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“Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn.”

Fred Donaldson

Please remember to name everything that your child brings to daycare. Doing this saves a lot of angst when trying to find things. It also allows staff to be sure of what belongs to each child when packing bags.



Office News

Hello to everyone. I would like to welcome all our new families everyone seems to be settling in nicely.

Just a reminder to everyone your fees need to be up to date before you take holidays and for those parents of Preschoolers that are leaving at the end of the year your fees need to be finalised prior to your child's last day.

We have finalised the dates for our Christmas parties, Sat 10th December will be our family day where everyone can come and see Peebo and Dagwood, get their face painted, have a sausage and a chat to all those people you hear about but never see. The individual room parties will

Please remember to sign your child in and out each day of attendance. I am currently going through the sign on sheets and will get you to sign for absences.

Juniors building the worlds longest train.

be Friday 16th December where everyone can come and have morning tea see Santa and have a play. Everyone is welcome to both of these activities.

I am finalising the enrolments for 2012 at the moment, you will



Miss Kira, Miss Kerrie and the Preschoolers at the Brighton State School Book Parade.

receive a letter stating what days you have for next year, at the moment everyone should have the days that they require. If



Miss Jean having a picnic with the Toddlers

you need to change let me know as soon as possible because I am filling spaces with families on the waiting list.

If you attend on a Tuesday you will be aware that the farm was postponed until the 11th October. I have kept the notes and money and will give new notes to those families that were on holidays.

Please refrain from allowing children to bring toys to the centre. We have lots and children get very upset when they go missing or are broken.

Remember that my door is always open.

Sonia

Please remember to let a staff member know when you are dropping your children off in the morning. We need to know for safety reasons when each child arrives.



Words from the Toddler Room

Hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and that we have left all our coughs and colds behind us.

It's the time we've all been waiting for;

Toilet training – Hooray!

Everyone has been asking

“when should we start?”

“what should we do?”

So here it is.

Step one: start at home. Put your child on the toilet at every nappy change. We have been doing it here since the beginning of the year! Once children seem to recognise what is happening and they are doing a few wee's it's time for step 2.

Step 2: Undies!!

Once children have done their morning motion, introduce undies. I recommend morning only at this

point. Children need to feel positive about the experience not pressured. Make sure there is lots of praise when it happens. Regular toilet visits are a must, I mean every 15 mins (this may take a few days or weeks). Once children are comfortable with the situation and using the toilet step 3 is around the corner.

Step 3: Kindy

Bring in some undies and lots of spare clothes and a sleep time nappy. We will do the same routine here as what you are doing at home. After morning motion undies until 11ish.

Step 4 : Now that children are confident in undies and having minimal accidents we can continue through to the afternoons.

Step 5: All I can say is talk

about what is happening so your child is not scared about going to the toilet. Be patient and routine. It should happen as the process unfolds.

Sometimes incentives help the process along. Remember all children are different and you may need to vary this overtime. We are here to help. Please feel free to discuss any issues. Good luck.

Other news in the Toddler room. The children's play has evolved so much. Children are using more words to communicate. This also means their dramatic play is more involved, it is so amazing and funny to watch. Days of the week and weather now have become part of our day. Children are responding well and love to get involved

by sticking signs on the wall at group time.

Now we are bigger we have graduated to the preschool yard. Some days children's gross motor skills are challenged a little more, and they have a blast. They can now climb the rock wall, ladders and over the A frame. High planks don't deter, if children are unsure they will ask for help.

This is our favourite part of the year, when you get to see them achieve all their goals we have worked towards.

They have come so far with their self help skills and independence.

Remember it is warming up; Hat, Sunscreen and appropriate clothing is a must. Mel, Ann and Jean



Junior room news

Hello again. We'd like to welcome Esme, Emma, Taj and Connor to our room.

We are always very busy in our room, painting, cooking, building, driving cars, flying aero planes and performing, whether it be with instruments or with singing. Miss Lydia accompanies us on Mondays on the organ and we have learnt some new songs over the last few months.

