



For the latest news and information about KCCC and what your child has been up to this month...

The KCCC Monthly

Update from Sigi



Welcome to our new look August KCCC newsletter. It's been another busy and exciting month at the KCCC.

All the children have been learning new things and undertaking different activities in their respective rooms. There is more about what your child has been learning about and what skills he/she has been developing later in the newsletter (pg 4).

In early August we held a successful parent information evening addressing children's learning and development in regards to moving onto school or kindergarten. I thank everyone who came along.

I would like to welcome Rosie Childs to our team of educators. Rosie is a bright, enthusiastic and bubbly person. Rosie has experience working in long day care, nanny and a Youth Councillor on a Disney Dream cruise ship. Rosie shall be floating across the centre, starting with covering breaks in Banksia.

As many of you know, we have developed a sister school and staff exchange/hosting program with Fredericksberg in Copenhagen, Denmark. We are thrilled to be commencing our hosting program this October. There is further information about this in our newsletter.

We are continuing to work closely with the City of Melbourne on our playground refurbishment. See our photo board in the foyer for some of the wonderful suggestions our children have provided – one of my favorites – 'A chocolate fountain'.

Lastly, within the early education sector, the no jab, no play policy will come into effect from 1 January 2016. More information on the Education Sector is available on page six.

I hope you enjoy our August 'KCCC Monthly' and we welcome any feedback and ideas for future editions.

Sigi Hyett, General Manager

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Stay connected @ KCCC

Communication with you is important. Over the coming months we will be focusing on our communication channels. If you have any feedback on this newsletter, this can be sent to info@kccc.org.au

Join us on social media today!



Community Chalkboard

What's on and where you can get involved



KCCC Annual Trivia Night

Saturday 10 October 2015

The Trivia night is KCCC's biggest Community and Fundraising event of the year. Planning for this event is commencing and we need helpers ASAP. Please email Andie Carr on andrecarr7@gmail.com for further information.



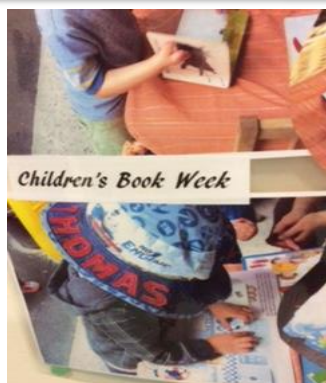
Would you like to know more about what happens on daily basis at KCCC?

We are holding centre tours fortnightly every 2nd Wednesday morning. Time slots available 9.30 am and 10.15 am. Tours will be held for prospective families as well as current families, wanting more information about the program and practice of the service. Call now to book your tour.



We are participating in Woolworths Earn and Learn program!

Help us earn new educational resources. When you shop at Woolworths and you will receive one sticker for every \$10 spent. Please drop your stickers off at our reception. Thanks in advance!



Book Week

KCCC will be celebrating Book Week by dressing up, having fun and by a gold coin donation to Make-A-Wish who grants vital cherished wishes to really sick kids. We are proud to take this opportunity to develop the children's connections to their world by understanding different ways of contributing through play and projects.

Important dates for your diary

Monday 31st August

Father's week starts.

We look forward to celebrating Father's Week and the important place 'Dad' holds, in the hearts and minds for our children.

Look out for our Father's Day Cake Stall.

Saturday 5th September

Father's Day Cake Stall

Sunday 13th September

Working Bee

As a community-supported centre, your help at these working bees is vital in ensuring your children can continue to enjoy facilities that are in excellent condition.

Saturday 10th October

Trivia Night

Monday 26th – Friday 30th Oct

Children's Week

Thursday 5th November

Melbourne Cup Breakfast (Oaks Day)

Wednesday 5th November

Diwali (Festival of Lights)

Sunday 13th September

Working Bee

Children's Christmas Party

Sunday 6 December

Community Chalkboard

What's been happening across the centre and wider?



KCCC Kindergarten and School Information session

What a great turn out at our School and Kindergarten information evening. With over 60 parents and educators attending, Shona Bass, a director of Early Life Foundations provided expertise and information addressing children's learning and development in regards to moving onto school or kindergarten.

Shona addressed some of the important factors parents may wish to consider when making decisions for kindergarten and school.

