

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

Week : 8
 Date : 30/11/2015

The children certainly enjoyed themselves last Thursday at the concert. They were all excited in the lead up to the night in anticipation of performing for their families. The kindy children enjoyed decorating the yard for the occasion. Thankyou to all who attended, it is wonderful to see so many people support this event. We would love to hear your feedback, so we can continue to improve on the night.. We are aware that some people could not hear, at the back so we have already organised a better sound system for next year , and some people felt the older children running around during the performance was distracting, again we hope to work on a solution for this.

With less than two weeks left before school holidays, I am busy finalising everything for Airlie to take over. I am certainly going to miss the CVCC. It has been a big part of my life over the last 5 and half years. I strongly believe RELATIONSHIPS underpin everything we do at the centre which is why it makes it so hard to say goodbye. Nobody wants to say goodbye to people you love. What makes CVCC so unique to other preschools I have worked in before is that we welcome children from 4 months old. We are lucky to have the privilege of watching your children develop and learn over these years and grow into confident capable learners who are creative and purposeful.

Thankyou to all who contributed to my "goodie basket", your generosity was over whelming. I would love you to look me up, if you are over on the Yorkes!!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We will be participating in the pageant this year but instead of just walking or riding we are going to submit a float. The float will be a decorated stock trailer with sides. The children will help us decorate it to symbolise nature (to resonate with our philosophy). If you have any ideas or would like to help, please let Joh, Julie or I know. We are asking children to come dressed as **creatures in nature**, e.g. fairies at the bottom of the garden, ladybirds, bees, gumnut babies the options are only limited by your imagination. Parents are welcome to walk with us; you could even dress up too (staff are dressing as fairies). Can you please meet at 6.15 at Sanders. If you are not joining us can you please ensure you are at the end of the parade to collect your child when we reach the finishing point? Please let Sarah or Kathy know if you will be joining us.

DIARY DATES :

DECEMBER

Friday 4th – Christmas pageant

Thursday 10th Dec – School starters party for Tues/Thursday group 12pm-1pm (early dismissal) after kindy child care is available, bookings essential

Friday 11th Dec – School Starters party for Mon/Wed group 12pm-1.00pm (early dismissal) after kindy child care is available, bookings essential

The centre will close 6.00pm Wednesday the 23rd of December and re-open on Tuesday 5th January.

Staff will return the day before on Monday the 5th of January for a staff meeting and to set up the environment for the New Year.

SCHOOL STARTERS PARTY

You should have all received your official invitation, inviting you to your child's school starter's party.

Mon/Wed group will have their party on their last day
Friday 11th of December at 12.00pm-1.00pm

Tues/Thurs group will have their party on their last day
Thursday 10th of December at 12.00pm-1.00pm

Kindy sessions on these days will finish at the conclusion of these parties. Childcare will commence at 1.00pm for any children in after kindy care (at no extra cost)

CLOTHING

It is policy that children wear supportive shoes when at the centre. These are essential for children to climb, balance and run. We strongly recommend sandshoes or sandals and not thongs and crocs.

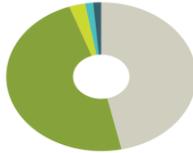
FEES

All outstanding kindy fees are overdue and need to be finalised by December 11th. Please see Kathy or Amanda, if you have any concerns or to discuss payment options.

PARENT SURVEY

Thankyou to all the families who completed the online survey. We reached my target with 73 responses. We will use the information you gave to improve on our practices and procedures. Below is information we received on the question about our environment. You may like to come along to the AGM next year or read The Annual report to hear more information about the other questions. The Quality Improvement Plan which is displayed in each room will share the improvements we are working on.

3. CVCC's physical environment is welcoming, inspiring, and promotes curiosity and wonder for my child.



Skipped: 0 Answered: 73

Strongly disagree	1%	1
Disagree	1%	1
Unsure	3%	2
Agree	48%	35
Strongly agree	47%	34
comment if you wish		9 >

There is room for improvement >

19/11/2015 2:39 pm

There are always a large number of different and varied activities set out to engage the children >

17/11/2015 10:22 am

I wouldn't say inspiring. There could be more nature play. >

16/11/2015 10:29 pm

a happy, welcoming feel from the moment we drive in the car park. >

14/11/2015 7:59 pm

... loves exploring the under 2 rooms by the sounds as well as the centre when opened up during the day. >

10/11/2015 11:36 am

Wonder? >

9/11/2015 4:49 pm

Love the focus on outdoor and imaginative play >

3/11/2015 7:03 pm

There is always something different to look at or to do which makes it exciting for when she comes in. >

3/11/2015 5:28 pm

I absolutely love the "natural" play space >

27/10/2015 1:51 pm

Congratulations **Kylie Jaeschke** for being randomly selected to receive either a half day childcare or a fruit basket from BJ Fruit Barrow.

One family commented about our use of "liquid cheese" you will be pleased to know that we had already stopped this practice and have replaced it with Philadelphia cream cheese. Probiotics in our food was another suggestion and when we approached a dietician about this she said it is in the yoghurt that we use.

We are considering a few of your other suggestions and we will take this to the appropriate committees.

AGM

The AGM is set for **28th of February 2015 at 7.00pm** please add this date to your diaries.

All positions will become vacant. A few members have indicated they will not be continuing next year so we are looking for new members to join Management and some of the sub committees. Management meets on the last Monday of each month.

*This is a great way to meet other parents and contribute to **YOUR** centre.*

A free crèche will be provided for the AGM.

TRADEGY and our CHILDREN

In light of the recent tragedies in Paris and other parts of the world and the fact that wherever we turn the media (radio, television, social media etc.) someone is talking about this devastation. It maybe timely to discuss how we can support our children through this (discussion about Bushfires is also on our children's minds and obviously some families are having great conversations about this as the children are approaching us with their thoughts and ideas.)

Here is a little snippet from an article originally published on Kids Help Line: to help you with your children

'Practical tips/ideas:

- * Welcome and invite questions from your child about news events and be curious about their thoughts and feelings in relation to the event.
- * Be as accurate as you can be about news without being too simplistic, and avoid cultural stereotyping. Remind them that they live in a safe community and extreme events that are occurring elsewhere are not occurring here in their own street or suburb (if correct).
- * Discuss their strengths and the ways they would respond themselves if some shocking event occurred such as being offered a lift by a stranger or witnessing a road accident. Helping to prepare your child from possible surprises or shocking events will assist them to think more clearly should the event occur thus reducing the risk of emotional and/or physical harm.
- * Give your child a chance to think of ways that they can be positive and helpful in their community such as organising their class to raise money for a scout hall that was damaged in floods.'

For the full article please follow this link:

<http://www.mamamia.com.au/news/protecting-children-from-the-news/>

