



KCCC newsletter JULY 2010

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At the time of writing, we have 215 children attending the Centre, including the Rosellas, Kingfishers and Kookaburras Kindergarten groups.

STAFF TRAINING

This month staff are attending the following training...

Melisa is continuing her **OH&S training** on Tuesdays until the 20th of July;
Donna is attending **Creating Indoor/Outdoor Learning Environments** on the 30th of July;
Rachel begins the **Contemporary Child Development Theory for Early Childhood Educators Program** on the 15th of July;
We will also be organising **Inspirational Visits** to various centres for a number of staff through the month of July.

STAFFING UPDATE

You may have seen Amanda back wandering the corridors. We have welcomed her back from Vietnam with open arms. She will be bouncing around from room to room for the time being, relieving staff members as required. After saying our sad farewell to Niluji, Paul, with great timing returned to us and will take the permanent position in the Acacia room. Amina has flown away for a well deserved holiday. She'll be back by the beginning of August. Between now and then David will be lending a hand in the Waratah room.

FUNDRAISING

In the foyer you will notice some pamphlets regarding ordering your fruit, veggies and some other selected products, on line. If families avail themselves of this service the centre receives 2% of your total annual outlay. Worth considering if you already order in this way.

Being, Belonging, Becoming

Families have the first and most significant influence on their children's learning, development, health, safety and wellbeing. The National Early Years Framework's vision, which we are currently implementing using our new programming method, states that *"all children experience learning that is engaging and builds success in life"*. KCCC's new programming method highlights the need for families and carers to work together to ensure quality outcomes for each individual child. We recognise that we are only able to see and understand one facet of a child whilst they are amidst this environment. For us to provide the best programs for the children within our care, we rely on the glimpses of each individual's home life given to us by you.

The final phase of our new method is currently being implemented. Over the coming weeks you should notice children's portfolios being displayed within the rooms. Your child's portfolio is for you to peruse, contribute to and discuss with your child. We encourage you to add to your child's portfolio with photos and experiences at home to give us a holistic point of view of your child. We will be sending out more information about this process as your room's carers prepare to implement it.

PLEASE KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING FEES



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Quality Improvement & Accreditation

As you've probably been made aware our accreditation process is looming. Our self study is due on September 1st. We have really appreciated all of the responses we have received from the family and child surveys. These combined with the staff surveys have given us a great basis to write a really honest and realistic self study and Quality Improvement Plan.

Once our self study has been submitted to NCAC we should get a date for our validation visit pretty quickly and we'll inform everybody of the following processes.

The graph indicating the parent/staff feedback and the children's feedback is on the main notice board in the foyer
FYI

OUR NEXT BIG FUNDRAISER

Auction/Trivia Night
Friday the 20th of August.

Make sure you put it in your diary now.

This year we have decided to combine our two big fundraisers into one event. We expect it to be a fun-filled, exciting night with Helen Moscardo at the helm. The volunteer sign-up sheets are posted in each room to organise some support for Helen. You can now buy tickets from the office SO start booking your tables.

Speak to your room reps if you'd like to join a table of parents from your child's room or.... speak to Liz or Rachel and we can place you at a table for a fun night.



NUTRITION

Nutrition is one of the Quality Indicators investigated by NCAC. To give us a better understanding of our current practises, we have enlisted the help of three dietician students from Deakin University.

The students will be on site at KCCC from the 19th July to the 6th August. The purpose of their visit is to observe the food service and develop an understanding of how food is provided in long day care centre. During their stay they will be required to complete a research project that involves an analysis of our menu, an audit of food wastage and observation of the mealtime environment. Students will not be required to ask children any questions. All observations will be kept confidential.

They will present their findings and recommendations on Wednesday 4/8 at 5.00 pm at the centre. Any parents wishing to attend this presentation will be welcomed.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to discuss these with Liz or Rachel.

OCCUPANCY

	Places available within each room per week	Booked places within each room per week
Yarra Gum	50	50
Gumnut	50	50
Wattle	50	42
Banksia	50	45
Waratah	75	72
Boronia	75	70
Tea Tree	75	68
Acacia	75	69