

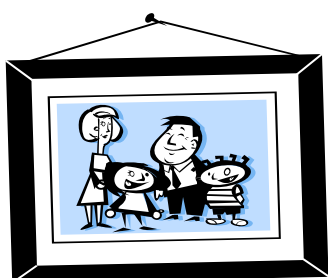
March 2010

Free Range Kids

What's happening this month?

Family Portrait Fundraiser

Sunday 17th March



We have about ten spaces left for you to receive a family portrait for only \$10. Please return your booking slip and \$10 to the office to book your session.

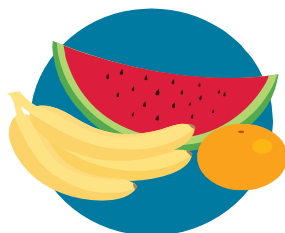
All proceeds will help support Meals on Wheels.

Preschool Group Excursion

'The Ditto Show' is coming to Free Range Kids at Gatton. We will be taking a group of preschoolers over to join in the fun. It is for 4-5 years olds and discusses "Personal Safety" and is accredited by Education QLD. Please check your child's pocket for further information.

During the second week of March we will be holding a

Healthy Choices Week



Each room will be planning activities for the children to assist them in identifying and making healthy choices at meal times. They will be discussing how food makes our bodies grow and our brains work. The program will include cooking activities as well as lots of fun activity ideas. The children will work on these activities in small and large groups.

We will also be surprising the children with some stickers and tattoos and brochures to take home.

If you have any activity suggestions please feel free to see your group leader.

IMMUNISATION INFORMATION EVENING

15th March—5.45pm

Free Range Kids is holding a free information evening for parents and staff in regards to Immunisation for children and adults. This is being held at our Gatton Centre. For further information please see Deyana.



FIRST AID AND CPR TRAINING

Free Range Kids Laidley is running a first aid and CPR course on Saturday 27th March beginning at 9.00am. We welcome any interested parents or community members who wish to participate. For further details please see Deyana.

VACATION CARE

Vacation Care Booking Forms for School Aged Children will be going out in the third week of March. If you have a school aged child who does not normally attend Free Range and is interested in attending our Vacation Care program, please collect a program and booking sheet from the office. Vacation Care Booking forms will be due back on 29 March 2010.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

If your child is going to be away during the Easter Holiday break can you please let Deyana know so our Roster can be organized.

Hatchling Happenings

Hi from the Hatchery!

Welcome to another month in the Hatchery. All our new friends have settled in well and are working on listening, communicating, physical and motor skills. We have been enjoying finger painting, texta drawing, crayons, dot paints, collage and playdough. Some of our friends are now using spoons to eat with at the table and are walking around the room—all growing fast.

We have enjoyed playing with the farm puppets and the animal blocks and making animal sounds. We have been learning our name through our Bee Bee Bumble Bee song and listening for our name to be called.

Next month we are learning about healthy eating, names of different fruit and vegetables, for eg. Banana, apples, carrots. We will be vege stamping with paint and pictures.

Don't forget to pack a hat for outdoor play.

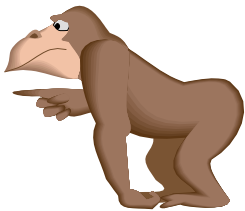
Until next time stay safe,

Mrs Abbott and Mrs Blanco



Chicks News

We have been very busy this month on our jungle safari. We have learnt about lots of different jungle animals—our favourite if the gorilla.



We have been working really hard on our colour recognition and are very good at our colours now we have been learning through our flash cards and with various art experiences.

Next month we are going to look at different places around the world doing lots of multicultural activities. We are also going to work on our shape recognition.

Our garden is now underway with lots of different plants including carrots, corn and watermelon. We take it in turns to water our garden everyday.

Just a quick reminder to make sure your child brings a hat everyday as they need a hat to play outside.

Miss Wendt and Mrs Smith

Chicken Little's News

Milk comes from a cow, eggs come from chickens, vegetables grow in the garden, fruit grows on trees and bacon comes from a pig. Our Kindy friends have been very busy all month exploring the concept where does our food come from. The children have put a lot of effort into our room displays and even more effort into learning to use scissors. Our vege garden has been started with Kindy planting a variety of seeds to grow into plants

to harvest for Mrs McCann to cook with in the kitchen. We water them daily and have already seen some of them sprout.

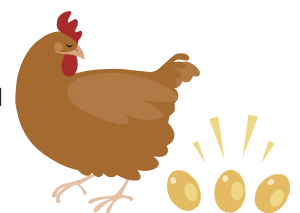
Thankyou to all the families who have bought in some very interesting insects and fish this month. The children have had a great time exploring them and even chasing Miss Eyles around with them. Hehehehe.

Next month we plan to continue our

scissor skills and expand our knowledge on Nutrition and Hygiene. If you have any food catalogues at home we would appreciate them for the arts and crafts activities for March. A busy month and lots more to come.

Mrs Hansford and Miss

Eyles.



Chicken Run

Hello again from the preschool room.

February proved to be a very busy month, getting straight into learning combined with lots of fun. We celebrated the Chinese Year of the Tiger by studying and role playing the zodiac animals. We then enjoyed a Circus week followed by learning about our 5 senses with lots of sensory experiences.

Our workbooks are quite popular with the preschool class. The children are enjoying having opportunities for some one on one times with myself or Mrs Quinn as they get tutoring on what they have been learning (To date: colours, shapes, primary colour mixing, same, different and tracing shapes before drawing our own)

We are now heading into number

recognition and telling the o'clock times, which will also be included in their workbooks.

In March, we are focusing on healthy lifestyle/foods and Harmony Day (embracing multi-culturalism in Australia) To see your child's workbook or for any questions answered, please see Tina or Myself. (Lyn)



Schoolies Shenanigans

Great News!

Miss Major and Miss Paroz are both back from holiday's. We are refreshed and rearing to go for a fabulous year.

We have had some new enrolments recently and we have been busy trying to get to know our new

friends. Some of the children have been showing a interest in doing their homework—great to see.

Other interests are computers, Movies , Art and Craft and what ever comes up.

Time is flying by so fast we are already looking forward to Easter Va-

cation Care Holidays.

If you have any concerns or queries don't hesitate to come and see us.

Miss Paroz and Miss Major.

Our Visit from the Boys in Blue

On Friday 26 February the local police brought their car down to the Centre for the children to climb through and see the lights and hear the siren. The Police spoke to the children about safety issues such as wearing your seatbelt in the car and a helmet when riding a bike. The children had a great time.

