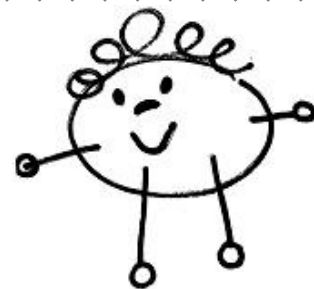


Clare Valley Children's Centre Newsletter

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Family, Team Work, Quality, Life long Learning, Fun!!!

Week : 4
Date : 16/05/2012

The new National Quality Agenda began at the beginning of the year and the main impact it had on us this year was the new ratio for under 2's. Previously we tried our best to keep this ratio to 1:4 even though legally it was 1:5 but now it is compulsory to comply with this regulation of 1:4. Other rooms' ratios will change in future years. Last year we audited our site against the 7 National Quality Standards. We identified our strengths and then looked at areas of improvement. A one page summary of this plan (Quality Improvement Plan) can be found around the centre. If you would like your own copy of what the centre is striving for, please ask Amanda.

UNIVERSAL ACCESS

Please remember Kindy hours are now Monday to Friday **9.00am-3.00pm**.

GRANDPARENT'S WEEK

During week 6, **Monday 28th May-Friday 1st June** All Grandparents (or special friends) are invited to visit the rooms between 10.00am-10.30am on any day that suits them. During this time they will be able to see what your child enjoys doing at the centre and they are free to interact and join in if they wish.

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

On Friday the 25th May staff are going to be supporting the Cancer Council by holding a morning tea in our staff room. Parents are welcome to join us at drop off time (8.30-9.30am) for a gold coin donation. Jenny will be making her yummy scones for us to enjoy. We would love you to join us.

PLEASE SEE STAFF

You may have seen this sign (brightly coloured sticker) on the sign in sheet next to your child's name. This is to inform you that your child has had an accident that we would like to inform you about. It may be just minor but we record all incidents.

DIARY DATES :

MAY

Mon 28th -Management

Tues 29th and Thurs 31st Health checks for some 4 year olds-notes will be put in pockets.

28th -1st June -Grandparent's week

JUNE

Wednesday/Thursday 13th and 14th- Kindy excursion

Fri 15th -Pre Kindy meeting 9.00am in Annex

TOILET TRAINING

Although we try our best to accommodate and support families in toilet training our centre does not support the use of potties within the centre, as toilets in the room are suitable for children. Any exception to this may be considered but a conversation needs to occur with Amanda first.

FUNDRAISING and PROMOTIONS

The fundraising committee had a very successful day at the Bunnings BBQ, raising around \$1000 for the centre.

Also a reminder that the "Beanie Bed Warmer" orders are due in by this Friday 18th May and the centre also now has Entertainment Books for sale, so get yours quick to make the most of the savings!

Laura

CHANGES

Keep an eye on the admin area for some exciting changes over the next few weeks (or months).

We welcome Jane Robinson to the Under 2's room as a Primary Carer. She joins our Centre with a wealth of knowledge and experience and we welcome her to the Clare Valley.

We welcome back Jessie Moulds who has returned from travelling overseas and will be seen relieving in all rooms. Charlie O'Sullivan has also joined our staff and Sandy Jesser is helping Jenny in the kitchen as well as relieving in the rooms a real Jack of all trades.

RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose day is the last Friday in June. We will be selling pens, badges, noses and soft toys all through June to raise money and awareness for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Since SIDS and Kids started fundraising in 1989 the rate of death for SIDS has dropped by 85%. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

PRIMARY CARE GIVING

Each child in our centre is assigned to an adult in their room. We call this Primary Care Giving. The Primary Carer's role is to look after your child's needs such as nappy changing, toileting, sleep needs etc. The Primary Care Giver also takes on the key role of communicating with the child's parents/ guardian.

A Primary Carer should be parents first go to point for information they would like to share or seek. Of course, due to differing pick up times and the impracticalities of staff being available at all times we ask you to communicate with the team leader who will then pass on to the primary care giver.

The aim of Primary Care Giving is not for the child to become dependant on the Primary Care Giver but that they can go about their day knowing that their Primary Carer is there for them if they need them.

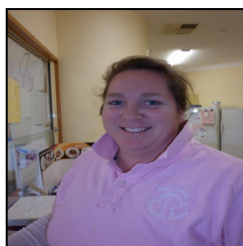
Do you know who your child's primary Carer is ??? If not please see the team leader in your room who will only be too happy to let you know whose group your child is in.

TEAM LEADER'S

Under 2's room
Karin



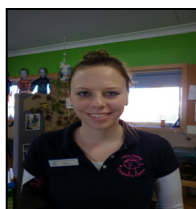
Over 2's room
Nicole



Over 4's room-kindy
Julie



Over 4's room-Childcare
Ellie



HEALTHY EATING IN THE KINDY

Just a reminder that we are a nut free site so foods that contain nuts, e.g. peanut butter and nutella are not acceptable. Apples, popcorn and carrots are others foods that are not to be sent as well as chips and chocolate products. For healthier options please see our HEALTHY EATING POLICY. Foods that do not meet our guidelines will be sent home with a reminder notice about our policy.

VIOLENT PLAY

Some of the children's play and conversations in the kindy yard has started to become inappropriate. Staff have become very concerned about the level of aggression that has been seen. They seem to be acting out scenes they may have seen on the news or video games. We are doing our best to redirect their play and will be talking about the "YOU CAN DO IT" disposition "getting along". We would appreciate it if you could please assist us by having conversations with your children about how we treat people especially if you see violence on the TV or news. Young children should not be witnessing these events if a parent is not present to talk them through it.

The Blood Service is visiting the **Clare Sports Club Inc, Main North Rd, Clare** on

Tuesday	5th June	12.30pm - 8.00pm
Wednesday	6th June	12.30pm - 8.00pm
Thursday	7th June	7.30am - 2.30pm
Friday	8th June	9.30am - 2.30pm

Before you donate eat something, drink 4 good-sized glasses of water & bring photo ID.

To make an **appointment** or find out more please call **13 14 95**.

Thanks for Reading: Amanda