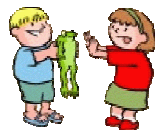


# FREE RANGE KIDS PARENT NEWSLETTER

## JAN 2007



**Welcome to our new families and welcome back to those returning to us, Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you are all well rested after the Christmas break and ready for the New Year.**



### New Staff

You may have noticed a new face around the centre Sally (Mrs. Douglas) is our new bus driver, we are expanding our bus run to go across the highway in the Plainlands, Regency Downs and the Hattonvale area so Sally has come on board our team to be our full time bus driver. Please say hello to Sally and she can help you with any queries you may have about the bus. Please let friends and family know that we can now do pick up and drop offs across the highway if they are looking for care.

### Fee Payments

All parents would now be aware that direct debits are done on a Thursday now and all accounts are to be a week in advance at all times. Cash payments will no longer be accepted. Any families with accounts in arrears risk losing their place in the centre. Please check your pockets, which are all located outside the rooms now for your accounts each week. If you feel you are going to have trouble in meeting your direct debit please come and see the Director before Thursday to ensure you are not charged a dishonour fee from us and the Bank.

All donations of collage materials and plastic bags are welcome please leave them in the foyer so they can be stored in the large storeroom thank you.



### **Entertainment.**

**Natty Satty is coming to visit us on Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. He is a children's entertainer who sings nursery rhymes in a reggae style you will probably hear his cd playing somewhere around the centre. The cost per child is \$6.50 and adults are welcome at \$1.00. the entertainment is suitable for toddlers upwards. We will be putting on a sausage sizzle lunch for that day so come along and join in the fun.**

### **Offers.**

**We are putting out a new year introductory offer for you and your friends. If you introduce a family to us you will receive the amount of days they enroll for in a week for free and they will also receive their first week. Just cut out the voucher and pass it on to a friend to present to us when they enroll. Be quick the offer ends 2.3.07.**

**We are also introducing make up days for public holidays. If your booked day falls on a public holiday you can book another day that week at no extra charge, vacancies permitting.**



### **News from the Nursery**

**Hello and welcome to the new year, I would like to welcome our new parents and let you know that we have an open door policy so feel free to come and talk with myself Mrs. Poole or Mrs. Schultz any time. Mrs. Debbie Schultz is on holidays for the next two weeks and Mrs. Belinda Schultz will be with us in the nursery for this time.**

**I would like to remind parents to include hat and swimmers in your baby's bag so that we can enjoy outdoor and water playing this hot weather that we are experiencing.**

**This month we are really getting into our Nursery Rhymes and the babies are really enjoying them. Nursery rhymes are really important for the babies as they are the beginning of literacy and music and social development for our little ones.**

**That's all until next time.**

**Kind regards Mrs. Poole.**

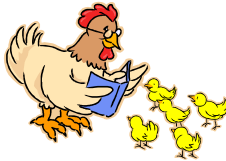


## **CHEEPS FROM THE CHICKS.**

Hello and welcome to a new year in the chicks room. Firstly a couple of reminders **NO HAT NO PLAY**, children will be required to play on the verandah area if they do not have a hat. Please remember to send your child in sun safe clothes always with a sleeve no singlets. We are a sun safe centre and follow a sun safe policy that we do adhere to.

We are going to be encouraging the children's self help skills over the next few months e.g.: helping to tidy up, returning their cups & plates to the food trolley and getting their own sheets and toilet training.

We are in great need of plastic bags which we use a lot of so if you have any at home please bring them in. Thank you from Mrs. Gillespie & Miss K.



## **CHICKEN LITTLES CHATTER**

Miss Fountain and myself are looking forward to a new and exciting year. We have some great ideas and you will see them evolve throughout the coming weeks. We will be having some theme days, so please keep an eye out on our notice board for news of these.

Kindy has just participated in our first team challenge for the year, we as a group looked at "Healthy Eating" and what is the right thing to eat. Please pause to read the information on our doors and walls in the undercover area.

We are asking parents to supply a new scrap book for the new year so please bring it in as soon as possible so we can start your child's art book. Thankyou.

A reminder to all parents to name all of their children's belongings as we have a lot of children attending the centre and it would be easier to return your children's belongings to their bags if we knew who they belonged to. **HATS, HATS, HATS**, we have a no hat no play policy, so please remember your child's hat as it is sad to see children miss out on outdoor play.

**HELMETS, HELMETS, HELMETS**. Children are required to have a helmet to ride a bike. We have lots of lovely bikes to ride but they must have a helmet to ride.

We look forward to the up and coming year full of exciting learning achievements. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to see me.

A big congratulations to Leisl who has given up her dummy and her bottle at rest times and to Kyle B who has also given up his bedtime bottle.

Thank you Miss Brown & Miss Fountain.



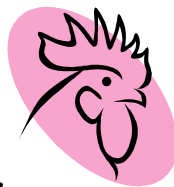
### **CHICKEN RUN'S RANTINGS.**

Christmas has come and gone and I hope the New Year brings you what you hope for.

It has been quiet for the last month and the preschoolers have been playing with the kindy children frequently. The children have been enjoying manipulation, a lot of play dough and becoming creative geniuses, painting wonderful artwork with water paints. In the next few weeks we will be concentrating on our self help skills. Such as using spoons and forks, making up our own beds and putting on our own shoes.

Just a reminder to parents to please ensure your children have a spare set of clothes, HAT, and sheets. It is our policy that children wear hats while playing outside or they have to sit under the verandah area. Don't forget to name all of your children's belongings.

Thanks Keri & Belinda.



### **RAVINGS FROM THE ROOSTERS.**

It is imperative that all children bring a drink bottle a hat and wear appropriate closed in shoes on excursions, they risk not being able to go on the excursion if they do not bring these with them.

We have had a really good group of vacation care children and enjoyed some fun outings these holidays. We have had lots of craft activities in the centre, hope you like the results mums and dads. We have been ten pin bowling, to the movies and Mcdonalds, we have been cultured at the Ipswich art gallery and the Cobb & Co Museum, we have cooked and sung out hearts out at the old

peoples homes. We have been fishing at Lake Dyer and actually caught one! **IT WAS THIIIIIS BIIIG!!!! And got away.** We have more cooking to do and golf to play and swimming to keep us cool. We have been making plenty of use of the waterplay at the centre on the cool days. Miss Paroz is using up lots of her energy in all of these activities. Please let us know if you have enjoyed our program and if there is anything you would like to add to it and let all your friends know about our great vacation care program.

Thank you Miss Paroz.