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Jacaranda Early Learning Centre

Jacaranda 2010

A Chat with Jan and Bonny

This year has gone so quickly I can hardly believe I am sending out the December Newsletter. The Jacaranda Team has celebrated so many successes this year through Guardian funded development courses, team building exercises and staff meetings. I believe this is why we have dedicated long term staff and a happy learning environment for the wonderful children that attend our centre.

We have our Christmas concert coming up on the 2nd of December so keep an eye out for times and what to bring.

Moving forward to next year it is very important that we are organised for 2011 for example some children will transition to the next room, Staff may change rooms also. We like to keep you updated on what's happening at Jacaranda. Therefore we need your help!

Places are limited next year as we reopen from the 4th of January 2011, if you are not returning by this time your child's place is not guaranteed and your booking is added to the waiting list.

Preparing for the new year is a big job for the Jacaranda team. We start this process in December. Individual child profiles, programming, lockers, pockets, room organisation and the Calender of events all need to be completed before the 4th of January. This allows our wonderful team to be ready to start the new year with your child.

Ezidebit Discount

Please be aware that all accounts must be in line with our centre policy. From January 2011 our only payment option will be Direct Debit. Parents will receive a statement every Monday. This will allow you to speck with Myself or Bonny if you have any account quires or questions. Your weekly amount will only change on Direct debit if you increase or decrease days or if you CCB percentage rate varies.

Please keep an eye out for up coming information on payments over the Christmas period as there will be some changers.

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Centre Availability

We have days available in most of the rooms throughout the centre. If you would like to pick up an extra permanent day these days will be available as of now.

Room/ Days	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Nursery	*	*	*	*	*
Toddler	*	*			*
Junior Kindy	*			*	*
Senior Kindy	*	*			*

Room/ Days	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Pre-Prep					
Nursery 2			*	*	
Toddler 2	*	*	*	*	*
Junior Kindy 2	*	*	*	*	*

* Indicates availability on that day

Please Note: These vacancies may change daily.

Philosophy, Broad Goals and Policy Reviews

Health

Parent Involvement

We operate an OPEN DOOR POLICY, where parents and family are welcome into the Centre at ANYTIME. Parent participation sends strong positive messages to your child that you support them and are part of the child care environment. There are many levels of PARENT PARTICIPATION and we appreciate that time is of a premium for all parents, but we will be willing to accommodate any form of involvement you may desire to assist you and your child, which ultimately benefits the whole Centre. Our staff sincerely wish for you and your child to be happy and feel welcomed at our Centre. Be aware that a three way relationship between parents, caregivers and the child exists in this setting. Communication is a vital ingredient to the success of this partnership.



REMINDERS TO PARENTS

PARENT POCKETS

Please ensure that you are collecting all your important information from your parent pocket on a daily basis. In the pockets you will find your weekly statement, notes from your child's careers, party invitations from peers, policy and procedure up dates, parent input forms and other general information. This is a great way for us to communicate with you as sometimes we may not get to see each other.

Label Items

To ensure your child's belongings find their way home please make sure all items are labelled. This will help our friendly staff to assist your child when packing up their bag of an afternoon.

HATS

Even though the weather is very cool at the moment here at Jacaranda we have a policy of '**NO HAT NO PLAY**'; this means that if your child doesn't have a hat then they will not be able to participate in outdoor activities.

Children's Holidays

Our centre policy states that each family is entitled to 50% discount for up to one week of fees every financial year. This depends on the amount of days your child attends. In order for this to be approved families must have their accounts up to date (2 weeks in advance) and be on direct debit. Please fill out our holiday form at reception 2 weeks prior to going on holidays. The discount will be applied to your account when you return from your holidays.



Merry Christmas

Important event coming up: **December**

December the 2nd The Children's Christmas Performances.

December the 17th Pre-Prep Graduation.

