

Free Range Kids

February Newsletter 2015

Staff Changes

We are sad to announce that Miss Hopwood our Toddler group leader has decided to leave us to commence full time University studies. We have enjoyed her time at free range kids and wish her all the best with her studies. Natasha's last day will be Friday the 27th February 2015

Miss Susan Nesbitt will be our new Toddler group leader. Miss Nesbitt comes to us with 7 years' experience in the industry. She is very passionate and dedicated to early childhood education. We look forward to getting to know Susan and welcome Susan to the team.



Scrapbooks

Thank you to everyone who has already supplied a scrapbook for their child but if you have not done so already could you please provide one so we can start filling it up with all your child's creations.

Thankyou



Have you been thinking of updating the family photo? Well great news we are having a portrait fundraising day (all proceeds will go towards our end of year celebrations

Being held at the center on Saturday 18th April 2015

Please take advantage of this opportunity to get a family portrait for only \$15 with no obligation to purchase more

Please look at the attached flyer for further details

Spots are limited so book in fast to get your preferred time

UPON ARRIVAL

AT THE CENTRE EACH DAY



Please apply sunscreen to your child and ensure the whole family sanitise their hands upon arrival and departure. Thanking you for your assistance



Please ensure your child has a sun safe hat each day they attend the centre and are dressed in appropriate sun safe clothing.

Nursery News

Welcome to 2015 and a big welcome to all our new families and children. The Nursery team this year consists of Mrs Iso-Aho (Mrs I) as room leader, Miss Sutton as room assistant and Mrs James completes the team as lunch relief. I will be doing a rotating shift while Miss Sutton is on a fixed shift 8:00am-4:30pm. If Miss Sutton or myself are not at the centre when your child arrives we have parents messages slips on the locker and we encourage you to use these and the fill out the top part of the daily information sheet if you're not sure where these are just ask us.

We have begun the year focusing on sea animals. We will use the children's crafts to decorate the cot room. The children have really enjoyed singing "Slippery Fish" especially the "oh no" part.

As it is the beginning of the year we ask that you bring in two 64 pages scrap books which we can glue photos and artwork into. These scrap book will be returned to you at the end of the year and are a wonderful keepsake of your child's early years.

If your child has a favourite book we would appreciate if you could send it along so we can share the story at group time.

We are also asking that you bring in a family photo for a display in our room.

Thank you to all the parents who completed our parent survey we really appreciate this.

Until next time

Mrs Iso-Aho and Miss Sutton.

Toddler News

Toddlers have been looking at all things under the sea. We have also introduced fish into our room which the children take in turns of feeling they are all very keen to help care for our fish. We still have not decided on names for our fish yet but all the children will get input into this

We have also introduced the Zen Den a quiet calming area used for quiet relaxation and chilling out. The children can utilise this area when they wish. The Zen den has rules to respect the area and the children have been really responsive to this

We have been working really hard on our language skills using our words and this is going really well. As well as using verbal language we also use auslan sign language in our room to be inclusive of all the children in our group and the children are picking this up well

Miss Hopwood and Miss Brown

Preschool News

Preschool children are gearing up for a busy year and are getting into the swing of things by learning things about each other as well as their families

We would like to welcome all our new friends that have started with us this year as well as those who have transitioned up from the toddlers.

This month our learning will be based around "Under Construction" and will be learning all about Transport and things that go

If you have any questions or feedback for us please do not hesitate to have a chat with us or to organise a sit down meeting to further discuss your child's learning and needs. Our door is always open

Mrs Jepson and Miss Godebye