



KCCC newsletter JUNE 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.

ROOM REPS.

Thank you to all the room reps that have organised very successful get togethers.

Below is some feedback from a parent who attended the Gumnut room gathering.....

"Thanks to Tracy and Lindsay for being great hosts (and those yummy chicken sandwiches) on Saturday afternoon. Great day in the park and nice to meet new people. Hope to do it again and also see you at other kccc events."

....and Julie Walsh who organised the Waratah room get together,

'A couple of weeks ago, we were fortunate that the weather held and a number of us managed to meet up at the park. It was great fun, especially trying to work out who we should be meeting but we got there in the end and it was nice to finally meet so many other parents. Thanks to those who came ...'

THANKYOU

Our Kookaburra group is currently involved in a project using mosaics. The children are fortunate to have the support of a number of parents from the group. We will be sure to inform you of the progress or feel free to pop into kinder and ask Kelly or Laura for details.

We would like to thank Kathy from **GENESIS TILES** (400 Dynon Rd.) for their donation of tiles for this project.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

We were very excited to add to our professional library with some current text books (and a large number of children's books.)

We recognise the importance of continually updating our practices based on current knowledge and research and the inspiration that comes from reviewing differing approaches and settings.

STAFFING UPDATE

It is with great sadness that we farewell the very lovely Niluji Dias, who currently works in our Acacia room. Niluji commenced at the centre when we expanded in Feb '09 as a breaks reliever and then worked in our Yarra gum room. Niluji is finding catching public transport from Berwick every day proving to be very demanding and had decided the time is right to move on. We will all miss her sensitive, caring approach and her professional attitude; particularly her dedication to the children in her care. We wish her good luck whether her path leads.

There will be a number of staff on leave over the school holidays so please check the doors of the room for updates.

On another note there is a rumor that Amanda and Paul maybe returning to Australia very soon.....

VEGIE GARDENS

We have two new vegie gardens in the outdoor area. The children were able to watch the gardens being built and participate in the vegetables being planted. We have broad beans, broccolini, spinach, Chinese cabbage, coriander etc, so we look forward to enjoying our produce.



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Quality Improvement & Accreditation

QIAS assessment is just around the corner. For parents who are unfamiliar with this process, all early childhood services are assessed under a national scheme. There are 7 key quality areas and several principles under each of these quality areas. Obviously we are always striving for high quality so the process is ongoing but every three years we are assessed by an external government body, the National Childcare Accreditation Council. The process involves submitting a self-study report which children, parents and staff contribute to and then an independent validator will visit the service over a two day period and assess KCCC performance against over 800 points of reference.

Our self study is due in September and as such we are requesting that parents complete the attached Quality Care Survey so we can gain a parents perspective on the care and education we provide. For parents of children who are interested and old enough to participate, we encourage you to fill out the children's survey. Please return completed forms to the office by Friday, July 16th.

OUR NEXT BIG FUNDRAISER

We are very excited to announce that KCCC will be holding a joint auction and trivia night fundraiser in August this year. KCCC family, friends and staff will have their general knowledge put to the test by our very own Quiz Master. In between trivia rounds, there will be an opportunity to bid on some great prizes donated by the local community. It would be wonderful to see as many KCCC'ers there as possible!

Helen Moscardo (Holly and Hugh's mum) has volunteered to organise this event and we will be in touch very soon with further details and requests for prizes.

Please keep your eye out for updates.



STAFF TRAINING

Staff have attended the following training:

- Soledad: Understanding Trauma and Attachment
- Melisa: OH&S training (first day of a 5 day course)
- Cristina: Child Protection - 'Choose with Care'
- Liz: Leadership in an Early Childhood Setting

BOARD of MANAGEMENT

As the AGM is rapidly approaching it seems a good time for parents to consider their commitment to KCCC and the cooperative model under which we are governed. There is still a vacancy on the board for either the budget or communications portfolio and with three current board members retiring at the next AGM it is imperative that we recruit some willing parents to ensure the ongoing strength of the current model is sustained. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a board member, please speak to one of our current board members: John Page (Max's dad), David Baber (Fynley & Willem's dad), Angela Hoefnagels (Willow & Felix's mum), Juliette Alush (Lola's mum), Fincina Hopgood (Jackson's mum), Jordana Hunter (Frankie's mum).

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	43
Waratah	75	72
Boronia	75	69
Tea Tree	75	68
Acacia	75	68