

CTC CHILDCARE SERVICES

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

August - September 2015

Events

September holidays are fast approaching, they run from Monday the 21st of September to Friday the 2nd of October. Vacation care packs will be available for collection at Community Kids from Wednesday the 9th of September, please come in and collect one if you are intending to book your children in over these holidays.

Vacation care offers a great opportunity for children to socialise, interact with other children, be involved in some very creative activities as well as a fun experience.

Pre-prep and Cheeky Monkeys (2-4 room) participated in the Premier's reading challenge. This year the invitation was extended to Kindergarten programs and long day care services to encourage children to develop a love of reading. The reading challenge ran from the 15th-28th of August .During this period the children read lots of different stories, re-enacted stories and completed several art experiences relating to the stories they read. In recognition of their efforts, all children who participated will receive a reading challenge certificate.

Important Messages

We are currently running a toy catalogue fundraiser, There are three different toy catalogues to purchase from that offer a range of toys and learning resources for a variety of ages. Fundraising profits go straight back into the centres through the purchasing of new resources for the children to use, learn from and enjoy. Catalogues can be collected from the front foyer area of each centre and are due back by the 30th of September.

Parents please take the time to check your parent pockets. Your statements are placed there each Monday, so you can collect and make payments each week upon receiving your statement. As per centre policy accounts are to be two weeks in advance.



0-2 Nursery

The children have been developing their gross motor and hand eye coordination skills through a range of experiences such as bike riding and obstacle courses involving planks, bridges and ladders.

The children have further extended on their interests of cars through creating transport collages using cut outs of buses, cars and planes that they glued onto paper to complete their collages.

Fine motor skills have been enhanced with crayon drawings and finger painting, this also exposes children to colour recognition and textures.

The children have explored their sensory skills with some cooking experiences. The children used eggs that were given to us from one of our families and together with the fresh herbs, that had been grown in our very own garden, made savoury muffins and cakes, which were both very much enjoyed.

2-4 Cheeky Monkeys

In recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's day the children made a Rainbow Serpent. The children chose bright coloured paper and then decorated their paper using a range of mediums such as crayons, felt pens, stamping with paint and collage materials. The children's paper was then laminated and placed together to create the Rainbow Serpent, which is displayed on the wall in the room.

During the reading challenge week, the children put their imaginations to the test and drew a picture of what ever came to mind. They were then asked to explain what they had drawn, with the help of the educators the children's pictures were put into dialogue and along with their pictures they came together to create their very own story book with their art work and explanations as the main features. Their book then became part of our room book collection for all to view.

At the beginning of August the children were exploring basic maths concepts of measurements such as height, weight and length. As an extension from this all of the children's heights were measured and written onto a wall chart in the room. Next this will extend onto the children's weights being taken as a group, they will then look at what the averages of these measurements are.

Pre- Prep

Pre prep children have received a few visits from two of the teachers from Nanango State Primary School . This is a great way for children to get exposure to their next big stage and adventure: school. During the visits the teachers read stories and sang with the children. The teachers discussed school and told the children a little bit about what happens when they go to school. These visits will continue throughout the remainder of the year.

"Once upon a time," this was the start of many stories , discussions and activities. An interest was sparked with the children when they realised a lot of stories started with this line. The children's language and literacy skills, memory recall and recognition skills were enhanced as the children read and then re-enacted many fairy tale stories. Through a variety of craft experience the children created the three little pigs houses, Jakes bean stalk, gingerbread finger puppets and story cards form goldilocks and the three bears. This also led to group discussions about the importance of "stranger danger" which came from the story little red riding hood.

School Aged Group

A big thank you to all the families that have donated many recycling resources. This has ignited a huge interest with children and led to many wonderful creations from a house, a camera, cars, gardens , an air balloon, a guitar and many more. All of the children's creations were photographed and a collage of these photos was created and is now on display in the room.

The children have been exploring their interest in gardening, through helping maintain the garden by watering the garden, planting seeds and having discussions around what can be planted. They will then be utilised as ingredients for cooking and tasting experiences.

One of the children plays the clarinet and brought it in to show the others. This extended on to the X- Factor of all X-Factors. The children put together their own concert and had an array of performances from singing with the karaoke machine, dancing, beat boxing and reciting poems. This was a fantastic afternoon that allowed the children to display many of their wonderful talents.



Recipe of the Month – Pea and noodle fritters

Ingredients

- 1 1/4 cups frozen peas
- 1/2 x 440g packet shelf-fresh hokkien noodles
- 1/4 cup self-raising flour
- 1/4 cup milk
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan
- 1 red onion, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup rice bran oil

Cherry tomatoes and carrot and celery sticks, to serve



Method

Place peas in a heatproof bowl. Cover with boiling water. Stand for 2 minutes or until bright green and tender. Drain. Refresh under cold water. Return to bowl. Roughly mash peas with a fork. Add noodles, flour, milk, eggs, parmesan and onion. Season with salt and pepper. Stir to combine.

Heat oil in a large frying pan over medium heat. Drop 1/4 cup batter into pan, spreading to form a circle. Repeat to make 4 fritters. Cook for 2 minutes or until golden underneath. Turn. Cook for 2 minutes or until cooked through. Transfer to a plate lined with paper towel to drain. Repeat with remaining

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Events Calendar

September

- **3 National Flag Day**
- **6 Fathers Day**
- **10 RUOK day**
- **12 White Balloon Day**

October

- **2 Odd Socks Day**
- **5 Labour Day - Centre Closed**
- **21 National Kids safe Day**
- **26 Pink Ribbon Day**
- **30 Day for Daniel**

November

- **10 Nude Food Day**
- **11 Remembrance Day**
- **25 White Ribbon Day**

CTC CHILDCARE BUS SERVICE

CTC Childcare Service offers a bus service to the immediate Nanango district for children who attend Community Kids or the Nanango Childcare Centre. Using the service incurs a small cost of \$2.00 per child per day. For more information please contact Megan or Renae.

Reminders

Sun Safety – remember to bring wide brim hats
Send along a named water bottle with your child each day
Children's belongings to be clearly labelled
Please bring shoes each day for your child.

Remember we are Nut Free Zones that includes nut products such as Nutella



