



# Bundaberg Community Kindergarden

September 2010

## NEWS

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- ◆ Kindergarden places are currently being offered for children commencing Kindy in 2011.

- ◆ Parent teacher interviews

are available after kindy sessions from Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. Please see Linda to make a time that suits. These are informal & at the request of parents.

- ◆ Last Sunday the Kindy held Open Day. Lots of families attended on that day. The kids were playing together, potentially making new friends for the next year.

- ◆ C&K Road show coming soon. This information session is presented by C&K personnel from Brisbane who offer support to centres with info. as we make changes to operating hours & funding.

- ◆ This is just a reminder that our kindy committee meeting is on this Wed. It would be great if you are able to come. We are always happy to see other faces and welcome different ideas in our discussions. I know that you may feel they are boring and drag on but your support is always appreciated. So hopefully we will see you on Wednesday night for a glass of wine, a bite to eat and some good laughs.  
Cheers, Kellee

## COMING UP EVENTS

**Term III:**  
Mon, July 12 - Fri, 17 Sept  
**Term IV:**  
Mon, Oct 4 - Fri, 10 Dec

**Next Committee meeting:**  
Monday, 15th August at 6.30pm

**Kindy Open day & free Sausage Sizzle**  
Sat. Sept 4th

**Truscott Trains excursion:**  
S/F — Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October  
J/F — Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October

**Staff T&D Multicultural workshop:**  
Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October

**Kindy mums Shopping Trip to Eumundi Market / Sunshine Plaza:**  
Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

**Linda at Early Childhood National Conference Adelaide**  
September Holidays

**Advanced notice — CHRISTMAS**

- ◆ **Family Christmas Picnic (Santa comes) not the concert:**  
Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December
- ◆ **End of term concert/parties:**  
S/F — Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December  
J/F — Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December
- ◆ **Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> December:**  
normal program plus clean up for J/F
- ◆ **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> December:**  
Pupil Free day — Last day of term 4

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### **Enrolments:**

Starfish Group — 21

Jellyfish Group — 21

### **Waiting List:**

2011 - 56 children

2012 - 47 children

2013 - 26 children

2014 - 8 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## 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

### • Numeracy

train game & Blokus game well received by children & boys esp. Interested

### • Science

cooked Mrs Helmore some choc. Cup cakes for her birthday; investigated new plant "Venus fly trap"

### • Creativity

made lunch bags for our excursion lunch that were made from paper, folded paper & explored printing in spontaneous art fun; extended project over 2 week period-painting hands & own faces. This was a special experience, seeing the children tenderly paint each other & relate to & show pride in their art! Lots of play evolved too; focussed paintings encouraged as children given support with fine motor skills & speech & language

### • Social

bubble blowing fun, painting friends through the 'clear easel, Imaginative role play as children act out going to the Drs. & vets, animal chasing and hiding games in dramatic play

### • Physical

rope balancing added a challenge for children interested in exploring body movements through space; balls thrown up high & anticipation watching them roll down the shade-good throwing & catching skills observed; Kindy 'show' initiated by Emily L. & Emily M. And over 2 days extended into tricks, dance, balancing acts & more. The children did this in pairs & planned the props. they needed. Mrs Buchanan filmed us & we all watched ourselves perform

### • Music

Bugs & beetles, Simon says, Hey Jonny, train song



## STARFISH GROUP

- **Literacy**

Told balloon story-Mrs Winkler burst! The Very Hungry caterpillar presented in shared reading, told with felts & retold and acted out by the children outside using the tunnel-a repeat performance was done so Mrs Bunchan could film it! Told Aboriginal dreaming story - "How the butterfly was born".

- **Thinking Skills**

shape matching game-has led into more investigations into shapes recently e.g. foods that are 'round' brain-storm at the play dough table; research into 'worms' & worm "castings"

- **Numeracy**

Measured all the children again & some big growth observed by many; terrific block building by several girls who extend their projects everyday; On the 9<sup>th</sup> Aug. The same girls built with the blocks & when I offered a provocation -could make a city, the children began offering ideas & the morning involved joining in with the play and expanding the 'city'. Lots of planning was problem solved & so many friends included by their own motivation. Talitha & Celeste became busy making suns (twirly one's), the boys made goods for jacks' bakery etc.

- **Creativity**

With Finlay's shells, the children study them closely & some children went further by transferring their knowledge to area of literacy,-drawing their own impression. How interesting these different interpretations were; butterflies often painted & printed with glitter sprinkled on the top to make them sparkle; rectangles formed at art area & other children



soon followed this idea. The fun & the main learning was in the forming of the rectangles-how to draw the lines, how many sides, cut them out with the scissors & then to paint & sprinkle! How clever the children were & the perseverance was impressive. I was surprised that this idea was so popular but the children often surprise me! Circle printing, kite making, paint brush painting & drawing 'Blue thing a -majigs' were recent ideas collaborated with teacher-children & the ideas from the children have amazed me.

- **Science**

Discussions about the moon & the weather. Children see the moon & ask questions-what is it made of & it's great to share their curiosity. When we create stories -these are also mentioned in building the idea to describe events & make the story more interesting. In the Very Hungry caterpillar e.g. there is the moon & the sun; cooking-Miranda's star biscuits, lots of measuring, relating to shapes & counting involved as well as learning about quantities and changes to substances; volcano experiment planned due to sand volcano 'cakes' being built & children interested in making them erupt. Mrs Buchanan brought in a great model & we all liked touching the 'fizz' of the larva & learning some of the terms of the inside of the volcano e.g.

