



Bundaberg Community Kindergarden

October 2010

NEWS

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◆ Kindy photos were done & I have had a sneak peek-some big smiles in the Starfish group, Photos will be ready about week 3 of next term

◆ A reminder that the Truscott trains excursions will be early next term-forms in pockets first day back/emailed to SF.

◆ Kindy has a newly designed brochure now-ready for next year & a lovely A5 flyer that parents will be asked to put up around the community near you. This is to gather more enrolments as we are down on numbers for the following year, compared to previous years.



◆ Linda has been busy completing a major census of information for the office of early childhood-providing statistical info. as needed.

◆ Parent-teacher interviews are available for parents after/before session time if booked with Linda. I apologise for the lateness of these but kindy (and me) have had a frantic term and time has been difficult to set aside. Please see me if you have any concerns about your child or just want to get an update for prep. readiness

Term IV:

Mon, Oct 4 - Fri, 10 Dec

COMING UP EVENTS

Next Committee meeting:

Monday, at 6.30pm
All the parents are welcome to come along

Linda at Early Childhood National Conference Adelaide (Holidays)

Kindy mums Shopping Trip to Eumundi Market / Sunshine Plaza:

Saturday, November 13th (confirmed)

Staff T&D Multicultural workshop:

Saturday, 23rd October

Truscott Trains excursion:

S/F — Monday 11th October
J/F — Friday 8th October

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 — 21
Jellyfish Group — 21

Waiting List:

2012 - 50 children
2013 - 26 children
2014 - 10 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

Absences: Generally good attendances with few absences.

A new child - Djarome Kitchener is enrolled in the SF beginning Term 4. We warmly welcome him & his family to our kindy family.



STARFISH GROUP



• Literacy

Aboriginal dreaming — "How the Butterfly was born" - told story; Butterfly rhyme (to 3 jellyfish song;); Butterfly dance story; Child protection stories & discussions; 5 little pigs rhyme; My cat likes to hide in boxes, My hat likes to hide in boxes

• Thinking

Skills: new butterfly puzzle-matching the picture; made the volcano poster 7 recalled what we have learned; Explored 'origami' techniques with Mrs Phipps-Samuel's mum & very cleverly many of us managed to form a dog & a cat. Mrs Phipps showed her *amazing* origami from home!

• Creativity

Sensory fun making 'butterfly' bags; Spray bottle art -like the Aboriginal art works on puzzle- quite challenging to press the bottle & spray around shape; detailed paintings on cardboard; dramatic play-puppets -children acting out own ideas; Box creations & painting-great to recycle.

• Science

Discovered a millipede & compared worms & millipedes; experimented 'erupting' the volcano model with Mrs Buchanan-lots of colours was the best!; Magnet experiments everywhere!

• Physical

basketball throwing very popular & we moved the post up high again-children must have grown!; origami game with Mrs Jenner-doing actions & counting.

• Music

Learned "Filbert the Dinosaur blew the trees, the mud, his friends and then the Volcano away!"; rainbow ring music fun-working as a great team; Ring a ring a Rosie — children requested; Molly Golly song-new.



JELLYFISH GROUP



- **Literacy**

Exploring environment through rhymes-songs, stories Read the story 'Little seed', Seasons song, animal rhymes e.g. turtle rhyme, worm poem, Venus fly trap poem, Here is the box rhyme...Told stories-'The Lion who lost his roar', Jack & the Beanstalk-shared reading & story retell.

- **Literacy**

Venus fly trap poem-Mrs Stone created & we learned it & acted it out; There's a sea in my bedroom book & shells to explore; Small books made by individual children 7 we read them at mat time; Big Book-Down by the station, sounds sounded out & practiced e.g. Chuff, chuff, beep, beep etc. Big Book-5 little men & a flying saucer - so environmental issues were introduced; pass the parcel game with Emily L & Emily M made in one session & there was a prize & name card for each child-reading is fun!

- **Numeracy**

Train play very co-operative recently & the tracks are so creative & spatially well planned; counted Ella's shells -making 5 rows of 20 shells & tried to count them with our 2 hands...100.

- **Science**

Venus fly trap plant investigated on Mrs Buchanan's lap top & the children were fascinated; Bubbles have been blown and chased & explored most days. The windy day was excellent-we didn't even have to blow at all!

- **Creativity**

Fire truck play very exciting, following the truck visit-so many fires to put out!; Very elaborate Mobilo projects being made by some boys...rockets, Fire trucks, lots; a beautiful 'sensory' mural made by a small group of children inside-drawing, gluing, decorating co-operatively.

- **Social**

Dress up crazy time on the veranda during one rainy day-turns to show/perform; Sand play involved more birthdays so we added real candles & one day made a 'cafe' next to it -the menu was interesting..pink cof fee!; Hafsa's mum came today and painted some of us with henna paint — a celebratory tradition for many people inc. Muslim religion.

- **Music**

"Simon says" game, "Dr. Knickerbocker", "Splish, splash song", Bindi songs with Annabella & percussion, Tideo song in pairs, "Old MacDonald" with animal masks, "Tractor" song.



