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At the time of writing, we have 193 families and 225 children attending the Centre, including the Rosellas, Kingfishers and Kookaburras at Kindergarten.

STAFFING UPDATES

There have been a number of additions/changes to staffing over the last month.

Maria Ho has joined us to replace Rachel who has finally left (with 3 weeks to go), on maternity leave. Maria comes to us with a Degree in Psychology and a Diploma in Community Services (child care) and extensive experience in long day care settings as a 2IC. We welcome her and hopes she enjoys her first experience at a community based centre.

Alicia Baronessa and Kristen Grundy have also joined us. Kristen is the third staff member in the Waratah room as our increasing numbers now warrant this position. Alicia is covering tea & lunch breaks, a position vacated by Hoa Rose, who will now cover staff days off.

Hoa (old Hoa, as she has become affectionately known) agreed to work in the Acacia room at the start of the year to ensure consistency for the children, although her preference was to cover tea and lunch breaks. Hoa has done a fantastic job and we all thank her for taking on the role within the room in such a positive manner. Hoa is now able to return to breaks cover because Paul Ward has been employed to commence with us on the 24/08 in the Acacia room. I have worked with Paul previously and I highly recommend him to you.

Leah is now back and also covering days off. A number of staff are taking annual leave over the next month. Please check the details on the doors of the rooms.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hooray, our offices are finally sorted and while this may not be the most momentous achievement of the expansion it offers me a sense that all is again right with the world!! Kim and Kelly and Morag (the kinder.

Teachers) now share an office 'at the back' and Maria and I are in the front office.

We are now in a position to employ the remaining staff members required by the expansion. There are now 32 competent, capable, friendly staff caring for and educating our children and as I have said before I feel very humbled and lucky to lead them.

CAMERAS

Thank you all for your overwhelming response to our request for cameras. With what we have purchased and the generous response from families, particularly from Leo Baker whose company donated a new camera and Kerrie Breeze who organised a new camera to be donated, we are well catered for now.

STAFF TRAINING

Over the last month staff have:

- Attended Anaphylaxis training
- Seven staff members attended the Multi Cultural Resources Centre's expo, where they returned inspired to create exciting spaces.
- Over 3's staff attended a dinner to get to know each other in a social context.



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FUNDRAISING DOLLARS

Thank you to all those who purchased the yummy pasta. We raised \$572.40 and purchased over sixty new books and two new cameras. The books were on display in the foyer but they have been quickly disappearing as the staff have been putting them to the use they were intended.

NEWS FROM THE YARRA GUM ROOM

We are very busy, with ten beautiful babies in attendance every day. As previously stated we attempt to follow routines and preferences as advised by parents but sometimes the babies have their own minds about how the day should go!!!

Just to update you on some pointers for smooth sailing:

All our babies are at different stages of trying new foods. We provide the basics (see the list in the room) and are happy for you to bring any other foods you are 'experimenting' with.

Could you please provide two nappies everyday for your babies, one to go home in and one just in case!

The room has a supply of sudocrem to be used as needed. If you require anything further please ensure this is supplied to us.

Donna covers the early shift and Niluji the late shift so both ends of the day should be covered by a familiar face.

The children in our care range from 6 months to 14 months and, as you can appreciate, are all at different stages of development. We offer a wide variety of activities that can be used in varying ways, while considering the children's safety.

Thanks for your suggestions and ongoing support.

Niluji and Donna

OPENING OF THE RENOVATED KCCC.

The Grand Opening will take place on the 13/09 and we hope to see you all at KCCC to celebrate. See the attachment for all the details.

Please spread the word to our 'Alumni' as we would love to see them all and make this a true community celebration.

CAN YOU HELP????

1. We have been unable to secure a PA system for the opening. If anyone can help that would be great.
2. Unfortunately we had no takers to review the centre's current insurance details (but we are hopeful of no further pandemics!)

TRIVIA NIGHT

Yes, it's on again, The KCCC Trivia Night!!!! If last year is anything to go by, we are in for a fun night with plenty of laughs and prizes.

WHEN: FRIDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER

WHERE: HARDIMANS

COST: \$5.00 a HEAD

Tables are made up of 4, 8 or 10 participants. So make up a table or come along as a single (or couple) and we will place you with some other winners.

FEE RISE

As parents would be aware, the daily fee for long day care will increase from \$73 a day to \$78 and the weekly fee will increase from \$340 to \$365 on the 31/8.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Just a friendly reminder to parents that the centre does not open until 7.30 and staff are not available to care for the children until this time. Staff endeavor to arrive a little earlier to ensure the room is ready for the day and feel disappointed when they are unable to give children arriving before this time the attention they deserve. Obviously children do not comprehend time restrictions and staff's focus being elsewhere before 7.30am.

The centre closes at 6.00pm and as such parents should be leaving the centre at this time and not arriving to collect their children. Staff also have family commitments after work and we ask parents to make every effort to arrive by, at the latest, 5 to 6 to ensure a smooth hand over for both you and your child. Thank you so much for your cooperation in these matters.

BANKSIA ROOM

We have been so busy heading towards the second half of the year. We are getting much bigger and very independent. We have mastered so many new skills eg hand washing, pulling sleeves up, putting plates and cups away and have now started undressing ourselves for bed which is coming along very well. (We would like to ask if you could dress your child in clothes that can be easily removed so they can practice this new skill.) We know to get our coats before we go outside and which locker is ours. We know each other's names and are very respectful with our friends, giving comfort when they are sad or hurt and a friendly hello and goodbye for arrival and departure.

On July 30th we went for a visit to the park, lots of mums came to help which was fantastic and made it a lovely outing. We walked to the park, all holding very carefully onto a rope. We had a picnic morning tea and spent lots of time climbing, running and jumping on all the equipment. It was a huge success and we intend on doing it again soon. Keep you posted.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the parent/teacher interviews. We hope you received a lot of helpful information about your child, program planning and the routines of the room. We also received some positive feedback which Norma and I really appreciated.

Thanks again, Amanda and Norma

POLICY OF THE MONTH

We wanted to draw parent's attention to our Exclusion Policy and our Sick Children's Procedure that are now on display outside the office. Generally parents are extremely supportive of our attempts to ensure children do not remain at the centre when they are clearly unwell. We need to try to minimise the risk of exposure to healthy children.

Children whose temperatures are over 38° are asked to be collected from the centre because a temperature is an indicator of concern for staff, regarding the child's health. Unfortunately carers are not qualified to assess the reasons behind the cause of the child's temperature.

Once again thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring all the children's needs are being met.

PHOTOS

Yes it's that time again. Let's hope for sunshine!!!!

Groups and individuals will be photographed by professional photographers during the week of the Monday 31/08 to 4/09.

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