

3/5 room July Newsletter

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Well, we have reached the half way mark. I know we keep saying it but this year is absolutely flying past. Some parents are waiting to hear back from schools about places for their children next year, the 3 year olds will be starting kinder and some of the Toddler children have started orientation up to the Big Room.

Cold Weather

With the half way mark of the year comes the cold weather. We have been lucky so far that we have only had a couple of days that we have been rained out and forced to stay under the sand pit cover.

Please remember to dress your child in warm clothing, and pack a beanie and a coat in their bag for outdoor play. It would be helpful if parents could talk to their children about wearing coats and jackets outside, as we have been discussing this with the children at group times. Some of our children think that a long sleeve t-shirt is ok to wear outside because it covers their arms....not when it's 10 degrees!!

Room Changes

We were very sorry to lose Melinda recently to a nanny position in Torquay. Angela is taking Melinda's position in the room. Please introduce yourself to Angela as she settles in and learns everyone's names.

As some of our parents may be aware, Hannah is currently studying at university to become a kindergarten teacher.

Hannah starts her placements in July and will be away for a period of time while she completes this placement. Stacey will still be in the room, as will Angela, so if you have any concerns or questions please see staff.

School Holiday Program

What an amazing start to the School Holiday Program we have had. Face painting day, Pirate dress up, Footy day...the list goes on.

A great big thank you to our parent helpers who have made these days so special.

Kelly (Jett's mum) for coming in and face painting ALL of the children, and doing such a magnificent job with constant requests for Spiderman!

Tamara (Alier's Mum) for face painting for us on Culture Day and painting boomerangs with the children.

Adam (Zoe and Owen's Dad) and his special lab assistant Kristi (Zoe and Owen's Mum) for coming in on Science day and showing us how to make Diet Coke explode....don't try this at home!!

Some Reminders

Clothes: Please make sure that all clothing is labelled and that your child has a complete change of clothing in their bags.

Art: Some parents have commented on the children getting paint on their clothes. Art smocks are provided for all art experiences, however as the children take them on and off, the smocks can swing around and get paint on their clothes. We do apologise for this and we understand that it can be difficult to get paint out of the clothes.

It is advisable that children wear appropriate clothing to Day Care. We are not concerned with the brand of clothing that the children wear, so clothes that you aren't afraid to get a little dirty are perfect!

Signing in: Please make sure that you are writing your child's full name, not nicknames and not just an initial for their last name. This is a regulation.

If you have anything that you wish to discuss or suggestions for the room and program, please do not hesitate to see staff.

As part of our ongoing professional development, it is crucial that all concerns be brought to the attention of staff. We strive to meet a high standard of care, and any issues that you have in regards to the care of your child need to be addressed immediately and will be followed through by staff. Thank you.

From everyone in the 3/5 room

Tips for beating Cabin Fever this winter

*Grab one of Dad's old t-shirts and some of his shaving cream. Squirt it on a table and let the children run their hands through it and finger paint. To make prints, add a drop of paint on to the foam, let them finger paint and then lightly press a piece of paper on top. This makes great wrapping paper.

*Play dough- add items from your kitchen (they are always more exciting than regular play dough toys) Ice trays, spoons, measuring cups, plastic forks, chopsticks and plates are great additions. To your play dough you can add rice, glitter, poppy seeds. Ask staff if you need a new copy of our play dough recipe!

*A roll of sticky tape, egg cartons, bottle top lids, paper and any other items that you can think of will keep your child amused for ages as they create and construct.

A tip: Head down to Spotlight and grab a \$10 square of vinyl/plastic to protect your floor. Take it outside, hang it on the line and hose it down!

Carpet saved, happy parents, happy children