

January 2014

Getting the year started with Free Range Kids Gatton

Dates to Remember
27th January – Public Holiday



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A big welcome to all our families who have returned for 2014 and to all our new families that have started the new year with us. Already we have had a lot of excitement within the centre. Our new bike track has been laid and we are currently working on establishing the grass areas around them. New cubby houses have been set up and will soon be made into a variety of shops and our gardens are getting ready for their next crop of fruit and vegetables. We have also said a sad a good-bye to the huge Jacaranda tree that had to be removed due to it being diseased. It was a great shade tree for the children and will be missed on those warmer days. With 2014 brings other exciting changes as well. The rooms have been set up and children moved into new rooms working on our current ratios. The staff are working on a new program and we have kindly asked that you fill in a Child Profile form and return it asap to start your child's observation folder for the year. If you have any questions please feel free to come and discuss them with me. Currently we have a few vacancies in the rooms – if you require swapping days or needing extra days could you please come and see me asap to work these out before spaces fill. There are currently no vacancies however for Afterschool Care. Thanking you Mrs Hansford



Pouring of the tracks



The children made their own keep off the grass signs








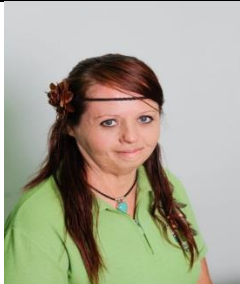



Cutting down the tree



With the introduction of the new bike path we are currently educating the children in the centre about bike safety. This includes the importance of wearing a helmet whilst riding and watching out for others who may be walking near the tracks. Also included in discussions is how to cross a road. Working with the children we are looking at implementing some basic rules to ensure the safety of everyone playing in the yard when it is finished. **All children wishing to ride the bikes and scooters will require their own helmets.** We are currently constructing a helmet rack for them and ask that you name the helmet with your child's name and they remain at the centre for use. Staff will not be responsible for ensuring the helmets go home with the children daily.



Babies Room Staff	Toddler Room Staff	Prep Room Staff
Room Leader Mrs Iso-Aho	Room Leader Miss Harriman	Teacher (Mon, Tues and Wed) Mrs Jenkins
		
Room Assistant Miss Godebye	Room Assistant Mrs James	Room Leader (Thurs and Fri) Room Assistant (Mon, Tues, Wed) Miss Hassack
		
Relief Assistant and After School Leader Mrs Hearne	Part Time Centre Cook and After School Assistant Ms Brown	Room Assistant Miss Bennett (Wed, Thurs and Fri)
		

General 2014 House Keeping

Please ensure your child has a sun safe hat to wear each day.



Hats are available for sale in the office for \$13.00 each if you require one for your child.



During the year you child/ren will be working on some fantastic craft activities and exploring various topics of interest. We would appreciate if you could **bring in a scrapbook** to collate all these special pieces into for the end of the year. Please name the book and pass it onto the staff in you child's room.
Thanking you.

Child Profile Sheet

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Individual Planning code: _____

Commencement Date: _____

Days attended: Mon Tues Wed
Thurs Fri

Could you please complete your child profile sheet and return to the room teachers. Thanking you for your assistance with this. If you require another form to complete there are some spare ones available in the front foyer for you.

