



GUMNUTS

Early Learning Centre

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News From The Director

Hi Everyone,

You would have noticed we have put our re enrolment forms out if you require care for 2012 it is important you return the form by the 14th October as our places fill very quickly so if the form is not returned we may not be able to offer you the days you need.

As the weather is beginning to warm up remember to pack appropriate head wear and clothing for you child and to apply sunscreen when applicable, remembering from October sunscreen should be applied every time your child attends.

News From The Wombats Room

Hi Everyone,

What beautiful weather we have been having. All of us in the Wombat's room have loved finally being able to play outside in the sun. We've liked being outside so much we have been having picnics, lots of sibling visits and doing paintings.

We've also had a great time with the bubbles, indoors and out, which has been bringing out a lot of new language in our older children and fascinating new sensations for our younger babies.

Some 1st birthdays have been celebrated

Our before and after school as well as our vacation care programs are continuing to become more popular if your child is going to school next year and you will require care for them please let us know now so we can assure you a spot. For more info please come and see me.

Earlier this month Charmaine left to begin her maternity leave, we wish her and Nathan all the very best on the safe arrival of their second child.

IMMUNISATION & EXCLUSION

A reminder that Child Care Benefit may be cut off if your child has not had their immunisations. Please have a look

with yummy cakes and cooking experiences that have introduced lunchbox ideas such as pumpkin scones and cream cheese and sultana wraps. Thanks to the parents who came in to cook with us, we all really enjoyed it. We also had the kitchen in the home corner to extend on the cooking experiences.

We continued to read the book 'We're going on a bear hunt' the children just love to copy the actions. To follow on we painted a mural of the 'swirling whirling' snow storm.

Many of our children have been doll crazy lately, showing us

at our immunisation information in the foyer and remember if your child is not immunised we follow the Period of Exclusion Table (also in the foyer). If there have been two reported cases of a disease in the Centre, a sign will be placed on the front door to alert anyone entering the building. Parents of non-immunised children will need to take precaution as recommended on the Exclusion Table.

Over and out.

Brendon.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES

Please note the centres will be closed from Thursday 22nd December and re open on Tuesday 10th January

how they care for the dolls and feed and dress them, with a few of them having a doll in their arms all day long.

See ya next time.

Davina, Evie and Kaye

Quote of the month:

The reason grandchildren and grandparents get along so well is because they have a common enemy.

News From The Koala's Room

Hello to all families in the Koala's room,

As the blossoms are starting to grow on the trees the koalas are also blossoming into such grown up children full of independence and confidence. The last month has been very busy with a few new children welcomed into the room with open arms and we have also said good bye to some children that have ventured on to the Possum's room. We wish these children the best and look forward to seeing them in the big yard.

With a complete room change comes new areas in the room. The children are adapting well to the new set up in the room and it is working much better with the room broken up into different sections. Dress up have been very popular this month with hats, bags, costumes and a range of different materials for children to explore and use the vivid imagina-

tions to the best of their ability.

Dancing all dressed up has also top as a favourite, with Hot potato rated number one dance song.

To extend on the on our love for music we have been exploring different instruments and noises they make. We have used shakers, tambourines, bells etc to make very loud music at group time. Nicola also brought in her keyboard for all the children to have a turn. This was a very fun experience with all the children participating.

With farm animals set up in the room Sarah brought in her pet dog Milli who stayed for the whole day in our outdoor area. All the children loved chasing Milli around the yard and throwing her ball to her.

Family involvement in the centre is very important to us for our program and is always welcomed. Thankyou to Jen Brayshaw (Tessa's) mum for coming in and making mini pizzas with us and Christine Mackay

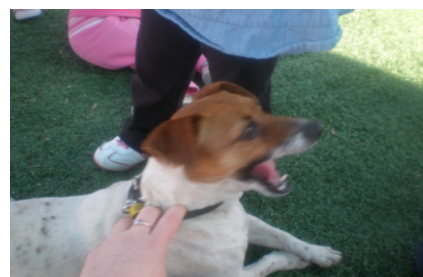
(Cooper's mum) for making fried rice with us. The Koala's really enjoy cooking experiences and love to eat the finished product yum yum J.

In our art and craft area we have been exploring our identity and using our hands to do fantastic handprint paintings which are displayed around the room.

As the weather is warming up we have enjoyed a lot more outdoor play using our mowers to mow the lawn, the cubby in the sandpit and practicing our balancing skills on our obstacle courses. Please pack a summer hat for your child now as beanies are a bit to warm with the weather we are having.

Until next time

Sarah, Nicola, Kim, Richelle and Chaz



News From The Possum's Room

Howdy Everyone,
Gosh have we been busy Possums.

We have had Taj's mum come into cook with us, we made cheese and vegemite pinwheels which we all loved. YUM!!!

We had a bit of a water theme happening with a magnetic fishing game, ocean paintings and a water exploration station with stones, shells and ocean animals.