Find more information about school transitions and other parenting topics at: <http://earlylife.com.au/info/parenting-fact-sheets>



Web Page Under Construction

You may have noticed our web page is currently under construction. We would like to provide a web page that reflects KCCC with up to date information.

We value your input, if you have any feedback or suggestions on what or how you would like our webpage this can be sent to info@kccc.org.au

Contemporary Practice in Early Years Integrated Children's Services

There has been an increase in the number of child care services implementing multi-age programs. Many services have realised that due to children's unique developmental patterns and differing rates of progress there is a better way to meet the needs of all children than grouping them according to age groups.

What does the research say?

- New children settle more easily and feel secure with help from siblings, and older children. The settled children help guide children who are new to the setting to learn what happens during the day, and in the process develop their own self-esteem and self confidence.
- Fewer behavioural problems occur in family grouping. Children of varying ages do not have to compete for the same play equipment as their play interests are often very different, and they tend to interact in more positive social ways.
- There is less aggression and more nurturing of others. Educators who have experienced both same and mixed age groups say toddlers are more apt to display negative behaviours when with other toddlers. This is because they are all asserting their independence and only just learning co-operation skills.

If you would like more information on this topic, email info@kccc.org.au



Room to grow

What's been happening in some of our rooms this month

In the Yarragum room the children continued the exploration of listening to the sounds and different pitches they discover during their play. Educators are extending this interest through exploring the music, sounds and rhythms of different cultures.

In the Gumnut room the children's interest in transport has been extended to introduce children to new words and social skills by providing car stamps at the art table and by using their legs as a tunnel for their trains.

The Tea Tree Kindergarten incorporated science week in their program with the next generation of scientists in the making! The children requested to build a science lab. This dramatic play space has been used to conduct different experiments. We welcomed one of our parents who is a scientist, who worked with the children on a variety of different experiments.

What is your child learning through this?

Providing instruments that allow babies to practice cause and effect provides them with the opportunity to figure out how the objects work.

"Music quite naturally provides opportunities to practice patterns, math concepts, and symbolic thinking skills" (Parlakian, Lerner, Young Children, P.16, 2009)".

Science experiments have supported our children to be confident and involved learners by manipulating the objects and experimenting with cause and effect, trial and error, and motion

Early Years Learning and Development:

Outcome 3 WELLBEING: The children are using their sensory capabilities and dispositions with increasing integration, skill and purpose to explore and respond to their world (VEYLDF).

Outcome 4 LEARNING: Children are confident and involved learners by expressing wonder and interest in their environment and are curious and enthusiastic participants in their learning, both through active movement games and open ended experiences (VEYLF).



KCCC Staff news

Update on KCCC's "Quality Improvement Plan"

Our "Quality Improvement Plan" is a working document that helps us reflect and assess the quality of our service against the National Quality Standards. It identifies our strengths and potential improvement areas.

What are we working on at the moment? Integrated Service Delivery

By reflecting on our practice, we identified that the fence in our yard caused limitations to children's learning and development. We investigated the potential benefits of removing the fence and found...

By removing part of the fence we have opened our yard so all children can access the areas. Some wonderful interactions and learning between the children has been occurring. The shared yard has promoted children's agency by giving them the opportunity to make choices about where they would like to play. The older children acting as role models. Mixed ages groups in the yard are providing opportunities for children to develop and practice language and social skills.

We are also working on our menu review to promote healthy eating. Please feel free to contribute by placing your comment on the Quality Improvement Boards located at each end of the centre.

Professional development at KCCC

Our staff have attended a variety of PD sessions this month on topics of leadership, inclusion and integrated service delivery.

Our Educators attended two sessions on the topic of Integrated Service Delivery. These were facilitated by one of Early Childhood Educations leading training facilitators, Heather Barnes. Heather was involved in the National Quality Standard Professional Learning Plan delivering workshops, writing e-Newsletters and filming a 'Talking About Practice' video.

The sessions focussed on multi aged groupings, feedback from services that have successfully transitioned to multi aged groupings and the growing interest in multi age groupings.

Did you know that all of the City of Melbourne services operate as multi age groupings? Why? Because many services have realised that multi aged groupings provide preschool children with a more comfortable and secure setting where opportunities for learning and development is increased.