December 25th Centre Closed – reopen on the 4th of January
News from the Bus

A huge thank-you to all the parents for your patience while our bus had its yearly check up and new art display completed. The children say we have a new bus and I agree, the bus is all safe looks great and the children really love the bus ride. Please remember that is a government requirement that you sign your child on and off the bus each day. I would like to wish all the children and families on the bus a happy and safe Christmas.



Safety first doesn't forget to buckle up
From Miss Pam



The Willy Wag-tails Update

We welcome many new families and children to the Nursery. We are enjoying getting to know your little personalities. We have had a busy year so far exploring arts and crafts developing our creativity.

The nursery children will be continuing to extend on our motor development this month. The babies all develop at various levels and we take time to ensure we are providing various activities to encourage and develop those necessary skills to become those fast paced fun loving toddlers. We have been also encouraging our language development with babble time, reading stories and having one on one interaction with carers to help with our language and listening development.

Have you ever considered spending time in the Nursery with your child and the staff? We have an open door policy and you are more than welcome to come at any time.

Miss Jaclyn will be on holidays from the 13th of December and will return next year, I will also be taking time off to fly to Townsville and will be leaving on the 22nd however I look forward to returning to the Nursery in 2011. All our Nursery Families have gotten to know Miss Jain over the past year and Miss Jain knows all our babies very well. Miss Jain will be in the room while I'm on Holidays.

Don't forget our Christmas Concert will be held on the 2nd of December we will be having a lovely morning tea, a visit from Santa and we would love to share with you some of the wonderful songs the children have learnt over the year. Hope to see you all here at 9.30am on the 2st of December.

Until Next time, keep smiling and have a wonderful Christmas.
Love,
Miss Kree and Miss Jaclyn



The Peewees News

Toddler 1

Welcome to the Toddler room where we have had a fantastic month of learning and growing. This month we have been focusing on fruit and shapes and we did a lot of lovely artwork activities which you will see displayed on the wall in the toddler room.

We will be ensuring that we continue to improve on the children's self help development to help them grow independently and build up their self esteem through toilet training, packing away skills and feeding self. In our science experiment we will be visiting our garden and watering the plants in which will help our self help skills. We are also going to have fun with ice and water play when the weather is warm to have an understanding of more science experiments.

If parents have any suggestions or idea's to help with our activities Faith and I will be very happy to help as well as appreciate the feedback.

We will see some of the toddlers move up to the junior kindy room next year and both Faith and I are very excited as we will also be moving to the Junior Kindy room. It has been a wonderful year to see the children achieve individual success and develop many learning skills to help them grow and prepare for the coming year ahead.

The Children's Christmas Concert is fast approaching I hope you have all received your invitation! 9.30am on the 2nd of December. The children will have a visit from jolly old Santa himself! Please bring along a plate of food to share.

The Children have been busy all year enhancing their creative skills as boy do they have a surprise for you, so we hope to see all our toddler families here for the concert.

Merry Christmas and Safe Holidays to all our families.

Love,
Miss Amanda and Miss Faith



Puffins News

Junior Kindy 1

A big hello from all the beautiful children in the junior kindy room. Wow can you believe another year has passed! A big thank-you to all of the Junior Kindy parents for your support throughout the year, as we take a look back there have been many fun learning experiences, exciting dress up days, one of my favourites was multicultural week where the children enjoyed learning about the New Zealand culture. Shirley and I painted the children's faces in the traditional moiré patterns, it was great fun most children stayed in front of the mirror touching and exploring their facial features. We have also enjoyed many cooking experiences I must admit a lot of ingredients went into mouths before into bowls. It was quite a laugh to see some interesting faces pulled when the children tried different foods. There has been many fun days and I am truly thankful to be moving up to senior kindy with most of the little junior kindy family.

Let's look forward to an exciting, educational and above all fun time to end off a fantastic year.

Christmas concert practice is well on the way and we hope to see all our wonderful Junior Kindy Families here on the 2nd of December at 6.30pm Dress code required for Junior Kindy red and green.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
From Miss Jody and Miss Shirley.

