

Bundaberg Community Kindergarden

September — October 2011

NEWS



◆ Important news for our kindy from C&K- The newly written second edition of Building waterfalls has been approved officially by the Queensland Studies Authority & will be available in November 2011 for purchase. Building waterfalls was Australia's first birth to school age curriculum and is now Queensland's first independent kindergarten curriculum framework recognised by the Queensland Studies Authority. Barrie Elvish, chief executive officer for C&K saidbuilding waterfalls provides educators with a comprehensive early childhood education curriculum framework to assist kindergarten aged children in developing life long skills....it reaffirms independent research that demonstrates children who attend a C&K kindergarten program are best prepared for school".



◆ From me, Linda.... I have been busy meeting with families in parent/teacher interviews and have prepared 23 'Transition statements' for parents to show their child's prep teacher. I am scheduling more time next term to meet all other parents & to share Transition statements . Please check newsletters & notes in pockets next term. Thank you to all the families who attended their interview. I learned a lot too!

◆ Kindergarten photos were taken last month by Paul Beutel and are being processed. I have approved the group one's & they are terrific-especially the cheesy Starfish group J

◆ We are showing regular slide shows at kindy using our 'projector'. Sam (Jellyfish group) loves the new "TV"!!! We will also be using it for research using the internet and other visual activities-I am so excited by this instant technology & special thanks must go to Phil Baker (and Thomas) for all their expertise & help J

COMING UP EVENTS

Shopping Bus Trip for mums:

Saturday, 12th November.
Money \$40-00
DUE by OCTOBER 7th, FRIDAY

Next Committee meeting:

Wed, 23^d October, 6:30pm

Excursion to **Snakes Down Under** is still under planning.

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

Starfish group (2012) orientation play -

- FRIDAY OCTOBER 28TH 1:30-2:30pm

Jellyfish group (2012) orientation play -

- FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11TH 1:30-2:30pm

Parents 2012 Enrolment evening -

- MONDAY NOVEMBER 21ST

DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Enrolments:

StarFish Group – 21
JellyFish Group – 21

Waiting List:

2012 - 31 children
2013 - 42 children
2014 - 13 children
2015 - 3 children

Absences

Some 'high temperatures' reported in both groups but improved health generally since previous month.



Activities Across Both Groups



Faith Hutchinson-Schnabel

05 September



Olivia Joyce

20 September



Tucker Cobb

02 October

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK(S) LEARNING EMERGENCY SERVICES VISITS

Stories identifying safe/unsafe situations:

"Hattie & the Fox", "Suzy Goose",
"Rules for Goldilocks"

House pictures & learning addresses

Children are learning to;

*'feel safe, without being overprotected
or restricted' pg 57*

*'develop the confidence to say "No"
to unsafe situations*

*& develop strategies for seeking assistance'
pg 63 ENLARGING*

C&K Building waterfalls curriculum



STARFISH GROUP



- **Literacy**

Rhyme-You can't make a turtle come out-circle game to find the missing child under the blanket/shell; Made a group 'farewell' card for our special friend Rhyanna; Mini story books being created with individual children & pre-reading/writing literacy concepts are fostered; Told stories-Una the Unicorn a cumulative story the group made together in a circle (thanks to Ella's unicorn) & Mrs Stone told 'I wrote to the zoo' using posters; Writing names on father's day cards; Timothy inspired lots of children to draw pics. From



his show & tell from his sister of butterflies and flowers...in their portfolio's. Children shared thoughts on how they draw & group very productive in their efforts.

