

## Family, Team Work, Quality, Life long Learning, Fun!!!

Week : 1  
 Date : 29/04/2015

Welcome back everyone. I hope you had a lovely break. The term has started smoothly and all children are happy to be back, as are we happy to see them. We love listening to the holiday stories and this is a big part of our day to day programme "Oral Language".

Research tells us that families are becoming so busy that listening and talking to children is something that is diminishing. We often give our child a DVD to watch in the car, an iphone while we are shopping and an ipod at footy practice. All of these things are stopping conversations which children need, not just put your shoes on, tea is ready or time for bed, but conversations, back and forth to enhance their oral language skills (questioning, new vocabulary, extending their sentences and knowledge). Without strong oral language skills, reading and writing will be difficult.

As we head into winter the weather is bound to be inclement with wet and cold days occurring regularly. The outdoor learning environment changes and different experiences can be enjoyed by the children.

To encourage explorations and discovery of nature in the wet our children will be able to be outside in all types of weather, provided they are suitably clothed. We would appreciate if you could send along appropriate clothing to support them in their discovery and play. Gumboots, rain jackets, wet weather pants and umbrellas are all useful. Please clearly name all items and alert staff that they are in their bag so they can dress the children appropriately when accessing the outside. Even when it is not raining the sandpit is quite often damp and if children have wet weather pants this will help your child feel more comfortable.

Thankyou for supporting your child in experiencing this type of play. As our philosophy statement says "Our practices reflect the importance of all children having opportunities to spend quality time in the natural environment. Both our indoor and outdoor environment promote curiosity, wonder and provide opportunities for challenges and risk taking"

*"There is no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing"*

### **DIARY DATES :**

#### MAY

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> – **Mother's day High Tea**  
 Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> – **Mother's day High Tea**  
 Wed 13<sup>th</sup> – **CaFHS appt for some kindy children**  
 Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> – **CaFHS appt for some kindy children**  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – **Walk to School Day**  
 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – **Management 7.30pm**  
 Wed 27<sup>th</sup> – **Simultaneous Story Telling**  
 Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> – **Biggest Morning Tea for Centre**  
 Friday 29<sup>th</sup> – **Biggest Morning Tea for Playgroup**

#### JUNE

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> – **African Drumming for all children**  
 Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> – **Family Fun night**  
 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – **Pupil Free day for kindy children**  
 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – **Wipe Waste performance for kindy children**  
 Wed 24<sup>th</sup> – **Blokes at the centre night**  
 Mon 29<sup>th</sup> – **Management 7.30pm**

### **ROTARY CLUB**

The Rotary Club of Clare has thanked us for our generosity in donating shoes. 7200 pairs of shoes have been collected state wide (with a target of 8500) with the Clare and districts donating 1472. Well done everyone.

### **OVER 4's**

I would like to congratulate Amelia Birchmore on winning the Team leader position in the over 4 room. The kindy staff are more than delighted to have Amelia join the team and the children are certainly happy to have a familiar face.

### **ILLNESSES**

If you child is diagnosed with an illness by your doctor and they have been in care recently please alert the centre. It is our policy that we inform other families by a notice in the front foyer that a child has attended the centre and may have been contagious.

### **BUSES**

If you are seeking approval for your kindy child to travel on a bus, I would appreciate it, if you now wait until the end of the term. Once I have all the forms, I will send them off to the high school in week 9. Last term they continually came through which resulted in more work load for the High School admin as well as for us, with updating lists and forms nearly every week.

## FUNDRAISING and PROMOTIONS:

Management have approved the following fundraising events for the year.

### TERM 2

- Plates/mugs/calendars (children's drawings)
- Bunnings BBQ (*we will be looking for helpers to cook and serve at Munno Para on May 31st*)

### TERM 3

- Facebook Auction
- Wheelathon

### TERM 4 –

- Market (proposed date 31<sup>st</sup> October)
- Living products.

Management hope that by having the fundraising plan available to families, it will enable you to make a more informed decision about how you would like to support the centre. We do not expect you to tap into everything.

The **pictureproducts** are due back on **May 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please see admin for your templates.

Please contact Ruth on 0424 440 464 if you can help with the BBQ at Munno Para on Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup> May. We hope to car pool. Many hands make light work.

We have had a basket of Arbonne products donated, we will take this opportunity to raise money by raffling the basket. Tickets can be purchased at the front desk or at our stall on the Gourmet weekend.

## NUMERACY IN BLOCK PLAY

When we play with blocks we are practicing.....

Numbers	Spatial concepts (under, over etc)
Patterning	Size
Problem solving	Estimation
Symmetry	Measurement
Sorting	

Vocabulary that could be used.....

Same, different, heavy, light, big, small, behind, next to, in front of, between, above, straight, curved, long, short



## MOTHER'S DAY HIGH TEA

Hopefully you have all received your invitations in your pockets. We have just had to change the dates of the morning tea to:

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of May** to ensure that we can capture both Kindergarten groups.

Please feel free to pop in anytime between 3.00pm – 5.30pm on either day to have some yummy afternoon tea, bring your own teddy or favourite doll, do some crafts with your children or get some information about Zonta, a local women's service club who are involved in a range of activities in our community. We are really keen for any significant women in the Childrens lives to attend so grandmas, carers etc are all invited.

## BIGGEST MORNING TEA

This year there will be two events with:

- ❖ Play Group holding their Biggest Morning Tea here at the centre on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May.
- ❖ Whole of Centre morning tea on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

We hope to have a morning tea for staff, children and families to support this great cause. More information will be in the next newsletter

## CIRCLE OF SECURITY

A reminder that this great parenting group starts next week, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May from 1.00pm – 3.00pm at the centre. This is the first group of its kind to be held in the area and we look forward to providing this as an ongoing service each term.

Circle of Security is a free, 8 week program to assist parents to better understand their children. A free crèche is also available – talk to Jo Kelley if you are interested.

Thanks for Reading

Amanda