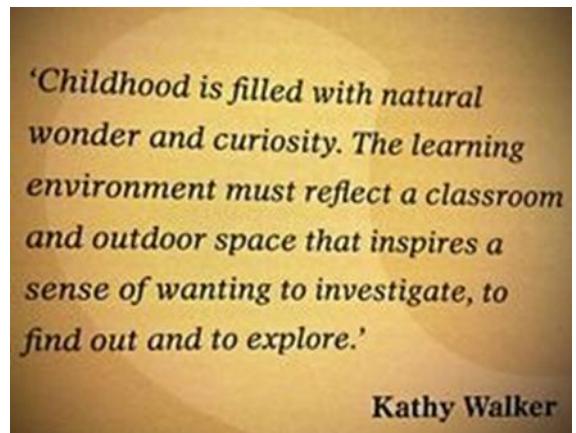
Meet Eldre Cashman
Room Leader
Yarragum Room

Hi, I'm Eldre. I was born in the Philippines. As a nutritionist back home, I worked in hotels and restaurants and eventually set up my own catering business, which my sister has operated since I migrated to Australia 13 years ago.

I valued the training I got from Gowrie, a Diploma in Children's Services which equipped me with skills, knowledge and understanding on how to support our children in their learning through play to support their growth and development.

Although I am not blessed with a child, I have found great happiness with children. Seeing them grow and achieve milestones in their development is very rewarding and fulfilling.

The warm welcome in KCCC inspires me to be proud as part of the team.





Project Denmark Update Up Up and Away!



Our Staff exchange program is underway!

We are proud to be a Sister School with Frederiksberg in Copenhagen and have commenced our Staff Exchange program, that shall commence with a hosting program.

Expressions of interest went out to staff for the staff hosting program and I am pleased to announce that **Hayley Kasal** is going to our sister school Frederiksberg in Copenhagen, Denmark during October and November this year.

It is not every day that you experience what your job is like in a different country and have the opportunity to learn and share information across the globe. That is exactly what our Staff Exchange program is setting out to do.

Commencing with our hosting program Hayley will have the opportunity to experience what it is like to connect with a high quality service across the globe and bring this shared learning back to KCCC.

The Scandinavian countries are renown as leaders in the Early Years industry. This experience will provide Hayley a great opportunity to learn and share information as part of a multidisciplinary approach for collaboration and shared learning.

This will broaden the children and staff's local-to-global perspective, build on new initiatives and ideas as well as enhance communication between global cities to cultivate the next generation of global citizens.

Hayley will be working in the Forest Kindergarten for one month and one month in the City Centre. We shall be setting up a blog between the services to enable the children and staff to be connected.

We hope to look at some of the high quality practices which shall support our drive toward a continuously reflective and improve our educational setting.

Would you like to know more about our DENMARK PROJECT?

Please feel free to email generalmanager@kccc.org.au for further information. Regular posts will be made on our facebook page. Stay tuned for further information on the Denmark blog.



Getting involved in your KCCC – it's easy.

**We have many jobs were you help
would be valued.**

- ✓ Good at sewing? We have lots of projects – just ask a staff member
- ✓ Help to covering books
- ✓ Gardening with the children
- ✓ Have a knack for cooking? Come and hold a cooking experience in your child's room or other rooms.
- ✓ Join a Working Bee – Sept 2015
- ✓ Have no time to spare – offer a family recipe or favourite story for the educators to include into their program



KCCC Arrivals

Congratulation Bondi family for the birth of their baby boy Lewis.

We are thrilled for you and look forward to meeting your new arrival

Best wishes from the KCCC Community.

Education Sector News

ACEQA NEWS

Getting ready for new educator to child ratios

New educator to child ratios start 1 January 2016 for services in the ACT, NSW, Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia and Victoria. There are no changes in Tasmania and Western Australia where the ratios are already in place.

The new ratios are an essential part of the National Quality Framework (NQF) and the phased introduction was agreed in 2009 to give services time to prepare for the changes.

For more information and a summary of every jurisdiction's NQF educator to child ratio requirements visit ACECQA's website. You can also contact your local regulatory authority for more information about changes in your jurisdiction. - See more at: <http://www.acecqa.gov.au>



No Jab No Play Policy

The Victorian Government announced last week that it will legislate to ensure that all children attending childcare and kindergarten are fully vaccinated.