	Brown Sarah	08 October
	Balfour Bailey	13 October
	Staples Jackson	13 October
	Egan Johanna	27 October
	Wooldridge Jack	27 October

Activities Across Both Groups Kindy President's Report

- ◆ Letter hiding in the kindy & singing ABCD to give prompts-letters related to ideas from the day eg F when Fire truck came, C cat rhymes, B Butterfly.
- ◆ Child protection Week- Fire truck visited & safety was discussed, water squirted & Fire workers
- ◆ Mrs Stone presented 'Hattie & the Fox' story with puppets & read the Big Book & the wonderful story-'My cat Maisie' This was to highlight safety & talk about our Early warning signs- in our bodies that tells us we are not safe e.g. what being scared, nervous, worried might feel like. I also touched on the importance of telling adults that you trust (Network) if you are scared or worried. If they don't listen then to keep on telling until someone does listen.
- ◆ Barrel riding like a space ship-moved to bridge & children love this moving feeling
- ◆ Father's day cards made with colourful foot prints
- ◆ Colourful shapes using rubber bands on the geoboards
- ◆ Paintings on card outside-different colours e.g. white, silver, sparkly
- ◆ Marble maze introduced & some problem solving, planning & turn taking has been practiced

Hello kindy parents,

It's hard to believe that we are in our last term for the year and soon our big Kindy kids will be little Prepies. Again there have been a number of things to report this month from the Committee's perspective as some maintenance issues were addressed during the two weeks holiday.

Firstly, the kindy now has its own supply of fresh rain water. Our treasurer Terri-Anne, who donated the tank, has also been responsible for organising a friend to plumb the tank to the storage shed. With the rainfall that we received over the holidays the tank is filling up fast.

Secondly, on the last weekend of the holidays Alison and Geoff Warham helped with the laying of the mulch in the nature area above the sandpit and around the new vegetable gardens and a big thank you goes out to them. There is a large empty area that we mulched over in front of the tank that is yet to be utilized. If you have any suggestions as to what could be done in this area to complete the sustainability project please don't hesitate to pass your ideas on (eg. planting dwarf fruit trees). Linda also purchased a rotating compost bin to make the most of the Bundaberg Regional Council grant that has funded the majority of this project.

Thirdly, as many parents have noticed, we had the floors stripped and four coats of lacquer applied. This has greatly improved the appearance of the kindy when you walk in and has given it a lovely fresh feel. I must thank Terri-Anne Dwyer and Claire Hamilton for their assistance with moving all of the furniture off of the floor and then effortlessly helping to move it all back in again.

Finally, the Committee has begun preparing for next years enrolments. With orientation for future parents occurring in the next month or so, we need to ensure that we have the new changes of kindy hours, routine and fee structure ready to include in the 2011 parent handbook.

So there has been heaps to keep me busy this month and I hope these reports keep you all up-date with the goings on behind the fence at 55a Electra Street.

Please feel free to join us for our next committee meeting.

Hope to see you there,

Kellee

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.



MAINTENANCE

Maintenance completed:

- ◆ Rain water tank plumbed in professional plumber-donation from Reid McWha family
- ◆ Kitchen cupboard repaired
- ◆ New plants fertilized-special thanks to Emily Evans family
- ◆ Compost system purchased & put together

Maintenance to be done:

- ◆ Wooden signs for gardens to be designed
- ◆ Fertilising on lawn areas
- ◆ More timber oiling to do

THANK YOUs TO

- ◆ To the many mum's who have stayed for the session & participated in the day
Special thanks to Jo Kenzler & Prue Saunders for their big day of helping on the 14th Sept.
- ◆ Thanks to Prez. Kellee for the awesome chocolate fountain at the last meeting-delicious
- ◆ Cary Cheshire for the boxes of tissues & lovely colourful Rubber bands
- ◆ To Ann, Kellee, Caroline, Fleur & myself J for running the successful Open day on Sat. 4th Sept.
- ◆ Fleur & Andrew for the donation of the big trestle table (I promise we will use it J) & to Fleur for organising the pizzas at the meeting
- ◆ Terri-Anne & Cameron for organising / donating the plumber & the very cool car Bumper stickers!!!
- ◆ Sam Card's dad for repairing another red bike
- ◆ To all our busy helper washers who often wash the kindy dressups & towels
- ◆ Thanks management committee for purchasing kindy a swanky stainless steel kettle.



◆ A LOT OF HELPING GOES ON BEHIND THE SCENES OF KINDY SMILES TO MAKE THE KINDY AN EFFICIENT, SAFE & SUCCESSFUL CENTRE AND BUSINESS . COMMUNITY KINDERGARTENS AND SCHOOLS ARE THE HEART & SOUL OF A HAPPY TOWN. THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING THIS KINDY & HELPING IN ANY SMALL WAY. IT IS APPRECIATED

STAFF

- ◆ C&K Road show of info was presented on Mon. 13th Sept. in two sessions & funding requirements were discussed, importance of choosing our Central Govern. Bodies (CGB) ; direction of Kindergartens in future

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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")

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON KINDY-
LOOK UP ON OUR NEW WEBSITE—
WWW.BCKELECTRA.WIKIDOT.COM
YOU CAN DOWNLOAD A COLOURFUL
COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

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.