

REMINDERS

* As the weather is getting warmer please ensure your child/children are wearing sun smart clothing such as loose fitting t-shirts or dresses with sleeves.

The children are showing a strong interest in sandpit and water play which can get messy and wet. Optional spare clothes included in their bag would be much appreciated.

Next week we will set up a sunscreen station in the foyer. If you could take five minutes out of your morning routine to sunscreen your child it will ensure the sunscreen has been put on 20 minutes before children are going outside which provides the best protection. We will then re-apply the sunscreen to the children before afternoon outdoor play.

* A piece of fruit each day



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Hello Families,

End of the year is fast approaching! What a busy year we have had. Although I am very excited for the children, it is sad for me to see so many preschoolers going off to school that have been long time families at Moverly!

If you can all make it to our end of year Christmas party and graduation that would be great! The children really have a great night and the graduation is always a wonderful achievement for the children.

Sustainability Conference

Sophie and I attended a fabulous conference a few weekends ago on sustainability. Next year we would really like to concentrate on this area of our curriculum again as well as involving the children in all projects from reducing energy consumption, water saving, recycling, the garden, composting and lots more. If you have any expertise in this area we would love your help. We have the support of ECEEN (Early Childhood Environmental Education Network) and Randwick Councils Sustainability Unit, but we always encourage your contributions. As part of the bi monthly parent meetings, sustainability will be an agenda item. Sophie will have a lot of input into this area.

National Quality Framework and Regulations update

From 2012 we implement the new regs and guidelines. We now sit under the Department of Education and Care (formerly Docs). As a service we are working our way though the National Quality Standards and reviewing all policies and procedures as a part of this process. I will be sending out policies one by one for your input and leaving a copy of the policy manual in the foyer for your input. I know you are all busy but we really encourage your input. Don't worry, I already have a few parents in mind to help with our Inclusive Practise Policy and Sustainability Policy! I do love to volunteer people.

Staff update

Thank you for all your support for Chun. It has been difficult for her to leave Moverly but we wish her all the best.

Tracey will now be off for the rest of the year after her knee reconstruction last week. She is doing well but it will be a long recovery for her. She came to visit today and the children were very excited!

Thanks Danielle

NEWS FROM THE NURSERY

Reminders



Billy and Piper.
A strong sense of
belonging and a nice
friendship!



What have you
found Grace?

We have been very busy in the nursery implementing the new EYLF into our program and using it to guide our practices.

One of the things we have been working on is involving the children with how their program should run. We invite the children to choose experiences they would like in the room and use provocations to support the emerging interests of the children. We are reflecting on how this impacts the program and how else we can involve the children.

We would like more feedback from families to assist us making decisions about what you would like to see happening in our program. This will guide us on a journey together, seeking the outcomes you want for your child. Tell us what you like, what you don't like, what you want to see. We will endeavour to make your voice visible throughout our program wherever possible.

You may have noticed our emerging butterfly project, This project began outside when a small group of children noticed their presence in our yard. From there we have began discussing what we know about these butterflies, continued to chase them around the yard and also spent time using paint as a medium to create our own interpretations of butterflies on paper.

We have a large group of our toddlers toilet training at the moment and they are doing very well. Please let us know of any transitions that are occurring at home so that we can implement them at the centre, it often makes the process much easier and we can discuss strategies with one another.

Reminders:

- Labelling clothing
- Pack extra clothing as we will be getting more involved in water play

Tracey will be on leave for the next coming weeks due to surgery. Vanessa, Jenny and Kana will be in the nursery.

Tracey Clarke

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- *Xmas party – ALL WELCOME*
- *Randwick Community centre*
- *Mundo st Randwick.*
- *15th December 6 – 8 pm*
- *6 – 7pm – Kids disco and dinner*
- *7 – 730pm – Santa*
- *730 – 8pm – Preschool graduation*
- *Wrapped \$5 book to be left in my office behind the door by Monday 12th (Including siblings)*
- *Tickets on sale from Monday 5th - \$25 per family, \$5 pp extra. Full buffet dinner included*
- *Please see Danielle for tickets... Cash only! Do not put with your fees.*

NEWS FROM THE PRE-SCHOOL



Every day is 'school readiness' in the preschool room. Besides literacy, numeracy and self-care, social competence is at the core of our program for the children's readiness for school.



Literacy: We are achieving an almost 100% in name recognition. The children are confident and competent in writing their full name, with a space in between their first and surname. Group experiences focus on exploring other ways of number concept / quantification such as cooking; patterns and relationships; and public speaking.



Pair Concept: Working in pairs is a concept inculcated to foster friendship, co-construct learning, consideration of others' feelings, maintaining concentration on an activity and cooperation. This concept was quickly grasped and adapted in a wide range of situations such as excursions, fire drill, cooking experiences and projects.

Group time discussions:

- * What the children think school is about.
- * What they think they would be learning and doing
- * Food that should go in their lunch box.
- * Basic etiquettes at school: raising hands to get teacher's attention, self-help, assisting others.



The children responded that they will be learning/doing new things and making new friends, though they do not yet know. They are also aware of some of the 'everyday' food that should go in their lunch box.

The children's attitude reflected their positive expectation of school and confidence.

Sophie K, David and Beck

Assisting others.



Public speaking.



Literacy time.

PLEASE DO NOT PRINT OUR NEWSLETTER UNLESS NECESSARY.

Educational Leader

As part of the new requirements we need to nominate an Educational or Pedagogical leader to the service to oversee the implementation of the curriculum.

As a team we nominated and it is a pleasure to say Tracey has been appointed this role for 2012.

Tracey in conjunction with me will oversee and mentor the team with programming, documenting children's learning, links with the learning environment etc. This is additional to her role in the Nursery.

Congratulations Trace, I'm sure you will do a great job!



Lunch Box Week

As part of our transition to school program, we incorporate lunch box week.

This encourages not only healthy eating and reducing wastage in line with the NSW Munch and Move program but also encourages a sense of independence and achievement for the children. They were all very proud to show their 'healthy' lunch boxes today! Great work Mums and Dads

