



ASHMORE COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CENTRE 2009

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



DIRECTOR'S NEWS

From Karen

Thank you to all the parents who have returned their booking forms for 2010. All bookings are now in place. Confirmations of days for families will be available very soon. As I predicted bookings were snapped up very quickly and I have had to apply the government's priority of access requirements, this has meant that some families have not been able to get the days that they would have liked. I apologise for any inconvenience, but our centre is extremely popular and we are limited by our license capacity and government regulations.

The year has been a busy one and we have achieved a lot, both for the centre and for the children. On Friday, 25 September we were informed that we were successful in gaining a grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. The new construction in the nursery area will be an improvement that will be of benefit to many children to come. The Kindy/Preschool Room will get new, more efficient air conditioners. The Toddlers outdoor area will receive a bit of a face lift with the concrete area being resurfaced. The receipt of a grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund has made it possible for us to make some wonderful improvements that will only add to the high level of care that we offer at ACCC.

Lynn is back from her great holiday and Kate will be back very soon. Beth will also return early in the month and we hope that she has had a great time as well.

We would like to thank all our wonderful relief staff who have filled these spaces so well. We are very lucky to have regular, reliable and

experienced people available when we need them.

Working Bee:

We need some help to top up the sand pits, dig over the soft fall and tidy up the gardens. Please come along and give us a hand on **Saturday 24 October from 8.00am**. Bring along shovels and wheelbarrows if you have them.

Coming Events:

- **Hey De Ho Music Program –every Thursday for October**
- **Tuesday 13 October - Marionette Show from 9.30am**
- **Saturday 24 October - Working Bee from 8.00am**
- **Thursday 12 November – Daryl Bellingham, Storyteller from 9.30am**
- **Friday 4 December – End of Year Celebration from 5.30pm**



Committee Meeting: Next meeting will be held on Monday 9TH November at 6pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Don't forget we need your help for the Working Bee on Saturday 24 October from 8.00am!



KINDY/PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

From Bindi, Beth & Barb



Hello again from the Kindy/Preschool Room . Wow, it seems like only yesterday I was writing about our news, now time is definitely flying and before we know it it will be Christmas!

Spring has arrived and the children have been extending their creativity with many different and varied art activities, please take time to check out our room displays. Our room displays have been created with lots of cutting, pasting, threading and painting. These activities help our fine motor skills and control as well as visual hand-eye co-ordination.

A Big Thank You to Lucas' Mum for coming in and showing us how to do origami, this was greatly appreciated and she has said she will visit us again later in the year as well.

Thanks also to Amelia's Mum for organizing and coming along with some fellow officers to show us the police car and give us a demonstration with Sirens and Lights and we even got a chance to try out the handcuffs!

We have also arranged for "Bravehearts" to visit us with a show about child safety that will be of benefit to all the children. This will be on Wednesday 25 November at 11.00am.

Regards Bindi, Beth, Barb and Robyne.

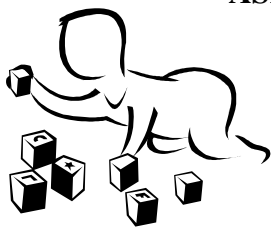


Police Visit Friday 25 September.

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NURSERY NOTES

From Kate, Katelyn and Rosalie



Well, another month has flown by – again!

Thank you to Rosalie, Virginia and Katelyn for holding the fort while Kate has been away on holiday. Kate will be returning to work rested

and refreshed on 7 October. ☺

Spring has arrived and so has the warmer weather. Water play has been a hit with the children to try to keep the heat at bay. Please make sure you pack plenty of weather appropriate clothes, just in case a change of clothes is needed.

Over the last month the children have enjoyed getting messy with various messy play and activities. Messy play is a wonderful open-ended experience that allows children to explore, experiment, touch, move and manipulate material in a multitude of ways. There is no right or wrong way to use mediums such as shaving foam, goop, water and playdough. Young children learn through their senses to make sense of and understand the world around them. We will continue to offer many opportunities for children to explore textures through messy play.

We have also been doing a little spring cleaning in our room. A notice board has created in the sign in area to help provide you with easily accessible information. If there is any subject you would like information on (such as toilet training) please don't hesitate to ask us. We will do our best to find information for you!!

Kind regards,

Kate, Katelyn, Rosalie and Virginia



Messy Play is FUN!

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TODDLER TALES

From Lynn, Linnie, Robyne & Barb



Hi, we can't believe how fast the year is going and how quickly the children are learning everyday to utilize their program. We are pleased to see that the children are beginning to learn to share and take turns at an acceptable level.

Linnie is also sharing her different cultural experiences that she had on her European vacation. Linnie has been sharing photo's postcards and stories with the children. We are pleased to have her back but would like to say a big THANK YOU to Robyne who helped the children during this transition time, her decorative touches were greatly appreciated.

Please remember to tell us about your child's favorite thing. If you have some favorite books, music or some special event that you think your child would like us to include in their day please let us know, we'd love to include it. We believe it is important for all children to see aspects of their culture in the child care setting. Your ideas and contributions are welcomed and appreciated!

Thank you from staff in the Toddlers Room.

Here are the words to a new song we are learning:

Hello how ya goin'? (echo)
Hello I hope you're well
Hello how ya goin'?
As we clap our hands
And conduct the band
As we march to kindyland

We also change Hello to:
Bonjour (French)
Ni hao ma (Mandarin)
Guten tag (German)

Any other suggestions would be welcomed!



Linnie shares her cultural experiences with the children