

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the March/April 2010 edition of Butterflies News Letter. I hope all families, extended families and children are well and in great spirits.

I would like to wish a very happy birthday to Hannah and Olivia who celebrate a birthday in March and Oliver, Yoav and Zaki who will celebrate a birthday in April. Butterflies send their warmest wish and congratulations on this very special day. We would like to welcome Marcus, Lily, Chloe, Tatyana, Ella, Elka, Connor, Zaki, Anita, Ari and families to Butterflies. It's an absolute pleasure having you here at our service.

Butterflies would like to welcome Vikki Dennis to the staff. Vikki will be full time in the Nursery as room leader and will be second in charge to me. Please welcome Vikki to Butterflies and make her feel welcome.

I would like to thank all parents for participating in our parent information night on Tuesday 23rd February. Your input, contribution, opinions and support is greatly valued here at Butterflies. The night gave us the opportunity to identify strengths and achievements as well as areas where improvement can be made. Thank you once again and please remember we have an "open door" policy here at Butterflies. I would like to thank all parents for providing feedback and suggestions each month on quality areas for Butterflies. Your input and contribution is a huge support for Accreditation which is due this July 2010. Each month you will receive the following quality area which is broken down into principles:

- January – Quality Area 1, Staff Relationships with Children and Peers
- February – Quality Area 2, Partnerships with Families
- March – Quality Area 3, Programming and Evaluation
- April – Quality Area 4, Children's Experiences and Learning
- May – Quality Area 5, Protective Care and Safety
- June – Quality Area 6, Health, Nutrition and Wellbeing
- July – Quality Area 7, Managing to Support Quality

If you have any questions or queries in regard to these quality areas please let me know as I'm happy to assist.

Our programs cover both whole group provisions and small group provisions. Within these areas we cover language and literacy, music and movement, spontaneous, thinking, investigating, exploring, problem solving child, healthy, physical, active child, creative child, communicating child, social, feeling, spiritual and moral child/sense of self as well as outdoor experiences. Each child at the centre has a code. Please ask your primary care giver to inform you of your child's

We are family, for family



Butterflies continues to help assist working families with the cost of child care under the Australian Government by ensuring the Child Care Benefit (CCB) and the Child Care Tax Rebate (CCTR) are provided to families who wish to access the service to support their workforce participation.

Please see the Centre Director with the parent and child Customer Reference Number (CRN) and date of birth. This is a mandatory government requirement.



Our skin may be coloured black, white or brown, but we are all the same, just playing around. We don't exclude our friends because of the colour of their skin, because at Butterflies we all fit in.

code and when they will be focused on.

This code is placed on the program when your child is being focused on. Codes are used so information remains confidential and only you know when your child is being observed. Our programs are coloured coded with each colour representing a specific area;

- Orange – follow up provision
- Purple – centre philosophy
- Dark green – initiated provision
- Yellow – broad goals
- Blue – family initiated provision
- Red – inclusive practices
- Light green – spontaneous provision
- Pink – individual provision

At any time parents can request to see their child's portfolio which contains developmental records and checklists that are linked to observations and evaluations.

Our National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Long Day Care Centres will change, with progressive implementation commencing on the 1st July 2010 to which will be fully operational from the 1st July 2012

Up Coming Events

1. Thursday 11th March 2010, photo day.
2. Wednesday 31st March 2010, Easter Egg Painting for all older children.
3. Public Holidays – we are closed Friday 2nd April (Good Friday), Monday 5th April (Easter Monday) and Monday 26th April (ANZAC Day).
4. Tuesday 13th April is Parent Teacher Night. An opportunity for parents to talk one on one with your primary carer by appointment. Please write your name in a time slot that best suits you.

Reminders

Security

Children must be signed in and out of the centre each day by a responsible adult. We will only allow parents or persons stated in writing on the enrolment form or emergency form to collect a child/ren from the centre. This person must be 18 years of age, and be an authorised person listed on the child's emergency form. Photo identification will be required on arrival.

Fees

Fees must be paid a fortnight in advance on a Friday. Please ensure you deposit the correct amount owing (as stated on your statement) into the nominated account by Butterflies. Please remember to attach your name or your child/rens name to the transfer.

CCR

The Australian Government recently announced changes to the name and rate of the payment of the Child Care Rebate (CCR) to families using approved Child Care. From July 2009 the maximum payment of the rebate increased from \$7500 (indexed) to up to \$7778 per child per year.



