

CTC Childcare Services

Monthly Newsletter September 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians.

How fast this year is moving! As school holidays begin next week, I would like to take the opportunity to remind families that the September/October vacation care program has been released. If you are interested in your child/ren attending vacation care, please fill out the permission forms and return with payments where applicable as soon as possible. This is a wonderful program offered to school age children and where possible we will include the pre-prep children. The program provides a fantastic opportunity for children to get together over the holidays and join in some much loved fun. If your child/ren has not attended Vacation Care, why not give it a go?

Once again the staff at CTC Childcare Services have been attending some wonderful workshops, which allowed everyone to gain further knowledge that can be rolled out throughout the Childcare Service. Renae, Megan and Deanna all attended the Professional Boundaries Training. Renae, Kacey and Anthea have attended First Aid training in order to keep up to date with this much needed training. All staff attended a Personal Protection Training session.

On the 3rd of September it was National Childhood Educators Day, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the staff at CTC Childcare Services for their hard work and commitment to the children and their families. A HUGE 'Thank you'.

Reminder to all families that lost property will have a monthly cycle. Please take the time to look, as

anything not claimed will be donated to charity after this time.

Can I please ask that water bottles, hats and sheet bags be taken home each day as we do not have storage space to keep every child's belongings at the centre.

Megan will be on holidays from Monday the 15th of September until Tuesday 7th October.

Thank You Renae White and Megan Kilroy

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- * 22 School holidays commence
- * 22 Vacation Care commences

October

- 3 School holidays finish
- 6 Labour Day
 Centre Closed
- * 31 Halloween



NEWS FROM THE ROOMS

Cubs Room

Welcome to another amazing month we have had in the Cubs room. We have been so busy making our room so colorful with the welcoming of Spring and the warmer weather. Our tree on the wall is just looking absolutely amazing with all of our artwork filling it up, the nice blue stream is filling up quickly with sea creatures that we have been busy making. We were also very busy making our Father's Day presents for our wonderful dads and families. Our outside time is becoming longer and longer as the days are becoming warmer and warmer. Everyone is enjoying exploring our outdoor surroundings and watching all of the birds and wildlife outside. We would like to welcome all of our new children and families into the room. With the weather warming up we will begin to do some messy play and water play outside so please remember to pack plenty of spare clothes for your children and ensure these are sun safe.

Until next time

Jaimee, Kacy and Shantelle



Cheeky Cheetahs Room

We welcome our new friends into the Cheeky

Cheetahs room...Pheobe, Shontel, Savanah and Callum - we it love when new friends come to play .

We are very busy little Cheetahs in our room at the moment. We have just finished our two weeks on transport. We really enjoyed making our passports and flying around to the different places. This month we were also busy making our FANTASTIC Father's Day presents. Next week we are going to start looking at bugs and their life cycles, as Summer found a cicada shell on a tree and asked about how it got there. This is just a sneak peak....so many more exciting things will be happening in our room. Please remember to check the white board in our room near the day book for any wet clothes your child may have. Please remember to bring in a water bottle every day for your child as it is getting warmer.

Miss Sarah, Miss Dee and Miss Jo



Pre-Prep Room

During Term 3 the Pre Preps have been so busy. While I was on holidays Miss Toni and Miss Dea completed a very interesting unit of work on People Who Help Us. The children shared what they knew and everyone learnt so much more.

Of course we continue to practise writing our name and counting our numbers as well as beginning to recognise the letters of the alphabet and the letter that is at the beginning of our name.

Three Wednesdays this term we have been visited by two teachers from Nanango State School. They have been dancing, singing and reading stories to the children as part of the "Transition Program" to Prep. Friday 19th September is Under 8's Day at Nanango State School. We will have an activity stall there as well as participating in all the fun. Parents are welcome to come with us and join in.

Vacation Care forms and a special Christmas/ New Year care requirements form have been distributed recently. Please fill in any paperwork that is appropriate to you and your needs.

Our next theme will be "Spring Time", so watch how the room transforms into a room of colours.

Again I remind everyone to please name all drink bottles, lunch boxes and all articles of clothing and bedding.

Thank you Miss Rhonda and Miss Dea



Schoolies Room

The recent weather has meant that we have had a lot of 'inside play', so luckily we now have our own Nintendo Wii which everyone adores.

At last one of our computers has internet access which is a great benefit to those doing homework.

Winter term has been quiet but we have completed some amazing Aboriginal work and hand prints.

The September/October Vacation Care Program is now available in either the Pre-Prep or the Schoolies room. There is also a form to be filled out by parents/guardians relating to the Christmas/New Year break. Please fill this out and return as soon as possible.

Miss Toni and Miss Jeanette







INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOUTH BURNETT CTC INC SERVICES

CROSB

Community Respite Options South Burnett (CROSB) was established in 2002 by a group of people who advocated for a local service to holistically support the needs of a family member living with a disability.

CROSB supports each client to make their own decisions about their future. With their and their family's or carer's input, CROSB develops, implements, monitors and reviews each client's Individual Support Plan that include any specific cultural and/or linguistic needs, individual preferences, abilities and opinions. We then support and empower each client to see their desires come to fruition.

Funding is provided by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services and other funding bodies on occasion. Services can also be purchased privately. CROSB clients are aged from birth to 65 years and responding to their diverse needs has created the broad range of services they provide including in home accommodation support, community access, social engagement, planned and emergency respite accommodation either in home or at CROSB House and learning and skills development. The list of day to day activities that staff support clients to do is unlimited but includes shopping, cooking, attending social events, assisting with medication issues or daily care tasks – CROSB does whatever is needed – large or small – to support their clients to enhance their lives and become the best and strongest person they can and want to be.





Recipe of the Month - Cheesy Vegemite Pull-Apart

Ingredients

- ♦ 2 cups self-raising flour
- ♦ 30g butter, chilled, chopped
- ♦ 3/4 cup reduced fat milk
- ♦ 1 tablespoon Vegemite
- 3/4 cup grated reduced fat tasty cheese
- Reduced fat milk, to glaze

Method

- ◆ Preheat oven to 220°C/200°C fan-forced. Line a baking tray with baking paper. Sift flour into a bowl. Using fingertips, rub butter into flour until mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Make a well in the centre. Add milk. Using a flat-bladed knife, stir until mixture forms a soft dough, adding more milk if necessary. Turn out onto a lightly floured surface. Knead gently until smooth (don't over-knead).
- ◆ Roll out to a 30cm x 20cm rectangle. Spread Vegemite over dough, leaving a 1cm strip along one long side. Sprinkle cheese over Vegemite. Roll up firmly. Transfer to prepared tray, seam-side down.
- Using scissors, cut into top of dough at 3cm intervals without cutting all the way through.
 Pull slices to the left and right. Brush with milk. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden. Serve.

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