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MOVERLY CHILDREN'S VEVS

THIS ISSUE:

-Updates on National Quality
Framework
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Important dates for your diary

REMINDERS

- *Bring in immunisations update on a regular basis
- *Check our Kids safe website for all information on poisons, safe home checklist and safe purchasing of children's equipment
- *NO FOOD to be brought into Moverly. We have children with serious allergies and we cater for all children. This includes giving children treats in the afternoon and putting food in children's bags.

FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK

Hello Families,

Can you believe it's already September. A lot has been happening this year mainly around us at Moverly implementing a lot the changes in regard to the National Quality Framework. The system technically commences next year and all documents are still in draft but we as a team are proactive with trying to keep our fingers on the pulse. We will more than likely be one of the first put through the new accreditation system in 2012. I would like to form a parent committee (feel like I am drowning with all this work!). I would like to have monthly meetings, only an hour or so, (no children please) but I need people to volunteer their time to help with things like:

- Policy review
- Organising parent events
- · Fund raising ideas
- Centre events excursions
- General support for Moverly

I understand everyone's time is precious but this would be a great help for me and to encourage more parent involvement at the service. This will benefit all involved especially the children. Please email me if you want to be involved.

Meetings to commence January 2012 if I can get at least 5 volunteers.

A few updates:

- Staffing As you are aware we have had a few staff changes this year which has been a bit challenging. However feel assured that the children's best interest is always priority and the children always receive quality care.
- Chun works 2 days per week due to workers compensation. Usually Wed and Friday and will be going to preschool for those days.
- Stella is about to go on maternity leave from October. Her position has just been advertised for a full time diploma 9 530. This will alleviate the issues in the afternoon with no full time staff in the Nursery.
- Tracey is full time in Nursery.
- Vanessa works as a support worker for a child in the Nursery Wed and Friday and you will also see our regulars, Jenny, Alicia 1 – 6, and Leticia, Kana and Katrina on a Monday.
- Preschool Sophie fulltime and David Fulltime. We have just employed another Early Childhood teacher to start 3rd October. Rebecca Keyes. Please make her feel welcome.

NEWS FROM THE NURSERY

Reminders

- Please remember to pack a spare change of clothing as each day we run out of spare clothing.
- No toys from home!
 They will only get lost and cause heartache!
- -Remember to sign your child in and out



Well well well, what can I say! -Eva, Gracey, Mia and Audrey Rose

Projects/Interests:

You may have noticed a new project emerging in the nursery about rocket ships and space. This project is gaining a lot of momentum and we are excited to see where it takes us. This is where it began ...

One morning, feeling uninspired, I started to wonder where the program in the nursery room was heading, so I sat down with my two year olds to find some inspiration. As I gathered the small group on the mat, Daniel chanted "to the rescue" and he used his hand as if it were some kind of object flying through the air. I asked Daniel what it was and he replied "this is my rocket ship" as he continued the chant.

I wondered if this might be the inspiration I needed. I began talking to the children about rocket ships and the concept of space - they were very responsive. I left the conversation at that and reflected on how I could expand on the theme.

Take a look at our documentation on the noticeboard in the foyer to see where we are up to. You are welcome to add your input ...

Other news:

You may have noticed some new visitors in the room from time to time. Nadia is a physiotherapist and Jenny an occupational therapist, they come in to work with Sanja. Nadia and Jenny assist and guide us with her development.

Thank you to everyone for the donated bibs.

We welcome Kana back from her holiday it is great to have her back.

I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Trace, Stella, Chun, Jenny, Alicia and Kana

DATES FOR THE DIARY

6th October – Bob Turner wildlife show

22nd October –FAMILY FUN DAY at Moverly, everyone invited (Info to go out

closer to date, but we volunteers, BBQ, cake stall etc)

24th October – 4yr olds eyesight test – free from NSW Health

31st October – Jerral Puppet show

Thursday 15th December – Children's Xmas party and graduation – Randwick Community Centre 6 – 8pm

23rd December – Centre closes – reopen 9th January

NEWS FROM THE PRE-SCHOOL











What's happened in the preschool program so far ...

Life skills and values: teamwork, communication, respect, interdependence, resilience, critical literacy, pencil and scissor grips.

Developing and understanding of literacy in the early years

With increasing technologies and globalisation, literacy now includes interpreting everyday events, creating meaning using a range of visual, gestural, spatial, printed, oral and critical thinking about multimodal texts.

David and I have been fostering critical literacy by encouraging children to think about and question the meanings and purposes of environmental texts. We use a 'let's think about it, let's talk about it' approach. Even the 3 year olds are encouraged to think about and question their classification of objects.

Projects

Our hand-made counting chart project is a good example of the children taking the initiative and responsibility for their own learning (Outcome 4). Through this project, the children gleaned an understanding that numerals communicate quantity that are within their means of control.

The Jurassic Park project promoted intellectual and investigative thinking among the children. Peaceful negotiation, respecting others' viewpoints, reasoning and discussion skills – both new and scaffolded, emerged as the children interacted with each other and their learning environment (EYLF Outcome 4 & 5).

Our fortnightly fire evacuation drills paid off when the fire siren went off the 3rd June. The children calmly walked and lined up awaiting evacuation direction.

Fine motor dexterity: Provisions are planned for the development of pencil/scissor grasp with the focus on strengthening the finger-muscles and the opening of the webspace between the thumb and the rest of the fingers.

Sophie KC and David Gillings



PLEASE DO NOT PRINT OUR NEWSLETTER UNLESS NECESSARY.



A few new things happening:

This year we are doing end of year development summaries based on developmental areas, milestones and The Early Years Learning framework outcomes. **This will be only for the children going to school**. The idea to help assess children against the five learning outcomes as per the EYLF and you give and your teacher in 2012 a guide for your child.

These will be objective and based on observations from all teachers throughout the year. Remember, there will nothing you do not already know as we feel we have open honest professional communication with all families at Moverly. If we have any concerns about your child we would have raised it prior to receiving the summaries. I feel this will make the transition to school smoother and provide their new teachers with a guide for their education in 2012. If you have any concerns or feedback into this strategy I would love to hear your views.

RANDWICK CITY COUNCIL SHORT FILM COMPETITON.

As part of an internal council competition, Moverly would like to enter in the "ICARE SHORT FILM COMPETITION". The idea is to for internal council use to focus on customer service within council. As we would encourage children's 'acting' skills we do need your permission to film them (mainly preschoolers). It's only a 5 minutes snippet of them doing silly things with the teachers. If you don't want your child filmed that is fine. If we win, we get a flat screen TV!

Please see David for any further information and permission slips are in the preschool room.

