



Bundaberg Community Kindergarden

November 2010

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Term IV:

Mon, Oct 4 - Fri, 10 Dec

Mini Committee meeting:

Thursday 25th November
At 2.30 pm
(just after kindy for the JF)
Children will be welcome

Parent Enrolment evening 2011 Kindy students

22nd November at 7pm

◆ The end of the year is fast approaching so I thought I would clarify the dates and important events for your information. **Parents will need to bring this gift in (a book please) have it wrapped, named with a tag and bundled with tight ribbon in your family package. If you are bringing more children e.g. siblings, they will all need a gift (book) too.** Children will be receiving a gift on Wednesday 1st December, by Santa at around 6pm. We have to keep the spirit of Christmas alive & special. These can start to be brought to kindy now. A box will be in the office for secret arrivals.

◆ Concerts will be held in the children's groups as notified earlier. These mini concerts usually finish about 10:00am with parties following straight after, for a normal finish at 2:30pm. Again families will be asked to bring a plate of food to share with kindy friends. Parents, Grandparents are welcome to come along to see the children sing & celebrate with us.

IMPORTANTLY IF YOUR CHILD CANNOT ATTEND THE MINI CONCERT- PLEASE NOTIFY STAFF ASAP.



◆ Family Christmas party is on Wednesday 1st December at the Kindy 5:00pm-7:00pm. Families are to please bring a plate of food — enough for dinner & catering for at least a family please. A list of who is bringing what will be up soon. BYO drinks for adults, a rug or chair. Our special visitor (Santa) will arrive at approx 6pm so make sure you are here by then. Please note that due to this large amount of people (both groups are coming) the children will not present songs on this night.

◆ Thursday December 9th is a normal play day for JF with some cleaning up happening & parents are warmly invited to help. Friday December 10th is a scheduled Pupil Free Day - so the centre will not be open for our families.

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

The teaching team of Linda, Ann, Kim & Diana wish all our families a fabulous festive season & thank you for your involvement in the kindergarden this year.
Merry Christmas 2010



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Enrolments:

Starfish Group — 22

Jellyfish Group — 21

Waiting List:

2011 - limited vacancies

now in JF, SF is full

2012 - 52 children

2013 - 27 children

2014 - 11 children

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

Attendances have been low recently with bad colds, stomach complaints & some early holidays being taken before Christmas chaos starts!

I wish to send an early farewell to Hafsa Rehman & family as they are holidaying soon, for the remainder of the year. Have lots of fun at "Sand Mary's" Hafsa!!! Thank you so much for the flowers you have given your teachers every day J



STARFISH GROUP



• **Literacy**

Related stories to curriculum e.g. "Dreadful David", "The story of the little mole who thought it was none of his business", "The poo book", "One, two, three oops", "The piece of string", "Bear Hunt" & poems from the children (Rain-Talitha), acting out "Goldilocks & three bears".

• **Thinking Skills**

"Pit, pat" number fun rhyme, Disney card memory game, Snail pace race game, Safety board game. Mask making evolved & extended to "animal parade" with large group. Large floor puzzles have created challenges for individual children & have helped children work together. Plants noticed daily & friends helped measure heights of big, enormous, huge tomato plants. Ball printing & then dinosaur feet printing is inspired from child's idea combining outdoor interest with media exploration.

• **Creativity**

The children have extended their interest from last term in painting boxes. Some think of uses for them while others have painted very elaborate patterns & colours on them

• **Science**

Magnets still being explored & photos taken by children to record findings. Tubes are investigated in water play. Social play in the garden - "tea parties". Picnics outside for routine snacks & children learned about respecting the outdoors - picking up rubbish/caring for kindy environment.

• **Physical**

Low balance obstacle courses created much interest & have been recalled & planned daily, special dance concert emerged on the blue mat involving almost all group moving creatively (no music), watching each other & celebrating learning through movement & creative dance. The boys are interested in lifting and testing their strength by lifting all sorts of equipment outside. The basketball hoop was the heaviest. Finlay looked funny with the wheelbarrow over his head & we laughed.

• **Music**

"Splish, splash", "Rock & bye baby", "Touch the stars", "A tiskett, a tusket", "My house is a squash & a squeeze", "My lovely lycra music & streeetching", free dance at play time - Mambo No. 5 & more.

