

Free Range Kids Newsletter - August

PHOTO'S 15th & 17th September

Center photos will be held on Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th of September. Envelopes went out last week for this. Please return with payment before the day of the photo's. If your child does not attend on either one of these days please bring them in to get their photo taken between 8:30 – 10:30. Photos will be taken in the toddler room

Staff Changes

We have said a sad goodbye to Mrs Karen Brown Our cook this week due to personal reasons we wish her all the best Miss Claudine Caulter will be taking over full time as cook. Miss Caulter has been doing job share with Mrs Brown for the last couple of months.

Mrs Jenkins has also left us for a little while as she prepares to have her Baby. Mrs Jenkins will return from maternity leave early – mid next year. Mrs Jepson will take on the Teacher role full time in the Kindy Room. Mrs Jepson has been Job Sharing the Teacher in the Kindy room for the past 6 months

Nursery News

What a busy and exciting month we have had. A big thank you to to all the Grandparents who attended our Grandparent's day on the 23rd July we loved meeting you all.

It is starting to warm up and we have been doing some gardening to beautify our playground. We planted some flower seeds in pots and are eagerly awaiting them to sprout. We have also been checking, feeding and caring for our new worms, the children love going out and helping with this. The children are learning to care for our environment through gardening and re-cycling our fruit and veggie scraps. Over the last couple of weeks we have explored healthy eating choices through the story "the very hungry caterpillar". We have also looked at Hygiene (hand washing) and using our sense of feel (textures, sensory play) we are continuing exploring sensory play into August and will see where the Children's interest goes from there.

We are starting to get a large collection of lost property located on the table outside please check for your child's belongings. Anything still there at the end of the month will be donated to charity

Till Next time Mrs Iso-Aho and Miss Godebye

We currently have a few vacancies available for before and after school care please see Belinda if you wish to take advantage of the current vacancy. Don't forget our \$50 refer a friend deal

Don't Forget Father's Day Sunday 7th September 2014

Vacation Care program is out now please bring back forms ASAP to confirm your booking as spots are limited

Kindy News

Our Outer Space theme was a hit this month and the children thoroughly enjoyed making rockets, moons, stars and jet packs, and talking about all things outer space.

This month we are diving into traditional fairy tale stories in preparation for book week from Monday 11th to Friday 15th August. We welcome all children to dress up as their favourite book character and bring their favourite book on Friday 15th August for a fun day.

We are also continuing to work hard on our letter of the week, practising our writing skills and investigating our word wall, and doing activities each week relating to the letter of the week.

If you have any questions or suggestions in regards to your child's program, routine, room set up or activities please don't hesitate to chat to us, our door is always open.

Til next time, Mrs Jepson and Miss Brown.

Toddler News

For The past few weeks we have been focused on countries around the world. So far we have visited Japan through our Zen garden and cultural activities and now we have progressed to Mexico. The children are responding really well to these activities and different experiences so in the coming weeks we would like to visit some cultures closer to home. We are aware that we already have a few cultures within our room alone and would love the help of all families to identify these and suggest any activities, games or music you might have at home that you could lend us to explore

A huge thank you to all the families who donated the 2L bottles to our room. Our vertical veggie garden has been started and is looking great. The children now love watering both our veggie gardens and they are thriving because of it.

Toilet training is going so well in our room this month. In the coming months as the weather gets warmer we will be starting some more friends on this great adventure.

Please keep all the suggestions coming as they are such a great help to our room.

Until Next time Miss Hopwood and Mrs James