You will start to see changes in our room as we become more involved with the E.Y.L.F.

Curriculum. This program relies a lot on input from families and the interest of our children. From parent input we can build our day to day activities. Last week Isabelle went camping, so during the week we built a

camping area in our room, we had a pretend fire over which we cooked marshmallows and strawberries, we sat around our campfire and sang songs. I asked the children what sought of things should we take when we go camping. Food was the main item, particularly chocolate cakes, so from their interest in chocolate cake we will now make chocolate cakes. The next day Ava asked “can we go camping again?” So this time we made a camp site under the tree in the yard and pretended to barbeque sausages. We used bits of timber off cuts to help create our camp fire, the children then used the timber as drum sticks, walking around beating out rhythms on the obstacle course, the hollow A frames making the most noise. So

from this activity we will explore our outside environment, looking for objects that we can make music on and with, of course we will cook real sausages. This is just a small example of how our program works, along the way we are learning new interests, developing social skills, exploring, investigating and experiencing life.

Let us know if you did something interesting that the family all enjoyed we would love to hear from you.

Marg. Chif and Lydia.



The Toddlers checking out our worm farm.



The Juniors having a bbq in the sun.



Kindy News

Yeah spring is here and isn't it nice to feel some warmer weather. Kindy has come alive with the wonder of spring. We have been talking about the seasons and how spring means that flowers burst out, baby animals are born and we can all go swimming again.

Lately we have been focusing on a few group developments. Last month the focus was on fairness. Throughout their daily play the children have shown their awareness of fairness through sharing and turn taking, inviting others to join in their play, helping others when they require it and listening to others when they talk. This month we are developing a sense of community. A community can be a small social group or include the whole class. Participating in group activities or group discussions or playing at an activity that involves a

few children interacting with each other are examples of this and again, the children are doing this throughout their daily activities.

The kindy room works a lot on child initiated activities. In this way, the children are able to participate in activities that are of interest to them. Some of their favourites over the last month have been barbies, ball run, marble run and the tool bench. Art-work is also usually decided on by the children, with one of our morning tea discussions being about asking the children what art they would like to do today. Some of the replies have been spaghetti painting, seed pod collage, lego painting, car painting and leaf painting and you can see the examples of these around the room. Please don't forget any home corner donations if you have them.

Julie and Kasey.

News From Preschool

They say it takes a good 3 months to settle into a new job so I should be well and truly settled in by now but still feel like I'm learning everyday.

The preschoolers have been very busy over the last 5 weeks visiting the letters Nn - Rr in Letterland. We had a very noisy week with Noisy Nick (Nn) making nature collages, squishing noodles and practicing writing our names. We went under the ocean with Oscar Orange (Oo) making octopuses and other sea animals, we also had loads of fine motor fun twisting crepe paper to make seaweed and water for our display. Peter Puppy (Pp) meant planets for our preschoolers. We paper mached balloons to makes planets which we then painted and displayed. Did you know there are 8 planets that revolve around the sun? We also practiced patterning getting our Father's Day gifts ready and our paper planes were possibly the most fun we had this week. Peter Puppy week also got us dressed in our PJ's for the day where we watched movies and ate popcorn. Quarrelsome Queen (Qq) took us on a very quick but quiet week enjoying things like quill painting, making quilts and our favourite thing of the week was our quick quiz on Queensland. The children found it quite quirky that we are known as the 'Banana Benders'. This week we have been

learning all about being rude and respectful with Red Robot (Rr). Did you know that calling out is rude? Did you know that greeting people by saying hello and then saying goodbye when you're leaving is a very respectful thing to do? We have also been learning all about our road rules this week too, stop on the red light - go on the green! Next week Sammy Snake (Ss) will be taking us on a summer sun safety sensational trip to learn how we can be sun safe in the summer sun.

Talking about summer, can I please take this time to reiterate the importance of bringing a drink bottle and hat everyday to preschool. As the weather is beginning to warm up and the sun becoming stronger, please ensure you apply sunscreen to your child every morning (we will reapply during the day), supply a fresh bottle of water (which we will refill during the day) and dress your child in sun smart clothing (including a hat of course). Thank you so much for your help in teaching the children all about sun safety.

