginative & is now involving a group of children playing together games e.g. filling petrol at the station & using the witches hats, shopping play at climbing as balance board changed to a car.

- **Social**

Train play a favourite of many children & language & role play are main learning here as well as planning & design-shape of track & problem solving needed to achieve a good track. Many children are beginning to establish friendships at the trains and the Home-corner and will play together in other areas; water brush painting together all over outdoors, puppet play to include individual children needing help, Small table/block dramatic play-airport, dinosaur sorting & dramatic play.

- **Music**

Let's make a circle actions, "Wiggle Bounce" song, "Round & around" (& extended through drawings), "Round & round the garden", "Dingley dangly Scarecrow", "Knocking on my window", "Crackle & pop", Tractor song, "Humpty Dumpty".

# Kindy President's Report

Hello everyone,

Welcome to 2011 Kindy year.

The management committee for 2011 has been finalised and I am happy to report that all of these parents are very pro-active and I feel that this will assist both the teachers as well as all children attending the kindergarten. The first committee meeting was productive with many parents contributing and with most of the discussion given to improvements to the kindergarten including the construction of a new fence along the western perimeter. All who attended appreciated Linda's feedback to the committee on how the children were settling in and progressing in their new environment.

We have had some delay with the transfer of some of the management committee functions and I would like to thank the previous committee for their patience. I am busy finalising our agreement with C&K regarding the Kindergarten Funding Scheme and again I would like to acknowledge the previous committee for all the hard work they put in to getting the kindergarten ready for the changes that it has brought about.

I look forward to seeing many parents at the next committee meeting on 13 April.

Regards,

Kirsten Beyer

# 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.

THANK YOU

# STAFF

Pupil free day- Linda visited the education support unit at Norville school to plan educational links for children requiring support at kindy. Resources were shared & teaching strategies were modelled & discussed. Ann completed her senior First Aid training. Linda completed her annual CPR

Staff have our first PNM (Prof. Network meeting) next week (15th March) at Burnett Heads after work & it will be nice to see our colleagues in this new year & share info from the region

Ann Jenner was absent Tues. March 8th & her replacement was Mrs Debbie Campbell.

# MAINTENANCE

**Maintenance completed:**

- New sand added to sand pit, new blind on front door installed, suncream dispensers fastened, puppet stand fixed, back yard drains cleaned out

**Maintenance to be done:**

- Soft fall top up needed soon, hedges out the front need trimming, new side fence

# 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 (Sharnee "JF")
- **Purchasing Officer:** Leigh Critchlow (Jada "SF")
- **Inventory Officers:** Tracey Smith (Brooke "JF"), Shannon Woodman (Kobe "JF"), Sheridan McMahon (Christina "SF")

# KINDY SONGS

## HELLO SONG

Hello everyone. Hello everyone.
How are you? How are you?
It's a kindy day today.
It's a kindy day today.
The day has begun.
We're going to have some fun.

## GOODBYE SONG

Our kindy day is over
And we are going home.
Goodbye. Goodbye.
We'll see you soon again.
Goodbye! Goodbye!
We'll see you soon again.