

Newsletter May 2009

New

Addition....

We have said goodbye to our chicken's who are enjoying life on a large farm in Stanthorpe.

To continue with the 'caring for animals' program we are welcoming 'Chopper', a piglet. He will be with us for approximately eight weeks, or until he outgrows our enclosure.

The children will continue to feed and supply water to him and there is some interest by the preschoolers in attempting to train him.

We will be drawing up a family roster and asking any interested families to come into the Centre on a Saturday to ensure Chopper has food and water. If you are interested in assisting please speak with a staff member.



Understanding your account slips

Many families have expressed to staff that the account Statement are confusing and difficult to read. We will try to assist you in learning how to understand these better. If you have trouble reading the example below, and enlarged copy is on display in the office.

How many absences has your child used?

Each financial year, your child has 42 absences in which Centrelink will pay child care benefit for. After these 42 absence days have been used, **parents are responsible for the full fee (\$54)** for any further absences without supporting documentation (medical certificate, etc) The number of absences your child has used is shown on your Customer Account Statement (YTD absences:) If you believe your child will use more than the 42 approved absences before the end of the financial year, please come and discuss this with Deyana to ensure you have a full understanding of the ramifications to your account and your budget.

Hatchling Happenings

WOW it's April. Hope you all had a lovely Easter break and that the Easter Bunny was good to you. He came and visited the Centre just before Easter and the Babies loved this.

This month we have been looking at our natural environment, painting with leaves, collaging butterfly's, and other items. We have been reading about all different sorts of bugs and Mrs Quinn even

brought in a huge pray mantis for us to look at and watch. We had our leaf and gum nut feely bags for the younger children so they could touch and feel without eating them. We played with the plastic bugs and made some ants.

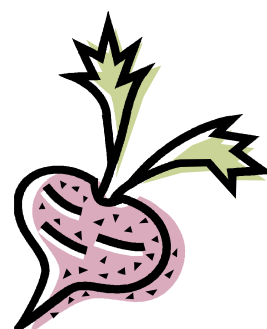
As it is starting to get colder, please remember winter is on its way. We would appreciate that your child has some warm clothes and sheets to make them comfort-

able throughout the day. Please name these items.

Mrs Quinn and I would like to wish all our Mum's a very Happy Mother's Day. Hope you all get spoilt.

Until next time

Mrs Abbott and Mrs Quinn.



Toddler Talk

A big hello from the Toddlers room. I hope the parents enjoyed their wonderful Easter presents that were went home with the children. They all worked very hard on them, especially the sticker collage on the buckets. The week approaching Easter we had a visit each day from the Easter bunny which come with some mixed emotions in the room—but was enjoyed by most.

This month has been busy working

on emotions, colours and our life sized garden display. We have introduced "If your happy and you know it " song to group time to encourage children to identify emotions. We have some great pictures of the children on display.

The life size garden is coming along with our tree almost complete. We have been working on brown and green colours to construct it. From here we will continue with flowers, grass, birds and

butterflies.

The children are showing a lot of interest in the art activities offered and are eager to participate.

With the cool weather approaching we ask that you name your children's jumpers please and that they attend with shoes and socks to keep their little toes warm.

If you have any questions please feel free to come and chat.

Mrs Hansford and Mrs Blanco

Kindy News

Miss Eyles and I (Mrs Amos) send you all a warm 'Hello' and would like to thank you for sharing your beautiful and individually unique children with us.

As the Kindy parents will know, we have introduced a reward book system in our class that is progressing nicely. In saying this, we would appreciate parents encouraging the children to bring their book, each day, to receive any stamps or stickers for a variety of good behaviour. Your enthusiasm and interest in your child's achievements is also appreciated.

Recently, the centre had a spontaneous fire drill, where the children that attended on that day had the opportunity to experience the required procedures, if a fire was to occur.

This week, our topic will cover transport including emergency vehicles, and follow up on our fire drill, we will cover fire safety and centre procedures.

To stay informed of the topics for the Kindy room each week, please refer to the room notice board located at the locker area. We also have a parent communication book located in this area. Please feel free to use this book for any comments, suggestions, requests or feedback you may have.

Scrapbook request: There are still a number of children without scrapbooks provided. If you have not already done so, please bring in a scrapbook for your child's 2009 artwork as soon as convenient.

That's about it from me. If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please approach myself and I will do all I can to assist you. Your child's happiness is important to us...

Lyn Amos (Kindy Group Leader)

Preschool Particulars

In preschool this month we have been focusing on our Letters.

We have done many fun activities to assist the children in learning the letters that appear in our names, including making cookie letters which were very yummy. We have been working on the letter that our names start with and the sounds that they make. The preschoolers are doing well and enjoying the activities. We still have some work to do in this area, so we will follow up through out the year.

Over the next eight weeks the preschoolers will be taking a very active role in caring for "Chopper" our new piglet. Each day a small group of children will be going out to feed him. The children will also be measuring and weighing him regularly and keeping a growth chart of his



progress. We are all very excited about 'Choppers' arrival.

We are working on helping the children become responsible for their own items. We encourage the children to place their shoes/jumpers/etc into their bag/locker, however some children are needing a lot more reinforcement. It would be appreciated if you could assist staff by reminding your children of this each morning when their bag is put into their locker for the day.

Mrs Schultz & Miss Edmonds

Schoolies Stories

Well hello, where do we start?

We have been very busy in the afternoon with lots of science experiments happening. The children enjoy these as well as the usual art activities.

Some of the children joined us for Vacation Care. We all had a blast.

Messy day was our favourite day with Jelly and shaving cream. It was so much fun (especially when all the children attacked Miss Major). We also had a great time with our party day which included lots of party games. Lots of fun was had by all, especially Miss Paroz and Miss Major. We can't

wait for next vacation care—we have already starting thinking of program ideas.

Parent ideas and feedback are welcome so please come and have a chat.

Miss Paroz and Miss Major.