

# Free Range Kids

## May Newsletter 2014

### Staff Changes

Miss Natasha Hopewood will be joining our team towards the end of May to take on the Position of Toddler Room Group leader. Miss Hopewood has had 4 years' experience in the industry. Miss Hopewood brings passion, enthusiasm and dedication to offer a learning enriched and fun filled environment for the toddlers.

### Appropriate clothing

It is starting to become a lot cooler in the mornings and the evenings please ensure your child has warm clothing and shoes. If your child is wearing a beanie they will still need a broad brimmed hat to be able to play in the sun



### Breakfasts

Yes the centre provides breakfast however this is only until 7:30 (with the exception of bus children). If your child is arriving after 7:30 please ensure they have had breakfast at home as morning tea is not served until 9:30am



### Opening Hours

We are open 6:45am – 5:45pm Monday to Friday. If you are going to be late please call the centre and let the staff know. We are only licenced until 5:45 a late fee of \$1 per minute per child for every minute past the closing time your child is here. This amount will need to be paid in cash on the night, a receipt will be written.

### Facebook

We have started doing daily updates for each room on facebook to give you a little snippet of what your child is up to for the day  
If you haven't already liked our page go to <https://www.facebook.com/frkgatton> and like our page and you will be able to keep more up to date with what is happening in the center



### Donations

Are you having a clean out at home? We would love any old items (in good condition) that you no longer use having trouble thinking on what we may use? Here are some ideas

- Pots, pans, mixing bowls, utensils (for home corner)
- Empty hair product containers (for our hair salon)
- Empty food boxes ( for our shop and craft)
- Clothing (for spare clothes, dress ups)
- Curtains, tablecloths, blankets, towels, cushions
- Baskets, crates, boxes,

### Child and Family interests

Have you been on holidays? We would love your child to bring in pictures to share! haven't got them printed no problem email a couple to us [uqgchildcare@uq.edu.au](mailto:uqgchildcare@uq.edu.au) and we can print them here

Has your child got a special interest? Let your child's room leader know to see if they can incorporate this into the program, this also helps the child to make a connection and have a sense of belonging

### Ginger Sports

Ginger sports is a fun soccer coaching program. Sessions are run from our center on Thursdays at 9:00am  
If you are interested in your child attending this program please go to [www.gingersport.com.au](http://www.gingersport.com.au) or give them a call on (07) 3890 3338

Sessions are \$10 per child

**All bookings need to be made directly through ginger sports I cannot make bookings, or take payments**

### Policies for review

We are currently reviewing section 5 of our policies. Please find a copy hanging above the sign in sheets. If you think we should make any changes to the policy please either write it on the policy or see one of the staff to express your feelings and they can document it for you. Thank you for your participation

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### Nursery News

Hi everyone, we hope you had an enjoyable Easter break.

During April we enjoyed exploring Nursery Rhyme and craft. In May we will be looking at transport. We would also like to begin a new project and need your help. We would like to create for each child a laminated book which would contain the following

- Photo of your child
- Photo of your family
- Photo of the family car
- Photo of family pets
- Other photos of your child

We need you to bring the photos in for us to create these individual books.

A few reminders

- It is getting colder please ensure your child has blanket for rest time
- Shoes and socks
- A jumper, and some warm clothes

**Thanks Mrs Iso-Aho and Miss Godebye**

### Toddler News

Wow hasn't this month flown by.... Lots of exciting things have been taking place in the toddler room with the children learning through the story book about the hungry caterpillar. Funky art work and creative moments have taken place with the children designing their own caterpillars, exploring colours, counting, and the healthy food in which the caterpillar ate.

The children have also been engaging in caring for our feathery friends with feeding them grain and scraps and making sure they have water... and how can I forget the collecting of their eggs.

We have quite a few of our toddlers toilet training at the moment, if you feel your child is ready to start toilet training let us know and we can help with this. A part of this process we encourage parents to make sure they have plenty of spare undies (for those little accidents)

A stamp chart will be started as of next Monday for a visual for the children's attempts and for the parents to see how well they are going..

Over the next month we will be exploring the children's interests closely and extending on this.

If you need to have a chat about any issues please feel free in seeing me.

**Mrs James**

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### Preschool Newsletter

Our Preschool room have been busy little bees this month learning all sorts of topics including ABC's, number recognition and colours. The children have been working on recognising the letters in their names and have enjoyed completing their own name puzzles and even attempting to write their very own names through modelled writing.

We have also looked at lots of different types of transport including traffic lights, boats, trains, buses, rockets and aeroplanes, and have thoroughly enjoyed making lots of transport art and craft in this theme. The children have made boats from recycled materials and explored which items float and which ones sink. This sink and float science was a lot of fun and encouraged a lot of questions and experimentation to change results.

We are now continuing our work on our letter and number recognition and the theme at the moment is zoo and jungle animals! We are all looking forward to an exciting and fun filled month!

**Mrs Jepson, Mrs Jenkins, Miss Hassack, Miss Brown**