News from the learning Lorikeets

Firstly we would like to welcome the new children who have started in the Senior Kindy room. We have been busy learning our numbers 10-20, this involves saying the number and holding the correct amount of fingers up. Cognitive and language skills are being extended on as we hold up the alphabet flashcards, we have been focusing on P-Z so far.

Multicultural skills have been encouraged as we learnt to say simple words in Mandarin and also as we made our multicultural food canvas. Lots of fun has been had during our cooking experiences, we all had a turn of mixing the chocolate yum yum balls, a Christmas treat.

Self help skills are being encouraged as we make our own beds, put rubbish in the bin, help pack away the toys and taking responsibility for our own belongings.

Just some simple reminders, can we please ensure we all have a labelled drink bottle, hat, sheet and spare clothes each day, and can we please remember to sign your children in and out each day as this is a requirement for your childcare benefit percentage. this is appreciated, thank you.

A big thank you to all the children and parents who help participate in the various events and special days we had throughout the year☺ It has been a really great year with the



Senior Kindy Children and Miss Angie. Miss Angie and I have enjoyed many special days and the science experience days were some of the best! To see the children's faces and the in-depth question they would ask in regards to the various experience was such a delight.

We hope you have all received your invitation for the Christmas Concert and hope to see you all there!

The Eager Eagles News

Hello everyone and welcome to the last month of the year "December". The year has flown past quickly and this would be the last newsletter for the year. December is a very special month with two special events coming up very soon. These are the Christmas Concert and our Graduation Ceremony for those children who are attending prep next year.

The pre-school children have worked very hard throughout the last month preparing for the Christmas concert. A very big effort had being put in individually to produce a successful performance. We encourage all of the children to come and attend as they would be performing. A notice has already been put up on the pre-school door with information of when, where, time, dress code and what to bring on the night.

Graduation ceremony is something memorable for the children, parents and all of the staff Please come and attend this ceremony which will take place on Friday 17th December 4:30pm in the afternoon. A very important reminder for parents is, please **make** your own child a "**graduation hat**". All parents can check for a notice which has already being put up on the pre-school door as it give you more information about the graduation. Please take the time to have a read of the notice. Thank you

This year it has being wonderful to teach each and every one of these children in the pre-school room. As throughout the year it has being great to see how much the children have learnt day by day. This has also being very encouraging to see as our hard work and effort have given the children confidence in being ready for prep.

An important reminder to all parents that after Friday 24th December 2010 the centre will be closed until after new years and re-open on Tuesday 4th January 2011. If parents have any questions about anything please do not hesitate to ask.

We wish all family's have a great month leading up to Christmas and New Years. Have a safe and enjoyable break
Miss Amy & Miss Ebony



FROM THE KITCHEN:

Vegetable Soup with herbs

Ingredients:

6 Potatoes	1 Bunch parsley
½ Pumpkin	Pasta (any kind) 500gm
4 Carrots	½ teaspoon salt
½ Celery	½ Teaspoon Pepper
4 Zucchini	500ml Vegetarian Stock
1 Onion	2 Tablespoons Margarine

Procedure:

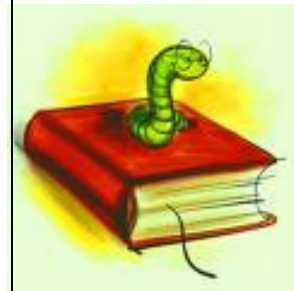
Peel, wash and dice all vegetables
Lightly fry onions in margarine
Add all vegetables and cook until all are soft
Add water to cover vegetables
Add all spices
Add chopped parsley
Add pasta
Cook further 10 min and then serve
Enjoy ☺

*** Please feel free to ask Kay for any recipes that we cook at the centre, she will give you a copy**

RESOURCES

Please take time to look around the Centre foyer as we have a large range of resources available for you to look at.

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- Direct Debit forms
 - Song Books
 - Family Resource Library
 - Craft recipes
 - Fact sheets
 - Brochures
 - Copies of the current newsletter
 - Parent Handbooks
 - Recipes
 - Centre Menu
 - Centre Events



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