

Kids Korner Newsletter

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Welcome to the October edition of our newsletter.

What an eventful month we have had- so many wonderful and exciting things have been happening at Kids Korner.

Dental Visit: Wednesday 17th August

A big thankyou to Leanne from Pacific Smiles for coming to our centre and talking to the children about the importance of dental hygiene and oral health care. The children had lots of fun dressing up and pretending to be Dentists themselves, as well as being able to discover the equipment that they may see when they visit the Dentist. Hopefully the visit has taken some of the 'scariness' out of the Dentist visit for the children. Have a look at our display folder in the foyer to see the pictures of the day.

School Photos: 29th August-2nd September

Wow! Such lovely smiles we had for our school photos this year! The children were fantastic as most sat beautifully for their individual photo and then had enormous smiles for our group shots. We are hoping to have the photos back to the centre either this week or next week, and will distribute them out to you once we receive them.

Father Day afternoon tea: Friday 9th September

A big thankyou to those fathers who came to spend some time at the centre for our afternoon tea. The children loved having you here, and being able to show you their favourite toys to play with as well as have a play with them and their friends in their room.

Henny Penny Chickens: 5th-16th September

Again we all enjoyed having the Henny Penny Chickens come and visit us this year. The children were so excited to watch the chickens hatch from the egg and then watched them grow over the fortnight. Thankyou to Marie, Tiane, Broc and Marisa who all gave the chickens a new home!

Footy Friday: Friday 30th September

Lots of Manly and Warriors supporters turned up for our Footy Friday, but it was great to see the other teams supported strongly as well! Our footy game out in the playground was lots of fun- Thanks to Lucas for bringing in a footy for us to play with- his footy was even signed by one of the Parramatta Eels players!

Parent Helpers required!

If you have a special talent, or would like to help out during a morning session for art and craft or story time, please let your child's room leader know. We welcome parent involvement at the centre and would love for parents to come and participate at the centre. Your child will love showing you off to their friends too!

News from the rooms.....

BABY BEARS:

This year is flying by and it's hard to believe we are already in October! The Baby Bears have been enjoying playing outdoors now that the weather has warmed up, further developing our gross motor skills and exploring new challenges. With the warmer weather upon us please make sure your child has appropriate clothing in their bag. We have also welcomed a new teacher in the room- Erin- so please introduce yourself and make her feel welcome! We have also purchased a digital photo frame so please take the time to check out the photos of your child and their exciting day! Thankyou. Nicola, Erin and Zowie.

MIGHTY MONKEYS:

We have been busy in the Monkey room lately with lots of fun had by everyone. Since our Henny Penny chicken visit we have been learning about chickens and other farm animals. Our Monkey room has turned into a farmyard with all the different farm animal noises! To extend on our learning we are moving into 'secondary colours' and common shapes. Also a big welcome to all the Baby Bears who have just moved up into the room!! Now that it is becoming warmer we have started up on our 'toilet training' procedures and are encouraging the children to sit on the toilet at nappy change times. If you are wanting to toilet train your child, please make sure you pack lots of spare clothes in case of 'accidents'. Please come see either Melissa or Sarah if you would like to start toilet training your child, or if you have any questions. Thankyou. Melissa and Sarah.

TERRIFIC TIGERS:

The Tigers are moving forward with their skills as we have moved into name recognition and name writing! The Tigers are showing how clever they are at being able to find their name, either on a name card or in our 'name treasure hunt game', and we will be practicing to write our name on some of our drawings. We are also about to embark on a transport theme. If you have any books on transport, or any toys you would like to show your class friends, please bring them in and give it to Stacey. Please make sure your child's name is on the toy or book to avoid confusion and misplacement. We are also working on looking after our own belongings, including trying to put on our own shoes and socks, and packing away our sheets after rest time. This is to encourage ownership of their property and beginnings for their school readiness skills. We also welcome Chrystal into the room. Chrystal is the centre trainee and has been working in the Tiger room for a few weeks now, so please make her feel welcome! If you have any questions or comments about the room, please come and speak to us. Thankyou. Stacey, Erin and Chrystal.

WONDERFUL WALLABIES:

Wow! We still can't believe how quick this year is going and how much progress the Wallabies are making in terms of their school readiness skills and abilities. We have been enjoying the outdoors this month due to the lovely warmer weather. We have been engaging in imaginative play, water play and further developing our gross motor skills. Thankyou to the parents who have been working with your child to help them complete our weekly homework sheets! It is great to see parent and family involvement and the children love showing off their work the following week! Thankyou. Gil, Jade and Kathleen.

KIDS KORNER KITCHEN!

The new menu rotation is going really well! The children are enjoying the new recipes and still loving the old favourites. As always, if you have any favourite recipes that your children enjoy at home, let us know! There is a feedback form on the kitchen noticeboard for you to write any feedback or recipes for Maryanne.

From all rooms:

Please make sure you label ALL belongings that your child brings into the centre, including bottles, dummies, sheets, clothing, hats and also shoes. Some children have unfortunately taken home items that did not belong to them as they were unlabelled. We can provide you with a marker if you need to label anything. For all rooms you need to make sure you have at least 2 FULL changes of clothes for the children in case of accidents or messy play. Whilst we take all necessary precautions, children may get messy and will need to be changed. For this reason try to pack older clothes. Don't forget that hats can be purchased from the centre for \$12. They are labelled with your child's name and are kept at the centre to be laundered each week. Please see Stacey or Sue if you would like to purchase a hat.

Special events and celebrations:

Please let your child's room teachers know if your child is celebrating anything special at home which we can incorporate into the room. Special times such as family birthdays and events are welcomed at the centre, so if you would like to bring in something for your child's class to share please let their teachers' know.

If you do bring in a cake or food into the centre for your child to share, please make sure you supply a list of ingredients. As a rule, we do not accept any food with nuts present, and we need to be careful of eggs and other traces of allergens. Hand all information to Stacey or Maryanne so we can check if it is suitable to have in the centre. If no ingredients are supplied then we cannot give it to the children. Thankyou for adhering to our policy.



Special events coming up!!

Monday 24th October-Friday 28th October-
CRAZY HAIR WEEK!!!

Bring your craziest hair styles for a fun week! Anything goes- coloured hair, different hair styles, patterns, anything!!!

Thursday 1st December: Kids Korner Disco!

This year we will be holding our annual disco at Tuggerah Public School Hall from 7pm-9pm. More information to come but save the date!

Wallabies Graduation Ceremony: Date to be confirmed.