



CTC Childcare Services

Monthly Newsletter

September 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians,

When packing your child's bag for the day could you please remember to include warm clothes as well as their shorts and shirts, as the mornings are still quite cool and during the day it is getting quite warm now. Also please remember to pack your child's hat.

We have now released the vacation care program so please ask our staff for a copy or you can find a copy beside the sign in folder in the Schoolies Room. If you require your child to be booked in over the school holidays please return the Vacation Care Booking form as soon as possible as the vacation care program books out very quickly. We cannot accept verbal bookings, we must receive the "Vacation Care Booking form" which is attached to the program along with any payment for excursions.

If your child is in the Pre-Prep, Pumpkins or Tadpoles room and are not going to be attending over the holidays please remember to fill out the holiday communication form which is located in the foyer at Nanango Childcare Centre and beside the sign in folder in the Pre-Prep Room at Community Kids. If you give us 2 weeks notice we will be able to give you a discount on your fees for the holiday period.

Please remember all accounts must be paid 2 weeks in advance. If you are having any difficulties in paying your account, please see Megan or myself. We would be happy to sit down with you to work out a payment plan that suits everyone.

Shantelle will be going on maternity leave on Friday 6 September. We all would like to wish her well and hope for a happy and safe arrival of her new baby. Maryanne will be working in the Schoolies Room while Shantelle is on leave.

The Chalk and Parent Direct toy catalogues are now available. There are some great gift ideas for Christmas in these catalogues. We receive a percentage of the profits to spend on toys for your children to play with while in our care. Please remember we require orders by 15 November 2013.

Bye for now

Theresa

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- 1st Father's Day
- 3rd National Flag Day
- 6th White Balloon Day
- 23rd Start of School holidays

October

- Monday 7th Labour Day -
Public Holiday Centre Closed
- Tuesday 8th School resumes
- 8th Old Macdonald's Farm Visit



Reminders

- * Both centres are in need of ice cream containers, newspaper, magazines and hessian bags. If you have any of these at home could you please bring them in.
- * Make sure your children's belongings are well labelled with their name.
- * Could all children also bring a water bottle and hat.

News from our Rooms

Pumpkins Room

We have had a very messy month, with lots of fun with finger painting and playing with Ooie! Gooie! Spaghetti of all different colours.

We said goodbye to Bentley who is now in the Tadpoles Room. Another sad goodbye to Wendy also. We welcomed Dee and her son Adam to the Pumpkins Room.

We all had lots of fun making money boxes for our Dads for Father's Day and hope that all our Dads loved them as much as we did making them.

We will be starting water play soon with the weather warming up. So please remember to pack extra clothes for your child, just in case we get a little too wet.

At present Chrissy is away from the rooms. Jaimee has stepped into the Pumpkins Room and is doing a wonderful job with all the babies. So thank you Jaimee.

Chrissy, Jaimee and Dee

Tadpoles Room

In the Tadpoles Room this month Miss Gayle brought in a large green tree frog for the children to see. All the children were fascinated with its size and some children even wanted to take it home. But Miss Gayle thought it should go back in the garden where it came from.

The weather has been getting nice and warm so we are spending more time outside playing in the sandpit or on the bikes and the children really enjoy the obstacle course.

The children have been requesting picnics outside for their afternoon tea, so we take our lunch boxes out in the sunshine for afternoon tea some afternoons.

Gayle, Jaimee, Jeanette, Jo & Tane





Pre - Prep Room

What a busy month we have had and our room reflects this. We have been learning about Dinosaurs. Did you know that some dinosaurs were as large as the length of seven cars, while others were really tiny, just the size of a chicken? The children learnt that not all dinosaurs were meat eaters (carnivores) but some were plant eaters (herbivores). Much of our room seemed to be invaded by dinosaurs— the display has just continued to grow and everyone has contributed to make our room look so wonderful and colourful. Thankyou to Bryce for letting us borrow his dinosaurs, especially the ones that talked.

Now we are learning about Pirates. Just watch out..... your little pirate might come home wearing a very strange hat!! Our Itty Bitty Pirate books look so good hanging on the window underneath the pirate pictures.

Our garden beds continue to grow well and the worms... well they are so fat!! A big thank you to Miss Toni for always setting up our yard so well. It always looks so inviting and we are always in a hurry to go outside and play.

Just a reminder about hats and drink bottles - unfortunately too many children are often forgetting to bring these very important items. Please ensure that hats and drink bottles are named. Everyone needs to remember to bring their wide brimmed hat, drink bottle and own bedding in a named cloth bag.

Thank you for your continued support.

Rhonda & Emma

Schoolies Room

Before school: In August the children have been busy making their Father's Day gifts and cards. After the children have finished the activities set out each morning they are welcome to some free play in the Pre-Prep Room. Once the mornings start getting warmer we can start going outside during our morning play.

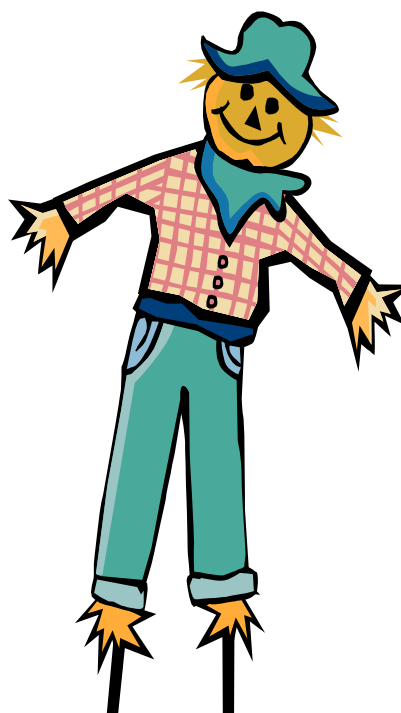


After school: Once we have walked across from the school we all sit in our room and get ready for afternoon tea. Our afternoon children also got a chance to make Father's Day gifts to take home. Then it's time for outside play. The children have free play in the yard. Some days the sun goes down and the cold sets in so all the children help to clean the yard then go inside to play. We now have an X-box 360 for the children to play when we go inside.

Now that it's starting to get hot outside we ask that the children could please bring a hat and water bottle when they attend before and after school care.

We are busy preparing for Vacation Care, which will run from 23 September until 4 October.

Toni, Maryanne and Shantelle





Vegetable & herb garden at Community Kids

The revamped bike track and Nanango Childcare Centre



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Sultana Sushi

INGREDIENTS

- 1 large piece bread
- 1/3 cup cream cheese
- 1/3 cup sultanas

METHOD

- Spread 1 large piece bread evenly with 1/3 cup cream cheese
- Then sprinkle over 1/3 cup sultanas
- Roll up tightly and wrap in plastic wrap
- Place in fridge for 2hrs or overnight
- Cut into Sushi-sized pieces

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