

Little Kingdom Childcare Newsletter

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Director's News



First of all I would like to welcome back all our families to Little Kingdom childcare! An extended welcome is also due to all our new families who have just joined the Little Kingdom family. It feels like just yesterday that we were all off on holidays and enjoying the break over Christmas and New Year!

This is one of the many newsletters that will be emailed to parents on a bi-monthly basis. The newsletters will contain information on what each class are learning and creating throughout the year.

The newsletter will also be used to assist families in keeping up with all of the upcoming events throughout the year.

I would encourage all parents to read the newsletters that will be emailed as it may also contain important information in relation to policy changes, fees, children's curriculum, family participation, and most importantly regulation and legislation changes in the children services industry.

I can't believe we are well into the month of February and all the children have been busy learning and playing with their friends.

Once again, welcome to 2015 and I look forward to getting to know you and your children throughout the year!

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Valentine's Day (14/2)
- ◆ Chinese New Year (18/2)

Policy Information

Here at Little Kingdom we value and appreciate all family contribution to our centre. We believe that we are one big family and therefore all parents are invited to contribute their ideas in all aspects of the operation of our childcare centre.

In the upcoming months, Little Kingdom will be reviewing and amending various policies. Currently we are reviewing our Fees Policy. This policy will be attached. We ask if parents would be able to have a read and provide us with some feedback. We appreciate any feedback.

Absent Days

In relation to absent days we ask that families inform the centre if your child will be absent. The Family Assistant office allows children to take up to 42 absent days a year without providing documentation, however all parents will need to initial the class rolls for their child's absent days in order for CCB/CCR to be paid on absent days.

Sustainability

One of our goals for the year is to concentrate on Sustainability. The children will be learning about recycling (water, paper), our environment, such as plants, caring for plants, and most importantly, how we can do our part for the environment. Did you know that the process of recycling paper instead of making it from new materials generates 74% less air pollution and uses 50% less water. Here at Little Kingdom we do lots of arts and craft activities which mean we use a lot of paper! I am asking families, if you do have scrap paper or cardboard at home, please bring them into the centre so that we can recycle them here for the children's art and craft experiences!





Miss Ally explains to the caterpillars about the life cycle of a Butterfly.



Miss Rita is reading 'The very hungry caterpillar' to the children.



Miss Lina supervising as the children create a transport collage.



The cocoons are talking about their babies and dressing them in clothes!

Caterpillar News

Welcome to the families who have a child in the Caterpillar Room this year! As you may have seen from our reflections and from our displays around the room, we have been very busy!

At the moment we are focusing on The Very Hungry Caterpillar story, based on the interest of the children in the room. We have been doing many art and craft activities, reading the book daily and learning new songs about caterpillars! We are also taking the opportunity to talk about colours while looking at the book. The Story has many bold colours, so when we do art and craft we speak about the colours we are using.

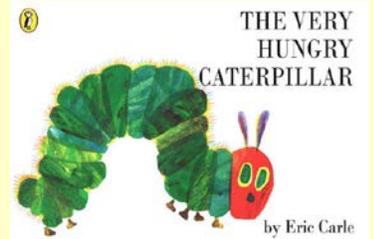
We are also learning about different kinds of Transport. This is based on the

interests of the children too, as the children love playing with the toy cars on the mat. We are doing art and craft activities based on this, and also reading as many books as we can about cars, planes, trains and more!

The new babies in the room have been exploring their surroundings and getting to be familiar with their new teachers and friends, and everyone has settled in very well!

We hope that you and your children enjoy the year with us, and if you have any feedback or ideas for us, please let us know!

Rita and Ally



Cocoon's News

Welcome to the Cocoons room for 2015!

Over the past 2 months that we have been back for the year, the Cocoon's have been busy learning about various projects which have been initiated from the children's interests.

We have about three projects that has been running in the room, all with which has been stemmed from the children's interests.

The first project that the children have been learning about is Transport. This project came from Zachariah.L. The children have been busy learning about the different types of cars and transport that we use. They have read many books and playing lots of car games.

Mariam has taken a very big interest on

babies and caring for babies. This has been a fantastic project as many families have had welcomed new additions to the family recently and the cocoon's were learning about how to take care of them.

The final project was started due to James parents who stated that they have been working on colours with James at home. This has been followed up in our classroom and we have started with the colour yellow!

We value and encourage all family input into our curriculum, so please come see either myself or Lina so that we can include your child's interest into our curriculum.

Marianne and Lina

Fundraising

Throughout the year, Little Kingdom will be holding some fundraisers for the centre. Last year we raised \$920 with our chocolate fundraising and the raffle tickets at the end of year party! This money will we spent this year for some new outdoor equipment! We ask if parents have any ideas or suggestions, please come and see one of the staff members! We would love some fresh ideas for fundraising!

Butterflies News

Welcome to the Butterflies room! This year we are excited to teach the children many things that are primarily based on their individual interests. We will also be incorporating many school readiness activities to assist in preparing children for Primary school next year!

Since the beginning of the year we have incorporated the 'Jolly Phonics' program into our curriculum. Every morning the children learn about different sounds that each letter makes. We sing the Jolly phonic songs and do the actions so that the children become familiar with them. This program are a part of the stepping stones that will eventually help children to read.

Following the Jolly Phonics program we are also concentrating on tracing and name writing. Every day the children are tracing lines to assist having control and grasping the pencils. The children are also working on name recognition and name writing to better prepare them for primary school the following year.

I would also like to remind parents that your input to our curriculum is very important. If you would like us to extend on anything with your child, please come have a chat with us.

We also have some information sheets that we would like for you to fill out about your children so please come see myself or Miriam so that we are able to give them to you!

Chloe and Miriam



National Quality Framework



Australian Children's
Education & Care
Quality Authority

What the NQF means for you?

The National Quality Framework (NQF) for Early Childhood Education and Care helps ensure your child is given the best possible start in life.

The NQF has new quality standards to improve education and care across long day care, family day care, preschools, kindergartens and outside school hours care services.

Benefits for families

- greater individual care and attention for children
- better support for children's learning and development
- educators with increased skills and qualifications
- improved educator to child ratios in most services
- a new rating system of education and care services.

The purpose of learning frameworks

A learning framework assists nominated supervisors, educators and co-ordinators to think more deeply about the service's approach to learning, development and care and the way in which this guides everyday practice and development of the program.

The frameworks are designed to inspire conversations, improve communication and provide a common language about young children's learning among children themselves, with their families and the broader community, with educators and with other professionals.

Kitchen News



As you may have all noticed, Tayta Fay is no longer working as our Chef at Little Kingdom. Due to health reasons Tayta had to resign from her position. Tayta Fay was a big part of our family and we are sad to see her leave! We will miss her dearly! In the meantime, we have decided to use Kids Gourmet Foods (childcare catering) to provide our children with nutritional meals throughout the day. All meals provided are Halal and the company does not use nut or egg products in their foods. The menu is displayed outside the kitchen for you to have a look at.



Happy birthday to all our January and February babies!

Jannah A, William A, Chloe A, Tiannah M, Stevie P, Peter V, Elyana W, Mariah S, Eva S, Elizabeth T.

We also want to wish Miss Chloe a very happy birthday on the 22nd of February.