

Grow 'n' Learn

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Oh It's cold!!

Please ensure that you pack a winter jacket and beanie for your child over the coming weeks. Outdoor play is part of our daily routine and if the weather permits we will head out side. Please ensure you have updated your children's spare clothes in their bags too. We are finding a lot of t-shirts and shorts in children's bags when we are changing the children.

Mud Patch

As we made you aware in the last newsletter we have made some changes in the outdoor play area.

Our Mud patch area for our 3-5 year old children will be ready on Monday 18th August. The children are welcome to bring in Gum boots to leave here.

The children will be encouraged to wear gum boots in the winter to keep their feet dry and warm.

We do expect the children to get dirty in this area and educators will assist the children after they have finished playing to change. Dirty clothes will be placed into a plastic bag and tied to the outside of the children's bags.



Child Psychologist

Sarah Nelson who visited us throughout 2013 and 2014 has now had to close her books due to demand.

Recently a **Lisa Tang** a child psychologist has joined the medical centre right next door. Louise and Lauren met with Lisa on Friday 25th

July. Lisa is happy to make a visit throughout the year to observe the children in the centre's environment. Lisa also expressed interest in holding parent information nights as well as Educator training. Lisa will be at the Derrimut Road Health Clinic on Fridays from 1-4pm.

Children's Fees

A reminder that fees are due weekly. Centrelink can be unpredictable and some parents have experienced issues of changes to their CCB. If you do not pay weekly you may not be aware of this issue until its too late.

Thank you

A big thank you to all the families who assisted by bringing in boxes for our collaging.

We are now collecting any glass baby food jars. If you happen to use any could you bring them in for our next art experience.

Yellow Room

The yellow Room Educators have reflected on their routine practices and have implemented some strategies to further support the children at different times of the day.

The Yellow Room children are now working with their 2 groups to further challenge and stimulate the children who have already turned 2. These children are participating in activities that the children are now engaging in in the Purple Room. Due to the centre being at full capacity we are unable to move any children up at this time. As soon as there is availability in the next room we will work to moving children into these places.

Purple Room

Toilet training?!

We have had lots of parents wanting to start toileting which is wonderful. This can be stressful time for some parents. Before you begin toileting we ask that you ask yourselves the following questions.

1. Why do you think your child is ready to toilet train? Please be specific
2. Are you committed to not going back to nappies at all? Not in the car, not while your shopping. (Sleep and night times ok)

If you believe your child is ready and you are too, let's get started!!

Putting children back into nappies for convenience is confusing for the children and in many instances sends the child backwards.

Please speak to educator about going forward with toilet training.

Red Room

Cassie has returned from Maternity leave and it is wonderful to have her back.

The Red and Blue room children will be invited to play in the Mud patch from the 18th August. Please feel welcome to bring in a pair of gum boots for your child to use in the mud patch. The boots will be stored appropriately and the children will have access to them on the day they attend. Please ensure you pack 2 sets of spare clothes each day including socks, singlets and undies.

The mud pit is there for children to use their creativity and imagination using the natural materials.

Blue Room

We would like to encourage all children in the Blue room to have their eyes and ears checked before they go off to school. Specsavers in Werribee plaza offer eye checks for children with Medicare cards at no cost. Hearing is important to check as well. Children in their first year of school must rely on their hearing to shape their pronunciation and in turn this will effect their spelling.

Green Room

Special milks and yoghurts. Friday afternoons the fridge in the Green/Yellow room is cleaned out completely. You are welcome to take your milk home on Fridays or your child's last day of attendance for the week. Anything left in the fridge on Friday nights regardless of expiry is thrown out.