We have been busy in the hair salon doing the models hair as well as each others. The hair dryers and rollers were very popular, as were the high heels that we often heard clip clopping around the room.

On the 19th Daisy brought her puppies Oscar and Duchess to visit they were very friendly.

While Jaime was away we often spoke about where she was and what she may be doing. Whenever a plane flew over Gumnuts many of us would ask if Jaime was on it. We were very excited to receive a

postcard from her and are even more delighted to have her back here with us.

A favourite with the Possums is dancing we have seen lots of interesting moves and have had a great time dancing together on the mat.

We have also been doing some yoga and stretching of our bodies.

We have lots more exciting stuff coming up too.

As its starting to warm up we ask that you start packing a sun hat and putting sun screen on your child on arrival.

Until next time

Raquel, Jaime and Noleen

PHOTOS FROM THE EMUS

A tree frog on Demmi's head



Ruby with a baby python!



Corbin and a Tawny frog mouth



News From The Wallabies Room

This month we have been busy dressing up, going on excursions and having incursions with help from people in our community.

Megan from Fish and Feather came to visit and brought with her a blue tongue lizard, a water monitor and a small diamond python to show the children. We were able to pat the lizards but we just looked at the snake. Kelly and Megan showed us how to be safe around snakes and not to touch one if we see it in the wild.

We celebrated medieval day and had a banquet lunch we ate medieval food such as Crispels, Rysshews of Fruyt, Gingerbread and Aubergines with Cheese. We dressed as knights, dragons, kings and queens for the day and played games that were played in medieval times like quoits and bowling. Some of us were lucky to get our photos in the paper and thank you to Owen's gee and Lachie's mum for all your help.

We had a visit from Sergeant Carmel who came to talk about how the police help us, calling 000 and being safe when crossing roads. We all got to try on police hats, sit in the police car and say hello to the dispatch operator on the radio. When Carmel left she put on the sirens and lights for us to look at.

Pyjamas and porridge day was celebrated by the Monday

children who all came in their pyjamas. We enjoyed enacting Goldilocks and the 3 bears with masks, puppets and Tracey, Kelly and one of the dolls dressing up. We cooked and ate our porridge before Goldilocks could come back and get it. It was lucky that the guinea pigs that came to visit didn't try to eat it also. Sophie told us that they eat special guinea pig pellets and not porridge so that was lucky, Thank you Rochelle and Aaron for bringing in the mother and babies for us to look at.

We travelled on a bus (a first for lots of us) to visit the library for book week where we got to read Noni the Pony, dance and do a craft activity. The children really enjoyed this experience as did our helper mums, Heleena and Jessica.

Logan brought his new baby sister to show us how to bath a baby. Logan was very gentle using the face washer to help wash his sister and when she was finished with her bath we all got to have a hold some of us gave her a kiss to thank her for coming, Thank you Casey and Greg for bringing Wolf-raven in for a bath.

Wow what a busy month it's making me dizzy just reading what we have done. I hope that all of the Wallabies have enjoyed the month because Kelly and I have.

Here's looking forward to September, Tracey and Kelly.

Reminders:

***As the weather is beginning to change again please remember to put sunscreen on your child before you leave.**

***Please pack a drink bottle for your child every day they are at Gumnuts.**

News From The Emu's Room

Hi everyone,

What a big month it's been!!

We had a great time at the **Father's Day Tea party**, thank you to all the dads (and granddads too) that were able to make it, some dads and granddads, came from as far away as Queensland. The children really enjoyed sharing some special time with 'just you'. They talked about it for ages afterwards. We hope you all had a really great Father's Day.

The children really enjoyed their visit to the **Fire station** and the fire fighters were very impressed with the children's knowledge about fire safety. All the children had a turn at using the fire hose wearing a fire fighter's suit, explored the fire trucks and learned about the different trucks, suits and equipment needed for different fires i.e house, bush fires.

Using the fire hose



MacAlister Reasearch Farm. We had a great morning at the farm, we had our morning tea, then we watched cows being milked and fed calves, one was born only fifteen minutes before we arrived. We would like to thank Mick and Sarah for a lovely and educational morning and for organising the Murray Goulburn show bags.

On the 20th we had a visit from Wildaction who promote environmental awareness and enabled the children to experience Australian wildlife. Every child had the opportunity to touch the animals.



The crocodile Hunter

We had a Teddy Bear picnic with the elderly at Maffra Hospital, the residents were just delighted to see the children and enjoyed the songs

we sang for them. The children enjoyed having fruit and tiny teddies with them and visited the wards.

Thank you to all the parents that have been sending 'naked food', most of the Emus children will be starting school next year and it is important that they are able to manage their own lunch boxes, many children have difficulty with glad wrap, zip lock bags and packaged foods. If you could spend a few minutes each day teaching your child how to 'unwrap' their lunches, it will help them feel BIG and independent at school.

If you haven't yet please ensure that your child's school enrolment is finalised, this helps the schools to prepare their next year's prep classes.

Bye for now Halina, Mandy Maddy and Richelle.

