



Free Range Kids Newsletter
July 2007



July where has the year gone, we are into the second part of the year before we know it, it will be Christmas. Over the next couple of weeks the children will be concentrating on our 1st Birthday. Yes, on the 7th August 2007, we will have been open for 1 year and we are celebrating our birthday. How wonderful it will be to celebrate this special occasion with all the children and their families. We have a big day planned, in the morning all activities will be for all the children and in the afternoon we would love for all our children's families to join us from 3.00 – 5.00pm to help celebrate with the cutting of the cake and a variety of activities.

HOPE YOU ALL CAN JOIN US!!!

CENTRE PHOTOS

On Tuesday, 31st July and Thursday, 2nd August we will be having our centre photos. Following is times and days of when the photo's will be taken.

Tuesday – 9.00am
Babies
Kindy

Thursday – 9.00am
Toddlers
Preschool

NATTY SATTY IS ARRIVING

On Tuesday, 7th August, Natty Satty is arriving to the Centre to entertain the children. This will start at 11.45am and the cost will be \$5.00per child, if your child does not attend on this day they are more than welcome to attend but must be accompanied by an adult.

LATE COLLECTION OF CHILDREN FEE

Upon enrolment families received a parent handbook which covers the late fee for collecting your child/children. A rate of \$1.00 per minute per child is to be charged, and a separate late fee account will be issued for this amount. Our hours for the centre are 6.00am - 6.00pm. If you are going to be late due to unforeseen circumstances, please call the centre and advise staff as soon as possible. This will alleviate any concerns staff or your child may have while waiting for your arrival.

HOW SICK IS TOO SICK FOR DAYCARE?

With the cold weather upon us there are a lot of bugs going around. To ensure infection does not spread throughout the Centre there are times were you are required to keep your child at home.

An excerpt from our Accepting Sick Children into Care policy is included with this newsletter and parents are asked to adhere to this policy at all times.

Staff are required to stay away and parents are asked to keep their child/children away if any of the following are evident.

- Diarrhea and vomiting within 24 hours before attendance at the centre
- Eye discharge
- Thrush
- Infectious skin disorders
- Outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease when child/adult is not vaccinated
- High temperature within 24 hours before attendance at the centre

If a parent is unsure if child is ill, we will accept the child. **HOWEVER**, if the child's condition deteriorates we expect the child to be collected from the Centre within 30 minutes, where possible. Staff will endeavor to keep sick child separate from well children.

If you child/children have a contagious illness they will require a doctor's clearance letter to enable your child/children back into the Centre. If you are unable to supply a clearance letter you will be asked to take your child/children from the Centre until we receive a clearance letter.



HATCHLINGS ROOM

It's only 2 weeks until our first birthday party and even the babies are working on decorations for the day. We hope to see lots of children dress up in Rock 'n' Roll outfits. It's going to be a fun day with the main festivities starting at 3.00pm, so even if it's not your child's day of attending, please still come along and join in the fun.

Report cards are out, you should have received them if not check your pocket. If you have any concerns don't hesitate to come and see me for a parent/teacher interview or just for a casual chat. We are doing a lot of work on sense of self and others. With laminated photos on the walls the children are beginning to recognize themselves and their friends. We have requested a large mirror which the babies will be able to recognize themselves in. Birthdays for the month are Mrs Hansford on the 20th. Yes she was 21 again! Next month Laura-Jayne, Sarah have their birthdays. Laura-Jayne shares our birthday so we will have a big celebration.

Hope to see you all there.

Mrs Ryan and Mrs Hansford

CHICKS ROOM

Hello again from the chicks! Wow, hasn't winter hit us fast? Time to get out those wooly jumpers and toe socks! Just a reminder though, with all the jumpers and socks floating around, it is ESSENTIAL to name ALL your child's belongings. Mrs Vol had a couple of weeks away in Fiji in the warmer weather with her husband but she is back now feeling the weather. We have been concentrating on our cognitive and role play skills, in the Toddlers room, with activities such as puzzles, felt stories and prop boxes in home corner. The children are interacting well and are working hard at sharing with one another. Also they are excellent at packing away, helping both Mrs Gillespie and Mrs Vol after activity time as well as making their beds for rest time. (with a little help) Lunch time is a breeze, with all the children taking and scraping their plates off and returning their cups to the trolley. Independence is achieved through trial and error, and although the leftovers don't always make it onto the trolley, the important thing is that the children feel as though they are achieving and learning. Mrs Gilliespie and Mrs Vol will continue to incorporate self help skills into the program.

Until next time,

Mrs Gillespie, Mrs Vol and the Chicks



CHICK LITTLE ROOM

We have had a very busy month we have been looking at colours and shapes this will be on going into the next month as well. We have also enjoyed our dramatic play area Miss Brown, Miss Fountain and Mrs Abbott have put all sorts of exciting things in there we have had pasta and rice and we have done cooking in there.

In the coming month we have our first birthday party and we would like all the children who are coming to dress up in costume (rock 'n' roll). We also have a big change coming up for our dramatic play area so be watching for the change (it's a surprise). We have also noticed some of the children showing an interest in writing so we are going to offer a lot more pre writing activities.

I will also be away for 2 weeks helping out at our Gatton Centre and in August I will be away for 1 week. In this time Miss Paroz will be looking after the children with Miss Fountain and Mrs Abbott.

Thank you

Miss Brown, Miss Fountain and Mrs Abbott

CHICKEN RUN ROOM

The preschoolers have been very busy with mini Olympics, butterfly/caterpillar exploration and aboriginal culture. We are also concentrating on activities and artwork for our 1st Birthday, so if you children are coming home and talking about what we are doing this will give you a bit of an idea but we don't want to give too much away as it will be a big surprise.

Please remember extra clothes for your child as the weather is getting colder. A hat is also very important. We are still after shoe boxes with lids if you have any send them in.

Until next time

Mrs D Schultz, Mrs B Schultz and Mrs Wellbourne.

ROOSTERS

Well hello from the schoolies. Let me start by gently reminding you that most of you should all have pockets near the preschool door for your receipts and all other note's. Please remember to check and empty them on a regular basis.

Vacation Care was very successful again and the schoolies had lots of fun. Keep an eye out for the next lot of Vacation Care activities and get in early, I would hate for anyone to miss out. Activities that we have been doing salt dough, dress ups, balloon activities and board games and we are also getting ready for our 1st Birthday.

So until next time.

Miss J A Paroz