



Parent newsletter Issue 1

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Welcome all parents and children to our centre. All children seem to be settling in well by the look of all the happy faces. By now you have heard of the staff changes and have seen a couple of new faces around. Belinda and Kristy have started with us on a part time basis and will be doing lunch relief and filling in a room where required so all children will be familiar with them. Charmaine is really enjoying being back with the children and the children love having her around. I am enjoying the challenge of seeing things from a different perspective and getting to know all of the parents and children. Feel free to talk to me if you have any queries or just drop in to say hello.

We have started an incentive scheme to benefit families if you are able to introduce a family to us who enrolls their child or children with us we will give you a \$50.00 credit towards your fees. So tell all your friends about our great centre. Thank you. Yours in quality care, Elaine.

CHICKEN LITTLES AND CHICKEN RUN.

WOW! What a great few weeks. Most children have settled really well into their new environment and making lots of new friends. At the moment we are concentrating on art work such as painting and collage to decorate and brighten up our fabulous room. We are using abilities such as creating, imagining, thinking, problem solving and manipulating the paintbrush. Just a reminder for **all** parents to ensure your children are bringing hats, sheets for their bed and helmets in order to ride the bikes. Most parents still need to supply a **SCRAPBOOK** for their child. A special happy birthday for all the children born in September Jonathon, Regan, Zara, Ellyann, Jayden and Hayden. If you have any issues feel free to see either Keri-Ann or Charmaine. Until next month bye from Miss Brown and Miss Bennett.

The Chicks Room

A big welcome to all our toddlers and their families. We are all settling in to our new rooms and getting to know what goes on. We have been having a lot of spontaneous play as we settle in as Miss K and myself get to know what we all like to do. This has included a lot of outdoor play as we really love being out on the bikes, the climbing fort and in the sand pit. This time has been spent in the little playground as well as sharing the big playground with the senior children. Our room is filling fast so if you need extra days see myself or Elaine as soon as possible.

Thank-you from Mrs Gillespie and Miss K.

The Hatchlings

Welcome to all of our wonderful babies. We have had a great settling period and all are doing well. As you are all now aware Mrs Ryan has moved into the position of Director and I (Mrs Schultz) have moved into the nursery. I am really enjoying this experience and look forward to getting to know your babies and yourselves. We now have Lacey (Mrs Poole) as an assistant and she is really eager and excited to help take care of your babies.

A couple of reminders : please remember to name all of your babies belongings (bottles included), we still need scrapbooks for a few children and hats are required too. We do get outside at times and we need a hat for this. Please feel free to approach either Lacey or myself if you have any queries at all. We hope you enjoy your experience with us as much as we enjoy being with your children.

Until next time from Mrs. Schultz and Mrs. Poole.

Special points of interest:

Fathers Day Sausage Sizzle this Friday

Remember hats and bike helmets.

Scrapbooks

FEES

Just a reminder that fees are payable by direct debit every Monday. This will automatically come out of your nominated bank account. If you do not have sufficient funds available

AFTER SCHOOL CARE—We are working very hard towards getting our license for after school care. We are hoping to have approval by the end of next week (8th September) and at the latest will be able to commence Vacation Care for the September school holidays. Thank you all for your patience through this period whilst we deal with the Department of Communities and their requirements. Please register your interest for school care and vacation care with Elaine now so we can prepare for when we start soon. Bus pick up is available for certain schools also.

FATHERS DAY.

Friday 1st of September we are having a Dad's 'n' Dogs day. So dad's, you are all invited along to enjoy a Hot Dog lunch with your children to celebrate Fathers Day. Looking forward to seeing you on Friday. If Dad can't make it mum is welcome to step in.

Programming at the Centre

Formal curriculum programming will commence on Monday the 4th September. All children will be required to have a scrapbook. This scrapbook will become a learning tool for their teachers and a history of your child's time at our centre. Staff will be putting in photos, stories of what your child has been doing throughout the day artwork and observations of their play. This book will become yours to keep and is a great record of your child's progress at the centre. If you have any questions about our programming please feel free to ask myself or any of the girls and we will happily explain it to you.

We are very passionate about our style of programming here at Free Range Kids as it is child directed and we believe this is the best way for them to learn by doing activities that they are happy are doing which teaches them valuable skills at the same time.

Parent Handbooks

Parent handbooks are now available . Please see your children's teacher if you haven't already received one. Please read through this whilst you have a cup of coffee and it may answer some questions you may have or have information you may require.

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