



CTC Childcare Services

Monthly Newsletter

October 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please remember to bring in your own sheets for the children beds as our spare sheets and blankets are very limited.

Chalk and Parent Direct orders are due in by 15th November, this is a great opportunity for our centres to gain new resources.

Pre-prep graduation preparations are underway for Tuesday 3rd December. Keep an eye out for your invitation in your Pre-prep child pocket.

We are also getting ready for our annual Children's Christmas Party for Friday 6th December, which will be held at Community Kids. We will be giving out invitations closer to the event.

Where has this year gone? We are starting to prepare for next year where the children who will be going to School in 2015 will be moving from NCC down to CK. We will be keeping all these families posted as to our procedure in this, so you will all be well informed. We understand that this can be a difficult transition from one centre to another for these children, so we will make this as pleasant as possible for the children and their families.

We will be organising an orientation day for these children before they eventually move down there permanently. Please refer to Megan or myself if you have any questions or concerns with your child moving down to CK.

Bye for now

Theresa

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

- 4th - Henny Penny hatching arrives
- 11th - Remembrance Day
- 11th - 17th Recycle week
- 20th Universal children's day



Reminders

- * Make sure your children's belongings are labelled with their name.
- * Now that the weather is warming up can you please make sure your child wears sun smart clothing, bring a wide brimmed hat and a filled water bottle.

News from our Rooms

Pumpkins Room

What a busy time we have been having. We have begun our water play and everyone has had so much fun experimenting with the bubbly water as we added some baby bubble wash into the clams. We have had some of our clever pumpkins excel to walking. We love watching all of our babies develop to their next stages of growing into Toddlers. We have also been continuing on our self help skills of toileting, hand washing and using our words. What a great job everyone is doing too. Keep up the good work guys. Keep an eye on the walls as we are going to fill them with photos and lots of artwork. Please remember, due to the warmer weather a change of cooler clothes is best to have in your child's bag, to change into after water play. Bucket hats or broad brimmed hats are the best hats to provide sun protection for your child.

Until next time
Chrissy, Jaimee and Dee

Tadpoles Room

We have been very busy working on various activities to do with Spring. The children observed our tree losing its leaves, and this then lead us into looking at the seasons. As we moved into the season of Spring the children were eager to know more about Spring, so we have been talking about Spring and what happens to our plants and animals during Spring. The children decided to make a garden for the Tadpole room, the children have made pieces for our garden. We must say a big thank you to Summer's family who donated some huge boxes for our display. Thankyou for your kind donation. Our display consists of the sun, a tree with a nest and someone special at the bottom. The garden consists of flowers and some special friends. Our centre is a Sun Smart centre. This means children are to wear shirts with sleeves. Please may we have spare summer clothes in the children's bag, as we often do water play in this warmer weather.

Also can you please remember to send a wide brimmed hat with your child each day.

Gayle, Jeanette, Jo & Tane

Pre - Prep Room

During this month the children have spent time talking, sharing knowledge and learning about "People who help us". These people included Dentists, Doctors, Nurses, Firemen and Ambulance officers.

When it is Vacation time we often are included in the "Schoolies" activities and these holidays were no exception. Our visit to the





Butter Factory Park with the “Schoolies” was so much fun. We were allowed to bring our scooters, but also needed a helmet. The day was very hot, so hats and sunscreen were really important and we made sure we drank lots of water.

The weather has become quite warm, so it is really important that everyone wears sun smart clothing, a wide brimmed hat and arrives with a filled water bottle.

When the new term commences we will keep practising writing our names. Many of us don't just put our names on the tree, we write them as well. We feel so proud when we do this!!! Our counting and alphabet work improves everyday.

Spring will be a theme we shall be working with, so there will be colourful flowers all around our room. This year we hope to also have a “Halloween Day”, when the children can dress up and help make some appropriate “Halloween” goodies.

The end of the year is fast approaching and there is a date you need to add to your calendar.

Tuesday 3rd December - “Pre Prep” Graduation (probably about 9.30am)

Rhonda & Emma

Schoolies Room

Before School: Now that our mornings are getting warmer the children can start going outside or stay in the Pre-Prep room before school.

After School: Once we have walked across from the school, we all sit and get ready for afternoon tea. When the children have finished eating, it's time for outside play where the children have free play in the yard. Some days, when the sun goes down and the cold sets in, all the children help to clean the yard, then go inside to play. Now that it's

starting to warm up we do ask that the children please bring a hat and water bottle when they attend before, and after school care plus vacation care.

Vacation Care: Wow its school holidays already. The first week is now almost over and what a week it's been!! The sand pit was the place to be, because it has been refilled, the holes the children dug have been amazing. The children had the opportunity to create their own pizza for afternoon tea, and there was not a crumb left. Candle painting allowed the children to experiment with a new way of using paints. Indoor and outdoor games have kept everyone busy. We visited the Butter Factory Park with our scooters and skateboards, but our time there was cut short because it was so hot and the resident magpie wasn't very friendly. However, our time there was enjoyed by all.

In the second week the children had great fun with water play one day, they enjoyed getting Miss Megan, Emma, Toni and Tane very wet. Also a excursion to Skirmish, which all the children and staff enjoyed greatly.

Toni, Maryanne, Tane and Rose





Parents please don't forget your Chalk & Parent Direct Orders are due in by 15th November. This is a fundraising opportunity for our centres to purchase new resources.

Recipe of the Month—Grilled Fruit Skewers

INGREDIENTS

- 100ml Orange Juice
- 2 tsp cornflour
- 1 tbsp honey
- 1 small pineapple, peeled and flesh cubed
- 1 mango, peeled and flesh cubed
- 8 strawberries, halved

METHOD

- Heat the grill
- Mix a little of orange juice with cornflour
- Heat the remaining juice and honey and whisk in the cornflour mixture, bring to the boil & cook for 1 minute
- Thread fruits alternately onto soaked wooden skewers, brush with the glaze and grill for 2 minutes

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