

The Word from Wamberal....

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Staffing News:

Anne is finishing with us on Wednesday July 7th, in the Dolphin room. Anne will be greatly missed by her fellow staff and the children.

We have been conducting interviews in late June to fill this position and will advise all our families of the outcome as soon as one is reached.

Alana is on one weeks annual leave from July 19th.

2011 Enrolments

In early August we will be sending our re-enrolment forms to families for you to confirm your booking for next year. Please indicate any increase or changes to days as well as indicating any sibling bookings or placement on waiting lists

ACCREDITATION

We had a fantastic report following our recent Validation visit on June 22nd and 23rd.

The Validator carefully watched our teaching, programming, care and supervision practices. She also viewed our Policy documents, our OH&S procedures, our newsletters, Parent Input and children's documentation.

Of the **Satisfactory** indicators we successfully passed all.

Of all the **Good Quality** indicators we only missed one – 5.3.15 – The Centre provides professional development to help staff maintain up to date practices in relation to potentially dangerous products, plants, vermin and objects.

Staff will be addressing this at our next Staff Meeting with a group discussion and viewing internet documents from Kidsafe NSW.

Of all the **High Quality** indicators we missed only two- 6.2.22 – The Centre periodically arranges for an external expert audit of its food safety and hygiene practices and recommendations and changes to practice are recorded and implemented.

We have Jodi on our staff who is qualified in Cooking for Preschoolers and who oversees all our Food Safety and Hygiene practise. The Centre aims to source this expert in the coming years but it is not a priority due to high cost involved.

6.6.13 – Arrangements are made for health care professionals to visit the Centre to talk with Staff and/or families about immunisation.

We will aim to achieve this within one year and are currently looking for a suitable professional.

So, of the 708 indicators to be marked as occurring we achieved 705!!!! It's a fantastic result that can be attributed to our fantastic staff so please let them know how wonderful they are.

THANKS TO ALL OUR FANTASIC FAMILIES FOR YOUR SUPPORT – WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST.

WHAT'S ON???

Grandparents Week JULY 19th-23rd

We invite all the Grandparents of our children to come and join us for the morning session at Wamberal Childcare and Preschool so that the children can share their preschool activities with you.

Arrive with the children and stay until outdoor play time at 10:30am.

This has proven to be a most popular morning in past years so please come along. Other family members are most welcome to join in the fun.



Centre Policy For Family Information:

Do you have a concern or would like to raise an issue with the Centre? We always encourage you to come and talk to us at any time but for more serious concerns you can read this document and follow its procedures.....

Dental Hygiene

We support your child's teeth brushing habits by discussing dental hygiene with children throughout the year.

If you would like your child to bring a toothbrush to preschool for use we will happily encourage your child to brush their teeth.

Staff encourage children to drink after every meal to rinse their mouth, preventing food build up on their teeth.

Let us know of any ways we can support your child's dental health practices.

**UPCOMING
FUNDRAISING**

We have some fundraising activities coming up soon, for your voluntary participation including....

Picture Calendars
Children's Labels and
Other Items
Toys and More
Catalogue

These activities offer you some great Christmas present ideas and other practical items with some of the profits being returned to the Centre to be used for resources for your children.

ROOM NEWS

Dolphins:

It's wonderful to see all the new faces settling well to the Dolphin Room. Lots of our music groups have involved social games to encourage children to get to know each other and become familiar with names. We are continuing to focus on shape and number skills during the weeks, as well as learning a new song in Swedish from Astrid's Mum about a boat on the ocean.

Nicole & Jodi & Kirsten

Starfish:

Dinosaurs are the hot topic in the Starfish Room in recent weeks, with dinosaur figurines, puzzles, threading, arts and crafts and posters and books!!! The children have been very focused on their letter recognition skills and love the phonetics game on our blackboard. Our new textas have also inspired our drawing, with developing skills of drawing people and other figures on a dramatic improve.

Kirsty & Anne

Seahorses:

The children have been enjoying bringing in their pets to show us in the recent weeks, with Michelle also bringing in her gorgeous puppies. Thanks to everyone for their input. The children are learning the letter "Oo" this week with the Letterland character Oscar Orange. We have also had some experiments focusing on light and reflection which have lead to great questioning and exploring with disco balls and transparent items.

Michelle & Alana

Child Safety in the Home.

Have you ever thought about how safe your home is for children?

Do you store medicines out of reach? 67% of child poisonings are a result of children accessing medications.

Are their child locks on cupboards with potentially dangerous products?

Do you know the number for Poisons Information? (131126)

These are some great questions to ask yourself. A great checklist is available from the Kidsafe NSW group at www.kidsafensw.org

We have a number of factsheets from Kidsafe on Sandpits, Plants, Poisons, Trampolines, Swimming Pools etc which we have in a folder at our Parent Area and we are happy to copy these for you. The checklist is also available and we recommend it for all homes.

We often consult these factsheets, recently when selecting plants for our hedge and our garden.

PEANUT ALLERGY....



Please be aware that one child from our Seahorse Room has been diagnosed with a severe peanut allergy. This means he is at risk of an anaphylactic reaction if he consumes or has direct contact with peanuts. The child attends each Tuesday and some Mondays and Fridays.

We ask the following...

NO PRODUCT CONTAINING NUTS BE BROUGHT TO THE CENTRE. Please check muesli bars and similar items. If these are supplied we will be unable to give them for meals if the child with allergy is present.

AVOID PEANUT BUTTER AT BREAKFAST

As there is a potential for transfer as children play in close vicinity to one another.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ISSUE AS IT REDUCES THE RISK OF AN ANAPHYLACTIC REACTION AT OUR CENTRE.

Please ensure your child has.....

A Hat

A **sheet / blanket** in the Starfish and Dolphin Rooms each day

Shoes which support your child's gross motor development by providing adequate support and grip. Thongs, slippers etc are not recommended

As we approach the warmer months remember we need the children dressed in **tops** which cover their shoulders, backs and the top of arms.

Ensure you have at least one spare set of clothes in your child's bag.

These items help us meet the current policies in place for Sun Safety, Rest Time and Clothing and Footwear. If you would like to view these policies or have your input please see our Staff or view them from folders at Parent Sign in Area.

We are considering charging a \$1 fee for repeated supply from Centre of sheets and hats due to the number of children not bringing these items on a regular basis as we must launder these items between each use. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Do you recommend us to your friends?

If you recommend us to a friend or family member and they book in with us for 2009 or 2010 we are offering you a \$50 credit to your account. This is payable upon the child completing their first week.

This offer begins in September and will finish in December.

Please tell your friend to mention your recommendation to ensure you receive your credit.

It's a small way we can thank you for your support of our service.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Phillip for attending a recent Staff Meeting and contributing his ideas to our Centre. We host a monthly meeting and would love for any interested Parents to attend. Please see Office for dates and times.

Thank you to Eleanor for coming and presenting a Swedish song to our Thursday group, the children and staff loved it.

Thank you to the Weston, Fisher and Beckhouse families for their ongoing supplies of craft and paper items.