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At Butterflies we have an “Open Door” policy. Entry by you at any time is your guarantee of continuing high quality care to our work practices.



Our Centre has Educational playrooms that reflect the ages and stages of each group of children. Each staff member will educate individual children at the Centre by interacting with them in small groups, large groups or one on one in structured or spontaneous situations



All staff are dedicated, professional workers that share a love and passion of children of all ages.

Open Door Policy

At Butterflies we have an open door policy. Families can drop in at any time, join in our programs and participate in any activity.

Immunisation Update

I ask and remind all parents to provide me with an updated photo copy of all immunisation records each time a vaccine is given. This record remains confidential and remains on the premises of Butterflies.

Parent and or guardian personal information

Please notify us immediately if your home address has changed, or your home/work/ or mobile phone number has changed. Please also notify us immediately if emergency contacts have changed. Please also ensure you inform us immediately if your child is receiving regular medication and or allergies are a concern.

I would like to thank our permanent staff and casual staff for their very hard work, dedication and love of education and the children. Your input and teamwork is much appreciated and recognised. Thank you.

To all families at our service, your input and suggestions are also much appreciated and welcome on a daily basis. Please remember you can drop in at any time of the day.

Lastly I would like to wish all families, staff and children a wonderful and safe Easter.

Kind Regards,

Fiona Banfield
Centre Director

News from the Nursery

In the Nursery we’ve been focusing on music and movement through repetitive songs with actions, bubble blowing and tracking objects, babbling, one word sentences with 1 syllable or 2 syllables, 2 word sentences, labeling objects through picture books and following one step directions.

For the younger children in our Nursery, sitting upright, pulling self to a sitting position, turning sideways and stretching out, rolling from back to stomach, crawling, cruising around furniture and walking are all milestones we’ve been practicing and encouraging on a daily basis.

Socially, we play in a solitary manner with the beginnings of parallel play, allowing us to discover, experiment, create, learn new skills, develop speech and most importantly have fun.

Kind Regards,
Vikki, Chintha, Babita and Bec

News from the Toddlers (Busybees)

The busybees have been quite busy since our last newsletter. Our home corner has proven to be a huge success as we make tea with our friends, pasta, go shopping, dress up and talk to our friends on the telephones. This has allowed us to strengthen our social skills as we learn to take turns and extend our vocabulary.

Busybees are also more hygiene conscious as we now remember to wash our hands before and after nappy change or toileting and before and after eating. Toileting training has been popular recently. Please remember the age at which a child will be ready for toileting training



Useful numbers for Families;

Family Assistance Office (FAO)
136150 8am to 8pm OR
131202 for information in
languages other than English

Tresillian – Willoughby
(02) 89628300

Karitane – Sydney
(02)97942300

SIDS – 1300308307 OR
+61 398194595

St Johns First Aid – NSW
(02) 92121088

Care For Kids
92352807

NHMRC – National Health and
Medical Research Centre
130064672 OR
+61 2 62179000

Kids and Traffic
(02) 98053200

varies from child to child, but we do look forward to friends joining the “toilet training group”. For the children who are now toilet trained, congratulations. Songs such as “open shut them”, “ciao bonjohn no” (Italian song) and “wind the bobbin” up are popular songs. Our picture book “The Cuddliest Cuddle in the World” by Sarah Nash was very popular with the children. Over the next few weeks we will focus on more story books that enhance our attention span and listening skills as well as the ability to use open ended questions.

The busybees are showing much excitement for art and craft using a variety of mediums, textures and tools. This we will continue on a daily basis in the room.

Kind Regards,
Monica

News from the Preschool (Grasshoppers)

In the grasshoppers room we have just started doing Show and Tell where the children bring something in from their home to tell the rest of the class about. Whether it is a toy, a photo of a special event or even news from home like a family holiday or new baby – the children love sharing this aspect of their home lives with their friends and show great delight during their turn.

Other things we are working on with the grasshoppers are listening skills. We have a “5L’s of good listening” which is encouraged during all group times. The 5L’s are:

Eyes are Looking
Ears are Listening
Lips are closed
Legs are crossed
Hands are in our Laps

We are also trying to extend our home corner as the children have been playing families. If you have any old (adult) shirts, ties, scarves, hats, shoes, handbags, etc that are still wearable but no longer of use to you, we would love to have them in our dress ups.

Kind Regards,
Skye

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