The children were introduced to Connie Confidence this week, which is a puppet friend of mine from a wonderful program called 'You Can Do It' Education Program. There are 5 puppets in total teaching the children all about confidence, getting-along, resilience, organisation and persistence. I am very

Lots of smiles in Preschool.



Ooey, gooey goop. Good clean fun.



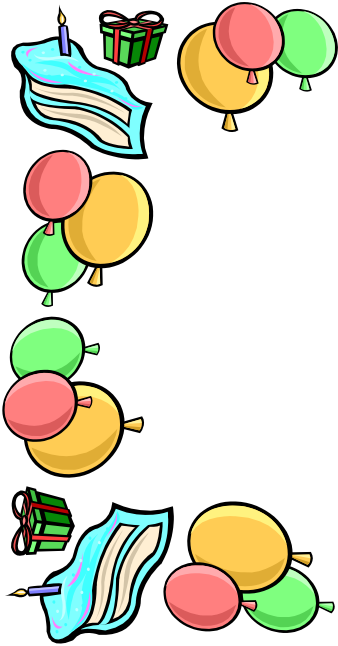
excited to have this program available to the children of Brighton Child Care and Preschool as I found this to be a very powerful program when I was directing it at Sacred Heart. I will be sending an information sheet home about each character as we are being introduced to them- get excited people!

It appears the school holidays are approaching us fast which tells me we have one more solid term to prepare our preschoolers for big school. I will be on holidays the first week of holidays and Miss Kerrie the second week. During this time, we will have a more relaxed program where we will revisit the letters we have already learnt and show and tell will be of free choice PLEASE stick to your day. There will be a new roster out for the rest of the year soon. After the holidays, we will be finishing off letterland and making sure we all know our letters and sounds. As we are becoming more and more clever, we will be concreting numbers 1-10 and introducing numbers 11-20. Wow! One thing we can all be sure of, we will ALL be able to write our names by the end of the year because that is what we will be doing all day, everyday next term.

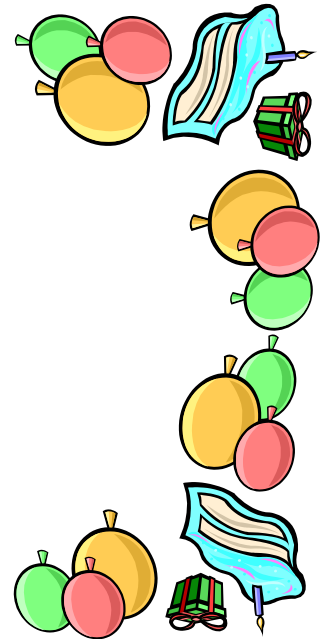
Thank you all for your support and confidence in us.

Miss Jacqui, Miss Kerrie, Miss Kasey and Miss Kirra





Birthdays



Ivy	James	Harriet	Ben
	Timothy	Joseph	Charlie-Diva
Edward		Nina	Dexter
Marly	Seren	Charlee	
Alexina	Senan	Alex	
Kate	Nia	Teah	Tiana
Jeremy		Jelena	

We are trying to make our centre greener. The staff and children would appreciate any donations of pots, plants, plant cuttings, rocks of varying sizes, tree branches, stepping stones and anything else that would make us greener. Any suggestions of how we can achieve a greener centre would also be appreciated, some of us have green thumbs but we still could do with some help.



Kindy enjoying the beautiful weather.



Waiting patiently for a turn on Preschools trampoline.



The Toddlers on our big adventure into Sandgate.

Another reminder that the centre is egg and nut free. The reason is that we have children that have severe allergic reactions to these products.

Peanut butter, nutella and whole nuts as well as whole boiled eggs, egg sandwiches or quiches are not allowed to be bought to the centre. Home made cakes and biscuits are fine.

Toddlers waiting for baby chinos.



The Juniors have "gone fishin".



We love being outside.