- **Music**

Rainforest (feather) song involving counting & sequence-so soothing and calming for the children; Viddy Viddy Vick-counting & feeling song; Simple Simon game; here comes a blue bird circle game & actions; Alice the camel game

- **Cultural**

Father's/Grandfather's day presents made-the children loved having their foot painted & told Mrs Jenner all their colours easily!; VIP day-families & friends attended for a morning visit & morning tea



- **Social**

Train play re-introduced after a break & we have used the veranda (our nice new surface) to have concurrent inside/outside play-lovely small groups managed; Dramatic play involved sick animals so vets were hard at work to fix them-lovely co-operative play; Fire truck & fire-men visited & safety was discussed...'get down low & go, go, go';



- **Creativity**

Clay introduced for exploring- possibilities e.g. rolling, flattening, forming shapes...& sea creatures added to stimulate ideas; box decorating evolved, after Monica's show & tell (shell box);

block building has been AWESOME & the girls are participating-coloured blocks added, feathers & children are able to find their name cards & take photos for their records; Play dough back again & the children played so happily and busily-making shapes & using very fingers while relating to each other in conversations

- **Science**

Marble maze designs-intentional teaching involved to start with & some children can



plan & build their own now-children learning about force & gravity, position & direction, and complex problem solving & testing ideas;

- **Numeracy**

Children encouraged to learn their 'addresses' and house pics made using card/paper & collage materials with shapes & number learning encouraged

- **Physical**

Water painting the cubby house -green, orange with many hands helping; fine motor-hammering tap tap game-shapes & pictures told interesting stories; sculpturing clay & play dough, drawing, cutting card.

JELLYFISH GROUP



- Literacy**

Sand art activity-steps involved to follow & all children wrote their name; Train play supported by adult in small groups-on veranda & oral language supported in play; Goldilocks acting out requesting so Mrs



Stone added a 'protective behaviours' theme-brainstorming safety rules for Goldilocks with the group; Hattie & the Fox-body awareness of danger & what to do!!! Braydan read us a 'Spot' book and Mrs Helmore had a small group spot story to further extend learning; Crystal read 'Dorothy the Dinosaur moves house' in a small group.

- Music**

Viddy, Viddy Vick circle & counting action song; Jonny works with one hammer...; Rainforest song; Skinnamamink (loving song) taught; Dr. Knicker bocker counting 1-9 and 9-1; What would make me happy?

- Numeracy**

Marble maze runs designed and children so good at building them-plans followed & pieces counted out & classified for each design; Children encouraged to 'build track first' in train work i.e. before trains are added-helping with mathematical mapping/planning skills. Mrs Stone extended some children to draw their



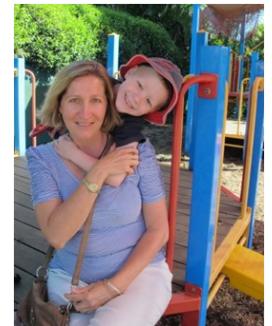
track and good attempts were made at drawing bridges, tunnels & straight/curved tracks;

- Science**

Complex digging & planning in the sand pit with friends -making beaches, castles & testing the flow of water using pipes; tube & ball play investigated-children discovered raising the pipes for quicker movement (used adult chairs);

- Creativity**

Fire services seen in play-keeping everyone safe; Truck, dump & flood play with our great new trucks; Cooking play still very much a part of outside play & 'smoothies' were made using lots of sensory ingredients; Zoob designs are so clever & the children are flipping & moving their cars in play together;



- Social**



Fire & Ambulance visits-learning about safety & community helpers;

cubby house transformed into a 'clean shed' and play changed with the boys adding trucks & cones and moving nearby dirt in dramatic play-like real work!

- Physical**

Running races along a circuit (with several instructions) begun & requested every day; ball play encouraged and children worked hard to score baskets in hoop game-beating the teachers!; Sand play always very productive with Matthew & Crystal involved...& water is back with our warmer weather; Hammering real nails into corks (shed work activity) and small nails in tap tap shape game; Clay & play dough fun exploring texture and shape **Cultural:** VIP day fun-morning tea, music, hand printing, playing, having photos taken.

