

Dear Parents and Carers,

All the children are settling in well to the New Year. It is wonderful to see them turn up happy to spend their day with us.

We have had some name changes to the rooms at Nanango Childcare Centre - the Pumpkins (0-2) Room is now called Cubs and the Tadpoles (2-4) is now called Cheeky Cheetahs.

### Staff away this month

Toni will be absent on 20 and 21 February. Tane will be replacing Toni in the Schoolies Room while she is away.

### Welcome

We would like to welcome our new families who have joined us this month. We would also like to welcome Joanna who is a student from Nanango State High School. Joanna will be volunteering at Community Kids on Monday mornings.

### Reminders

Can all parents/carers please check and sign any absences for your children. These are located in the foyer at Nanango Childcare Centre and in the rooms at Community Kids. If you are not sure where to find them, please ask one of the staff who will be happy to show you.

To ensure we have all your contact details correct and up to date please complete the form in your parent pockets and return to the office.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, office hours are 8.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday at both centres. If you wish to arrange a meeting and these times are not convenient for you, please contact me and I will be happy to arrange a time which is suitable.

Take care  
Theresa



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### March

- 1 - 9 Sea Week - Learn all things to do with the sea
- 21 Harmony Day
- 29 Earth Hour

## News from our Rooms

### Cubs Room

We have had such a busy month with our wonderful babies and growing toddlers. Our month of texture has been so much fun that we are going to continue this for a little bit longer. We have been taste testing and using our hands to experiment on so many different feelings.

Our Australia Day dress-ups was so much fun. We all had a great day with our activities and enjoying the food from our lovely country. We would like to thank all of our amazing families that helped make the day possible.

We have started celebrating birthdays with some of our babies turning 1 and others turning 2. Those turning 2 will be transitioning into the Cheeky Cheetahs Room. Our room has had a great kick off to the year and we are super excited about all the fun we have in store.

Until next time

Jaimee and Dee



### Cheeky Cheetahs Room

This month in our room we have an announcement to make...our room has changed names from Tadpoles to Cheeky Cheetahs. The children all love the new name. We celebrated Australia Day last week and the children were able to dress up in green, gold, red, white or blue clothing. We painted their faces and had sausages and lamingtons for lunch. We also decorated the room and had a photo in front of our Australia Day wall. Some children did cave paintings and made paper plate koalas. We will be starting up communication books for each child. These will be for parents to write down any concerns or questions they may have and we will be able to answer them for you. A note will go home shortly with more information.

Sarah, Chrissy, Jo and Jeanette



## Pre-Prep Room

During January we celebrated Australia Day by looking at the Australian flag and the Aboriginal flag. Everyone discussed the colours included in both flags and what these colours represent. We also joined the Schoolies for an Australia Day afternoon tea that included sausages in bread and lamingtons. It was absolutely lovely!

Now all the children have arrived, we welcome everyone to the Pre-Prep Room for 2014. It has been so exciting to meet all the new families and please remember you are welcome any time. If you have special talents you could share with the children please do not hesitate to do so. These could include gardening, drama, singing, craft, cooking, music - the list is endless! The children have been revising their colours and numbers to 10. They all enjoy "Dramatic Play" and are very creative.

Now it is February and all children will have the opportunity to share their "family" with us all. This means you may be asked to help provide some information to allow your child to complete some of the required work. I thank you in advance for your assistance. The children will also be introduced to Chinese New Year with everyone being given the opportunity to enjoy appropriate activities.

Please remember all children need a wide brimmed hat and bedding to be used during "rest time". It is also very important that every item is named.

We look forward to a wonderful year.

Miss Rhonda and Miss Emma.



## Schoolies Room

We welcome all our families back for another year. Before School children all start the morning in the Pre-Prep Room, where they will have some free play and guided activities.

In the afternoon once we have walked back from the school and eaten our afternoon tea it's then outside to play.

We have started a sticker chart to encourage the children to bring in their water bottles and hats each day. When they have filled up their sticker chart they can then pick out of the prize box.

Toni and Maryanne







## Recipe of the Month – Berry and Mango Buttermilk Muffins

### Ingredients

- \* 2 1/2 cups self-raising flour
- \* 1/3 cup caster sugar
- \* 1 1/3 cups buttermilk
- \* 1/4 cup olive oil
- \* 1 egg
- \* 200g frozen mixed berries
- \* 1 small mango, peeled and sliced

### Method

- \* Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan forced)
- \* Combine flour and sugar in a bowl.
- \* Whisk buttermilk, oil and egg together.
- \* Stir buttermilk mixture into flour mixture until combined.
- \* Fold in berries.
- \* Spoon into muffin pan with paper cases.
- \* Top with mango.
- \* Bake for 25 minutes and let stand in pan for 5 minutes before placing on a wire rack to cool

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