JELLYFISH GROUP



- **Literacy**

Boat & kite told story, "The three little pigs" Big book, The waterhole revisited, Rhyming words in stories - "Thesaurus Rex" & "Sticky jam", "Goose on the Loose", told story relating to Duplo, Rhyme - "10 Little apples", "Why should I recycle?" Story & info.

- **Numeracy**

Maths in full swing with the blocks & boys have been problem solving how to connect the small blocks without touching them for them to topple in exciting ripples. Shape, number & ideas planned & tested; Days of the week explored in story & drawing activity extension-teaches sequence.

- **Science**

Planted Ollie's sunflower seeds in pots-shared the jobs e.g. 2 scoopfuls of soil each, one seed each (small group) & devised rules about caring for them as the children became concerned. This sensory experience provoked the children into documenting their ideas by drawing with the textas-impressive thinking shown & such a variety of ways children do this; bowling game made with Mrs Helmore-testing involved to weight the skittles. Following on from this-we invited all the children to list some observations about the gardens since the holidays as much was discovered. Then the whole group went outside together & we again documented ideas on paper using our special clipboards. Rocks drawn, trees, flowers, vegetables-drawn quite uniquely

Learning about recycling after Riley's show & tell idea of the bird feeder-using recycled materials.

- **Creativity**

Kite making-initiated by the Emily's; cactus observations & focussed drawings-amazing efforts & also quality interactions with adults; inventive kites made & decorated again-children have extended this for several weeks; Dramatic play about pirates & ships which led to the story CD we are listening to & the children are enthralled in.



- **Social**

Duplo building inc. water play which involved girls & boys, boats & dramatic play; dinosaurs have been cared for & stories invented about them in play-Aisha, Annabella, Hope, Jo; Mother's group meetings with the dolls-play extended using props. & other children & areas of curriculum e.g. play dough made for the mum's food-by the boys; Mrs Macaroni circle game-children enjoy this game & everyone gets a turn.

- **Music**

"Molly Golly", "Taba Naba" song, frieze game, "Train is a coming" song (children help create). Free dance at play time - Bindi a big favourite. End of year practice for our mini concert.



Cheshire Carl

17 November



Price Amara

14 November

Activities Across Both Groups Kindy President's Report

- ◆ Truscott trains excursions-probably the last time for our kindy
- ◆ Observing changes in kindy gardens since holidays-S/F planned making a salad & all helped to prepare & eat it, using our lettuce & herbs
- ◆ Family/child presentations about own gardens- how lovely these are. We have had photos brought in, leaves, petals, a cactus, stories about Nanna's garden
- ◆ Celebrated our loved one's & our kindy at 'VIP' days
- ◆ Big new Bubble blowers have provoked much awe & wonder
- ◆ Pedestrian crossing for safe dramatic play outside
- ◆ New lacing game introduced-boys particularly excited about this 'fine motor' activity
- ◆ Delta sand fun introduced-textures & shapes explored
- ◆ Trains have returned & our new donations have extended creative social play
- ◆ Snail pace race board game-non competitive
- ◆ New Lawn mowers very popular for children to move around yard with & share interest with friend

Hello parents and carers,

What a great day the VIP days were! There was such a mix of Very Important People from mums and dads to grandparents, aunties, friends and neighbours. I must also comment on the wonderful food that was provided by the parents and staff that made a very yummy shared morning tea for everyone. The two days were certainly a success and a job well done by Linda and AnnJ

This month again has been a busy one for the committee. I've decided to write what we have been up to as dot points this time so everyone is informed as to what has been going on.

- We officially requested C&K to be our Central Governing Body (CGB) for next year.
- Our committee's affiliation paperwork has been completed and sent away to C&K.
- Thank you all for returning the parent surveys. Caroline has had the task of summarising the results and writing up action plans for the relevant areas. Thanks Caroline.
- I am in the process (with everyone's help) of editing the parent handbook for next year's parents. It must be ready for our enrolment information evening at the end of the month. (Thanks Jo Kenzler for the info you gave me regarding CCB)
- Our information evening for next years enrolments will be on Monday 22nd November with preparations underway. The 5th and 12th November are the days allocated for the orientation of new children from 1.30 to 2.30.
- You may have noticed the shade structure cover that has recently been replaced. The old cover was damaged by the high winds a few weekends ago and it has quickly been replaced to ensure that we provide good sun protection.

And to end on a good note, we received approval for a sun smart grant that Caroline applied for. The grant will pay for 50% of the cost of new sunscreen and dispensers as well as a supply of new hats.

Until our final newsletter next month, take care.