The No jab, no play policy will come into effect from 1 January 2016.

Parents who don't believe in vaccinating their children will no longer be able to take them to childcare or kindergarten in Victoria under proposed reforms.

The state government is introducing legislation that will require children to be fully vaccinated before such attendance is allowed.

The proposed law also closes a loophole that makes an exemption for parents who choose not to vaccinate their children on the grounds they are conscientious objectors.

Children who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons will remain exempt.

Early Life Foundations provides support to you as parents and our educators. They work in the age range birth to 14 years in areas of parent support, teaching and learning, children's behaviours, and school and Early Childhood Education professional development. Find more information about school transitions and other parenting topics at <http://earlylife.com.au/info/parenting-fact-sheets>

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Thai Fish Curry (Serves 4-6people)



Ingredients

- 1KG Base Fillets chopped into large chunks
- 1 Kg Diced Pumpkin
- 2 Leeks diced roughly
- 1 Large Sweet Potato diced roughly
- 1 Bag of baby spinach
- Laksa Paste to taste
- 1 Litre of Chicken Stock

To Serve:

- Steamed Rice

Method

Add stock, pumpkin, sweet potato, Leeks to cook until soft in a large sauce pan.

Puree roughly

Then add Basa chunks, spinach and cook for 10 minutes.

Add Laksa paste to your liking.

Serve with rice.

Week One	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning tea	Cereal Mixed fruit platter	Cheese on toast Mixed fruit platter	Toast and vegemite Mixed fruit platter	Scones & cheese Mixed fruit platter	Sweet potato muffins Mixed fruit platter
Lunch served with	Soup and Roll	Chicken & vegetable pasta bake	Thai-style fish curry Rice and yoghurt	Risotto a la Bolognese Pasta and carrots	Beef Casserole Couscous and yoghurt
Afternoon tea	Scones	Cake	Pancakes	Sandwiches with cheese & vegemite	Saladas and cheese
Week Two	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning tea	Bran and prune muffins Mixed fruit platter	Cereal Mixed fruit platter	Toast and vegemite Mixed fruit platter	Chopped banana, yoghurt and muesli sprinkles	Cheese on toast Mixed fruit platter
Lunch served with	Tuna and macaroni bake Salad	Meatballs in tomato sauce With greens	Barley and vegetable soup Wholemeal roll	Chicken cacciatore Rice	Shepherd's pie with vegetables
Afternoon tea	Pancakes	Saladas with cheese or jam	Sandwiches with cheese & vegemite	Scones	Cake & fruit yoghurt
Week Three	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning tea	Toast and cheese Mixed fruit platter	Cereal Mixed fruit platter	Bread and butter Fruit salad and fruit yoghurt	Cubed fruit skewers and fruit yoghurt, mixed fruit platter	Mountain bread, cream cheese, sultanas Mixed fruit platter
Lunch served with	Fried rice with mince Broccoli with cheese sauce	Soup and Roll	Chicken Rissoles Mixed veges	Tuna & cheese pasta	Beef burger & roll With salad
Afternoon tea	Sandwiches with cheese & vegemite	Scones	Pillets	Cake & fruit yoghurt	Cream cheese, sultanas and crisps
Week Four	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning tea	Muesli Mixed fruit platter	Corn muffins Mixed fruit platter	Baked beans on toast Mixed fruit platter	Toast with vegemite Mixed fruit platter	Carrot Slice
Lunch served with	Lentil Soup Rolls	Chicken and vegetable patties Salad of greens	Spaghetti bolognese & vegetables	Cherry Pumpkin Ricotta Bake Roasted root vegetables	Fish cakes Tartini, salad and roll
Afternoon tea	Pancakes	Saladas with cheese or jam	Scones	Cake & fruit yoghurt	Sandwiches with cheese & vegemite
Colour Key	Chicken	Vegetarian	Fish	Grains	Red Meat

HAPPY HEATHER WITH THE NEW COMMERCIAL KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

Thank you to our wonderful parents for your fundraising efforts. The fundraising efforts from last years trivia night continues to support the purchases for our kitchen upgrade. Our cook Heather is delighted with the new commercial mixer and fridge/freezer. This equipment enables us to continue to provide healthy and delicious meals for the children.



August Photo Board

