

# Toddler's February

## Newsletter



What a great start to the year! The children have settled in very well and are forming some great relationships with carers, primary care givers and the other children. We are looking forward to seeing these bonds grow even stronger throughout the year.

It was a quick visit but as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, Hannah will be completing the year in the 3-5 room. She has been a great help this year and we are sad to see her go. We are sure she will be waving through the windows to check on the children daily!

The Toddler's room would like to extend a warm welcome to Nicole, who will be the new Co-ordinator in the room. Nicole has many years experience in childcare and has worked at the centre previously. She is excited to come back to see the big changes that have taken place. Nicole has visited the room several times in the past few weeks to meet the children and staff before commencing work. She has also made herself known to Hannah's primary care children, which she will now take over.

### **Lost property**

Please name all items of clothing that children wear or bring to the centre. As you can appreciate, we have over 75 children in the room every week and things can be easily misplaced. If you are missing something, there is a lost property basket under the sign in book. This will be emptied regularly so please make sure you go through it to make sure that nothing belongs to your child/ren.

### **Sun Smart**

Just a reminder that children are to wear sun smart tops which cover their shoulders throughout the year. Hats are also to be worn all year round. The carers apply sunscreen to the children in the morning and once again in the afternoon which will continue until mid year.

## Hand washing

Upon arrival, please encourage your child to wash their hands before starting play. Not only for hygiene reasons, but it is a routine in the room which they will also complete before all meals and after the toilet during the day.

## Program

Many parents have been asking about the program and when their child will be planned for. Each child has a code which will appear on the program (beside to the white board) next to the activity planned to help them achieve a set goal. They will appear on there approximately once every 12 weeks. If you have any questions, please ask Tegan or Farryn.



- One last reminder for you to bring in the 'background information' sheet that was put in your pockets. This will greatly help with programming. Also, please remember to bring in a family photo to put up on our 'My Family' board. This is great for the children to look at during their time in care and for them to talk about with the other children. We will try and return them at years end but please make sure it is a copy unless it does get damaged.

If you have any questions about the room, staff, program, routines, or even the weather, the staff will be more than happy to answer them as best they can. Also, there is a parent suggestion book at the sign in desk. If you have any suggestions or concerns about the room, please feel free to write them down.

Thank-you.

☺ Things to remember when there are children in the house # 24-

- When you hear the toilet flush along with the words "uh oh," it's already too late.

Nicole, Farryn, Tegan, Natalie, Nikki, Geri, Susan, Jo and Donna