Kellee Hutchinson

You are invited to come along to our
Christmas Party!!!
and share a magical night
with your children
Boys please bring a Savory Plate
Girls please bring along a Dessert to share
There will be a SPECIAL VISITOR at 6:15
WEDNESDAY, 1 DECEMBER
5:00 - 7:00 PM

THANK YOUs TO

- ◆ Allison Warham & Kellee Hutchinson for adding the mulch to the back gardens during the holidays
- ◆ Kellee Hutchinson, Terri-Anne Dwyer, Claire Hamilton for moving the furniture out and then back into kindy in the holidays for the floor maintenance to take place
- ◆ To the many parents, Grandparents who attended the Truscott trains excursions & supervised their child closely & took part in the fun.
- ◆ Management Commitee for a wonderful surprise on the bus trip. It make our shopping day even more enjoyable
- ◆ Jo Kenzler has been very helpful going shopping in the SF-helping with shopping/bus trip goodies
- ◆ Fleur & Cary have again been good bargain hunters shopping for the JF & Terri-Ann has been busy gathering some last minute kindy items: camera for the children to use, a new printer & more
- ◆ A big thank you to all the families who took part & returned the recent C&K parent survey. Some very useful comments were made that we can action & fantastic results for the centre which does enjoy wonderful input from you parents.
- ◆ Our new trains & train adjuncts have been so popular with all the children-a very big thank you to all who helped towards purchases & especially bought some for the kindy collection
- ◆ Special thanks to Mrs Ann Jenner for organising yet another wonderful Shopping bus trip on Saturday-great quiz, great drinkies, great movie, great shopping & a great time by all
- ◆ To Kellee, Caroline, TA for their assistance with the new updated Parent Handbook for 2011 - it looks amazing!

STAFF

- ◆ I, Linda attended the Early Childhood Assoc. National Biennial conference in the school holidays (3 days) in Adelaide and learned so much (also ate too much). Already I have put ideas into action & have included a report with this newsletter. I wish to thank the Management Committee for supporting my attendance.
- ◆ I (Linda) have met with many parents in parent/teacher interviews in readiness for Prep. & have enjoyed these discussions with much pride in children's achievements
- ◆ Ann & Linda attended a professional network meeting at C&K TAFE 25th Oct. & music/movement was the curriculum focus. This area is a really important part of the curriculum to teach so much inc. music concepts, maths, language, physical skills
- ◆ Mrs Kristine Arnott completed her 3 week practical experience with us, & worked hard on her teaching. We really enjoyed having her work with our team. J

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance completed:

- ◆ mulch in side gardens, Interior floor surface professionally buffed & polished
- ◆ new shade replaced (look up, its beautiful) -a cool blue!
- ◆ front hedges trimmed
- ◆ weeds poisoned
- ◆ Interior floor professionally stripped & treated

Maintenance-to do:

- ◆ continued oiling of timber playground
- ◆ sand to be topped up before 2011 starts at Kindy

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FACES OF OUR COMMITTEE



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- ◆ **President:** Kellee Hutchinson (Celeste "SF")
- ◆ **Vice President:** Caroline Lamb (Alex "SF")
- ◆ **Secretary:** Fleur Wooldridge (Jack "JF")
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- ◆ **Maintenance Coordinator:** Megan Evans (Emily "JF")
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- ◆ **Social Event/Purchasing Officers:**
Pru Saunders (Lisla & Roy "SF"), Cary Cheshire (Carl "JF")

◆ As per new C&K Sun smart policy we will be taking the children outside earlier from morning mat time. This is to maximise our outdoor play program & bring the children in earlier to keep safe from the sun. Show & tell will be more brief and will usually occur during the day or at the end of the day. We will sing the hello song & quickly begin outdoor play in future

MORE NEWS

◆ Toy catalogue orders have been arriving & I think there will be some excited children come Christmas time. Thank you to all the parents who ordered toys & in so doing have helped contribute commission for kindy to purchase new toys too! We ordered the mowers, craft, the new lacing set & more.

◆ A special roster will be put up for any parents able to help in the session the last month of term. We will be cooking; doing more craft work & cleaning up, so extra help is a must. Please pop your name on a date/time that suits. Thank you

◆ Parents have been asked to display the Kindy's new notice, advertising the centre in the community. If you can take some, please. Write where have put them so we don't double up. Please consider: schools, playgroups, Doctors rooms, shop noticeboards, the Hospitals etc. Thanks.