- **Physical**

barrels added to the swings for fun paired pushing & riding-this promotes development of the vestibular system-body through space; practiced cutting twirly snakes & had to try very hard

- **Music**

Circle game-A Tisket a-tusket; ABC songs



# Activities Across Both Groups

- ◆ Snakes Down Under excursion



- ◆ Barrel swinging-particularly enjoyed by JF
- ◆ Worm farm & investigations
- ◆ Have begun our 'scrap' bucket for feeding the worms so discussions have involved
- ◆ Touch the stars & other 'heart' songs
- ◆ Blokus game — individual children have concentrated so hard in this game
- ◆ Most of the children have all been involved in drawing special pictures for their 'picture plate' & have expressed



# Happy Birthday

★ **Hutchinson Celleste 17 September**

★ **Phipps Samuel 30 September**

# Kindy President's Report

Hello,

Not too much to report this newsletter as we have had quite a good month with no major issues to attend to. We were ready for the offering of places for next year by having prepared the Kindy's new operational hours and fees for 2011. The Committee assisted Ann with her very time consuming task of ringing parents to offer places and welcome the new children and families for next year.

Currently we are addressing the need of advertising the Kindy to promote the benefits of a pre-prep educational program by a community based kindergarten. With the government changes coming in to play in the next few years we really want to make sure that Bundaberg Community Kindergarten will continue to be a viable not-for-profit organisation. If you have any ideas or suggestions in this matter please let us know.

We have organized to have the floor coverings stripped and resealed in the last week of the September school holidays. This maintenance job is long overdue and hopefully you will notice the big difference that this will make on the overall appearance and feel of the kindy.

Thanks Caroline Lamb for submitting a Cancer Council Grant (and thanks to Jo Kenzler for telling us about it) in a very short time frame. We have applied for sunscreen, hats and sun smart clothing to be worn while attending kindy. Next years children will benefit the most and hopefully it will be an annual grant opportunity in the future.

Until 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

◆ Special thanks to Fleur & Terri-Anne for organising our freebie business cards & Bumper stickers-very trendy and so smart!

◆ To the management for purchasing a new kettle for healthy cups of tea/coffee.

◆ What a lovely meeting we had on Wed. Over chocolate! Thanks so much to President Kellee for bringing the delicious munchies we dipped in the chocolate fountain. Yum! J.



## MAINTENANCE

### Maintenance-to be done:

- ◆ Wooden signs for gardens to be designed
- ◆ Weeds need spraying
- ◆ Kitchen cupboard corner door needs fixing
- ◆ Fertilising on lawn areas



## STAFF

◆ Ann & Linda have attended interesting Professional Development on 31<sup>st</sup> July—the C&K conference in Bundaberg.

- **The first session was 'Brain Gym'**, A good start for learning' and involved info & some practical movements activating & connecting different parts of the brain.

- **The second session was 'Storytelling with children'** where participants could create props. To present a story to the group. It reminded us how important providing a wide range of stories appeals to children's learning styles and provoked us to think creatively & visually.

- **Lastly was a session called 'Magnetic Moves'** which related to supporting children sensory awareness, esp. children with difficulties or a sensory disorders (common in children with ASD-Autism Spectrum Disorder). Music, movement & practical activities challenged us to consider & plan for children with sensory processing needs.

◆ On 18<sup>th</sup> Aug, Ann, Linda & Hayley (Uni Student) travelled to Childers to the Professional Network Meeting with other centres. The meeting was a focused discussion & sharing about 'Sustainable practices' from all centres. It was interesting to hear about all the great environmental learning taking place in our region .I was proud of course to share all about our new garden & worm farm & showed the 'Good gardener' book we have begun

◆ I have completed my termly teacher report for C&K and involved me reflecting on the question

◆ On 24<sup>th</sup> Aug, we held our own staff meeting & I shared some Quality Assurance updates from C&K & we discussed items such as mathematical learning, inquiry, staff supervision, & behaviour management.

◆ The kindy has several visitors from our community working with us. Hayley Buchanan (Uni student-2<sup>nd</sup> Yr.) is presently on a 3 week block studying her teaching degree until 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. and has particular focused studies on Literacy. From TAFE we have another student Kristine Arnott who is studying her Diploma of Child Care and she will commence a one week block on 30<sup>th</sup> Aug-3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. The children have already developed very positive relationships with both of these knowledgeable ladies. Both have positive Blue cards.

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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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LOOK UP ON OUR NEW WEBSITE—  
[WWW.BCKELECTRA.WIKIDOT.COM](http://WWW.BCKELECTRA.WIKIDOT.COM)  
YOU CAN DOWNLOAD A COLOURFUL  
COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER.



Caroline Lamb  
our new Vice President



Migrant Settlement Program  
invites you to come along  
to our Oktoberfest Lunch  
to share friendship, fun and culture.

**Where: Alexandra Park**  
**When: Wed, 15 September,**  
**at 11.30AM - 13.30PM**

**This is a free event.**  
**Please bring a plate of food to share.**

Contact Ekaterina Eddy on ph: 41531614

