

FREE RANGE KIDS PARENT NEWSLETTER  
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**Hello to all our parents and families. It seems that the warm weather is upon us once again. This means it is a great time for the children to start really enjoying our wet play area, so don't forget to pack those towels and togs.**

**We have some interesting activities and events that are being planned for over the next few months so watch out for newsletters as these are finalized.**

**Children's Christmas Party It isn't very far until Christmas so staff are starting to plan for our Christmas party and we will let you know details of this as they are finalized also.**

**Policy Review I have attached the centre's Sun Care policy for your perusal, please read it and make notes of any changes you feel are required and return to me by the end of the month.**

**Fees – just a reminder to parents that fees should be paid one week in advance. Please ensure that you have sufficient funds in your account to cover your direct debit of fees every Monday night. Cancellation of your policy is impending if your fees remain in arrears for more than 1 week.**

**New Staff - We would like to welcome Julie Paroz to the Centre as our After School Care Group Leader and Group Leader Floater. Please say hello to Julie if you see her. We are very pleased to have Julie on our team as she has a lot of great ideas and is extremely child focused in her role.**

**We would also like to welcome Kerri-Anne Fountain as our Assistant Floater/Kindy Assistant. Kerri-Anne is new to the industry and impressed us with her professionalism, dedication and genuine love for children.**

**Please also make her feel welcome.**

**Bus Run – The centre bus run is becoming quite hectic and we do have a bus use policy in place if parents would like to view the conditions of use.**

**Remember my door is always open so feel free to come and see me and don't forget to tell your friends about us. Elaine Ryan (Director)**



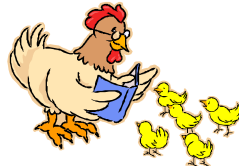
## CLUCKINGS FROM THE HATCHERY

The Hatchery is becoming a very busy place with vacancies filling fast. It's great to see the children are settling easier and are appearing more comfortable in their care environment.

The weather has been lovely outside so we have been heading outside for some fun in the sun. Please remember to send along a hat and sun smart clothes to protect your child.

The children's scrapbooks are now mostly underway; if you have not yet supplied a scrapbook it would be great if you can bring one in. The children's scrapbooks are on top of the lockers, so feel free to browse through and check out what your child has been doing while they are with us.

Until next time Mrs. Schultz & Mrs. Poole



## CHEEPS FROM THE CHICKS

All the children have now settled into the routine and they are comfortable with Miss K and myself. Now that the hotter weather is here can you ensure that your child has a hat each day. Also bring along your child's swimmers and a towel for any spontaneous water play.

If you are toilet training your child at home please let us know and we will follow on with whatever your child is doing at home. An important reminder, please check your information pocket on a regular basis so you can receive any notices and information about the centre.

A reminder to parents to place your child's nappies/training pants/undies in the containers under the cupboard in our nappy change area. Please take them home at the end of each day if you are not back on the following day. We have been doing lots of work with the children's self help skills, bringing their cups and plates to the trolley when they are finished eating, putting

their hats in their lockers and helping to pack up. The children are enjoying these tasks and are proud of themselves when they have achieved a task.

See you next month.

Mrs. Gillespie & Miss K.

## **A big cock-a-doodle doo from the Chicken Littles and the Chicken Run.**

It has been an exciting couple of weeks. We had a wet play day where we enjoyed playing and testing out our wet play area. This was our first day to really enjoy this in the hotter weather with much more to come. We also indulged in some ice blocks to keep us cool too. As it is getting hotter we are applying more sunscreen but can we remind parents to also bring along **hats, swimmers and a towel.**

Over the vacation care break we combined and together we concentrated on counting to 10, singing and signing (using makaton) our abc's. Now that we are returning to our own classes more regularly we will concentrate on our shapes and colours. Our favourite song for last month has been 5 cheeky monkeys. A reminder to parents please remember **named** sheets for rest time and a helmet in order for your child to ride a bike.

Lucky last **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR** October birthday girl  
Madelyn Schultz.

Thank you from Miss Brown, Mrs. Bennett & Mrs. Schultz.

## **ROOSTERS**

Our Outside School Hours Care program is well and truly up and running. Julie will be writing a daily program of activities for the children and displaying it in the Chicken Run room for your perusal. Children are consulted when planning activities and we welcome any parent input that you may have about suggestions for activity ideas or excursions.

See you next time

# The Free Range Kids Team