PLEASE NOTE

- ◆ **Important!** Young children have been reported left in cars unsupervised out the front of kindy at pick up & drop off times. This is illegal & unsafe for children. With summer & hot weather already here, this adds another danger as children can become very ill very quickly. If you are new to Bundaberg, you may not be aware of the heat and its dangers, especially in the car, so please ensure your children are supervised at all times & not left in the car at all. Staff cannot supervise children in cars as this is parental responsibility
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Juice boxes are not recommended for kindy as stated in our parent Handbook, only water should be brought. Children are welcome to have them at home and drink boxes will be placed back in the fridge to go back home. Children eat less food when drinking milk or juices and require water only at kindy. Water is healthier for teeth and growing bodies
- ◆ Please can all parents only put ONE treat in their child's lunches?



MAINTENANCE

Maintenance to be done:

- ◆ office return desk for computer to be fixed
- ◆ pole covers need attention
- ◆ easel boards repaired, play fridge needs altering

STAFF

Staff:

Mrs Jenner is away enjoying some Long service leave and will return Wed. October 12th. Her replacements include part time- Mrs Kim Helmore, Mrs Kaylene Savage & as Mrs Helmore's relief- Mrs Uka Thomson, Mrs Cheryle Betts. I am sure you would agree how lovely these professional & highly experienced women are. I wish to thank them for all their helpfulness and willingness to keep our team positive and co-operative.

Training & Development:

Linda, Ann & Kim attended a C&K professional network meeting at Childers (Isis) kindy and took part in Quality standards meeting-sharing evidence of a standard as we prepare for its implementation next year

Linda attended Bundaberg Industry reference Group meeting at TAFE 8/9/11 re. up coming changes i.e accreditation/Quality standards

Linda & Kirsten Beyer (President) attended meeting at Bundaberg West school 13/9/11 re. promoting enrolments and information sharing

THANK YOU

- ◆ To Phil Baker for installing the kindy projector so cleverly...look up!
- ◆ To Alana Card for making a great batch of play dough for us
- ◆ Again to Leigh & Jess for little shopping expeditions to purchase odds & ends for kindy
- ◆ To all families who joined in the fun at our VIP days -hope you felt important, because you are!



Christina's Dirt Cake

Ingredients:

- * 3-4 PACKETS OREO COOKIES
- * 2 BOXES PHILADELPHIA CREAM CHEESE, ROOM TEMPERATURE
- * 6 TBSPS UNSALTED BUTTER, ROOM TEMPERATURE
- * 4 PACKETS COTTIES INSTANT CHOCOLATE PUDDING
- * 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ CUPS MILK
- * 600ML THICKENED CREAM, WHIPPED
- * LOLLIES, FOR DECORATING

Serves 12 to 15

This cake can be presented in a sterilised terra-cotta pot. Sterilise the pot by placing it in the oven at 180 degrees for two to three hours. Avoid any pot that has been glazed. If you want to decorate the cake with plastic sunflowers or other flowers, wrap the stems firstly in plastic.

METHOD

If using a flowerpot with a drainage hole, reserve 1 cookie to place over hole to prevent leaking.

Place remaining cookies in the bowl of a food processor. Process until mixture resembles dirt. Set aside.

In a large bowl, combine cream cheese and butter, and stir until creamy. Set aside.

In another large bowl, whisk together instant pudding mixes & milk; stir until well blended. Using a rubber spatula, fold pudding mixture into cream cheese mixture. Fold in whipped cream.

Alternate layers of cookie "dirt" and pudding mixture, starting and ending with cookie "dirt". Chill at least 4 hours or overnight before serving. Garnish with lollies.

FACES OF OUR COMMITTEE



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- ◆ **President:** Kirsten Beyer (Rorik "SF")
- ◆ **Vice President:** Asya Bishop (Braydan "JF")
- ◆ **Secretary:** Marie Walker (Angus "SF")
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- ◆ **Fees Treasurer:** Carolyn Young (Lachlan "JF")
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