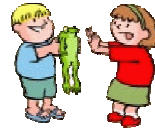


# FREE RANGE KIDS PARENT NEWSLETTER

## MAY 2007



Welcome to our recently new families. We have now been open 10 months (WOW! Where does the time go) and the centre has filled up quite quickly. Recently families were offered swap days if your child/children's days fell on a Public Holiday. Unfortunately we have experienced a lot of new families and this has made it very hard for families to swap their days. If you are thinking of swapping a day, you will need to speak with the Centre Director Amanda, but just remember that you could be turned down as we do not have any days available.

### Bus

Our bus run has kept Mrs Douglas very busy, yes the bus is a free service BUT the bus is only available for children whose family do not own its own vehicle or only has 1 vehicle where one of the parents needs the vehicle for traveling to work making the other parent unable to transport children to day care. Families that use the bus service must make sure their fees are in 1 week in advance, should your account not be in advance you will be notified that the bus will not be able to transport your child to day care. Parents as you know the arrival time of the bus, please ensure your child/children are dressed and have their bags ready to hop on the bus when it arrives.

### New Staff

You may have noticed a new face's around the centre Mrs Cassandra Hansford and Ms Nicole Jackson are our new casual staff around the Centre. The Centre is getting busier and we have extended our Relief Staff. Please say hello to Cassandra and Nicole and they can help you with any queries you may have about the Centre.

### 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 dishonor fee from us and the Bank.**

### **30 allowable absents**

**CCB is paid for up to 30 allowable absence days for each child per financial year across all approved long day care services. Each child receives a new set of 30 allowable absence days at the beginning of the financial year. Within the financial year if your child/children use the 30 allowable absences then the computer will automatically charge you full fees. If you are unaware of how many allowable absences you have used, don't hesitate to come and speak with me.**

### **Mother's Day Afternoon Tea**

**What a great Friday afternoon tea for all our children, mother's and grandmother's for Mother's day. It was a great turnout for our Mother's and Grandmother's and we even had some rain. The children handed out presents to their mother's/grandmother's and we had lots of yummy food.**

**On Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2007 we will be having Australia's Biggest Morning Tea and all is required is a gold coin donation and in return you may have morning tea with us or just donate your gold coin to a good course.**

### **SUN SAFETY CHALLENGE**

**Over the month of May our staff where given a challenge on Sun Safety. The challenge was to demonstrate our sun safety policy by children wearing hats & t-shirts, applying sunscreen, and wearing sun glasses. Also to protect ourselves from skin cancer. This was successfully done and our parents where to vote for the best display. So thank you to all our parents that participated and help voted for the best Sun Safety Display. The votes have been tallied up and it is great pleasure to announce that the staff in the Toddlers Room won. Great Job to the girls in the Toddlers Room, but most of all great job to all the girls because they all did a fabulous display.**



## News from the Nursery

The Nursery is getting busy, busy, and busy; we have a few new friends coming to join us including Emily, Logan, Jake, Daniel, Boyd, Harry and Katelyn. We are having lots of outdoor time on our new artificial grass which is a lot softer on our knees. We have been doing lots of art work to develop our fine motor skills and walking skills happening. Ella is now walking everywhere, with Matthew and Sarah beginning to pull themselves up on everything.

A reminder to parents to send both warmer and cooler clothes along in this crazy weather we are having. Don't forget to send along a scrapbook for your child and stop and have a look at them to see your child's progress.

Thank you

Mrs Ryan and Mrs Scholl

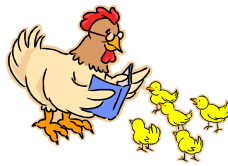


## CHEEPS FROM THE CHICKS.

Hello again from the Toddlies Room!

We've been very busy in our room changing the furniture, promoting Sun Safety and welcoming the arrival of our lovely green "grass" on the verandah. The children have been enjoying play dough, collage and various types of painting to enhance their creative and sensory awareness as well as lots of outside time enjoying the sunshine. Just a reminder that it is vital you provide a hat EVERYDAY your child attends day care so they are not restricted to verandah activities out of the sun. We are really pushing our Sun Safety program at the moment, and are inviting parents to not only protect their children from harmful UV rays but also support the Queensland Cancer Fund by purchasing sunglasses from the Cancer Foundation. Sunglasses are an important part of Sun Safety and help prevent eye cancer. We have provided an order form on the wall above our wooden blocks for any parents wishing to purchase these and we thank you in advance for your participation.

Also a great big huge Thankyou goes out to all the parents who voted in the Sun Safety Display Staff Challenge and advise that Mrs Gillespie and I Mrs Volanda are thrilled to announce **WE WON!!** Massage and total relaxation here we come! However the real winners are the children who benefit from the awareness raised. Lastly, if you have not yet brought a scrapbook in for your child, please do so. Thanks and see you next month!  
Mrs Gillespie and Mrs Volanda



## **CHICKEN LITTLES CHATTER**

Miss Brown is away in Fiji at present and will be returning on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2007. Miss Paroz is the Group Leader in her absence and doing a wonderful job. Some parents may have noticed a new face in our room helping out. Mrs Abbott has joined the Kindy Room to assist with the children so please do not hesitate to introduce yourself and get to know her. There are a few small changes happening at the moment were we have started our indoor/outdoor program which allows the children to participate in planned activities including chooks, garden, gross motor activities – jumping etc. This new program will be evaluated in a couple of weeks to ensure the children are getting the most out of it. At this stage the children seem to be enjoying the extra time outside. Over the last few weeks the children have been enjoying play dough and have been using their creativeness in painting. They especially enjoyed painting their rocks which were sent home with the children for Mothers Day. Just another 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.

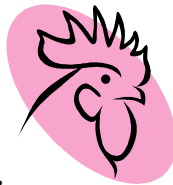
Thank you Miss Brown, Miss Fountain, Mrs Abbott & Miss Paroz.

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



The preschool room has been very busy with activity and play. New children are settling in well and the room is working around our normal routine. Children's developmental books are up and going so feel free to have a look at your child's book located on top of the lockers. The children will be observed and monitored over the next couple of weeks to help us gain insight into their developmental stages of colours, counting, shapes, and alphabet and name recognition. Once we have done this we will be able to work towards assisting each child in areas they may need help with.

Thank you,  
Mrs Debbie Schultz, Mrs Belinda Schultz & Mrs Welbourne



## **RAVINGS FROM THE ROOSTERS.**

Hello from the schoolies. Some parents may have noticed a different person with the schoolies sometimes, her name is Cassandra Hansford. She help's out from time to time. The schoolies were recently busy helping to make things from the Sun Safety Challenge. We also have been busy making balloon heads, scrap booking, beading, and paper mache. If you have any concerns or queries don't hesitate to come and find me.

Until next time  
Take Care  
Miss Paroz & Mrs Hansford