

November / December Newsletter 2010

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Recipe of the Month: Carrot and muesli mini muffins



(Makes 24)

150 gm self-raising flour

150 gm mixed fruit muesli

180 gm carrots, grated (about 2 medium carrots)

100 gm brown sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp cinnamon

2 eggs

150 ml olive oil

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Lightly oil a 24-hole mini muffin tin.
2. In a large bowl, combine flour, muesli, grated carrot, sugar and cinnamon. Mix to combine. Lightly whisk eggs and add to oil. Pour into carrot mixture and mix until just combined (don't overmix).
3. Spoon evenly into the muffin tin. Bake in the preheated oven for 12-15 minutes, or until a skewer inserted comes out clean.
4. Allow to rest in the tin for 5 minutes before turning out and cooling on a wire rack.

Happy Cooking, Dinya & Janine

Directors Corner

Just a friendly reminder to all our lovely families, that we will be closing on Christmas Eve at 12.30pm and then closed for 1 week (27th - 31st of December) for the Christmas holidays. Please let us know when you are planning to go on holidays so we can plan our staff ratio's. Babita in the nursery will be on leave in India from the beginning of December for 7 weeks,

Up Coming Events:

- Reptile Show on Thursday 25th Nov.
A big thank you to Yolanda for organising this for the children.
- African Music show on Thursday 9th Dec
- Christmas Concert on Friday 17th of Dec please mark your calendar! ☺
- Pyjama Day on Monday 20th of Dec

Thank you for a wonderful year,
Sandra

Christmas Concert

3.00 - 3.30pm Afternoon Tea

We encourage families to bring in a plate to share (No Nuts Please)

3.30 - 5.00pm Christmas Concert

The children will perform their favourite songs and receive graduation certificates for the school leavers

5.00pm Santa Clause will visit the centre!



Room News

0-2's Butterflies

We have been focusing on the fine motor skills through chalk drawing, crayons and thick paint brushes. To extend their cognitive development we have been using shape sorters, 123 piece puzzles and the beaded puzzle.

For art & craft we have been doing some hand prints, butterflies press painting and group collage. The nursery will be starting their Christmas activities and gifts making.



Thank you,
Babita, Bella, Georgina, Olivia, Rose, Eileen and
Victoria

2-3's Busy Bees

We have been concentrating a lot on shapes and colours using felt board stories and treasure bags. We are exploring diversity through language and literacy books.

Ms. Natalie has left after a short time with us to continue and validate her studies. We will have Ms. Minori and Ms. Victoria our Diploma trained assistants here in the meantime.



To help settle the children who joined us recently, we kindly ask parents bring in a family photo so we can put it up on display with the rest of the Busy Bees.

Thank you,
Jennifer, Minori & Victoria

3-5's Caterpillars

We will be preparing for the Christmas concert by learning Christmas carols and doing Christmas craft.

As part of our school readiness program, we encourage our school leavers to bring in a lunch box for December and January to promote self help skills and independence.

Farewell to our graduating children, we will miss you!

Thank you,
Anne & Brittany

Note from Norma

A big thank you to all the parents for their support throughout the year and trusting us to care for their little treasures. I thoroughly enjoyed my time (12 hours a day) cuddling and nurturing all the children and getting to know you all whilst I was looking for a Director to take over the responsibility of the Centre. It took me 5 months and more than thirty interviews before I found someone that I felt happy to leave the children with. I'm sure you will all agree that it has been worth the wait. Sandra has proven in just 3 months to be a caring dedicated person working well into the night most nights + Saturdays and Sundays getting the Centre ready for Accreditation and making sure that everything is what it should be for the children and their families. What an amazing job she has done - thank you so much Sandra we really appreciate all your hard work and commitment to Butterflies. Thank you also to all our caring staff for their support and commitment.

A fond farewell to all our Grasshoppers who are leaving us for big school. We will miss you all very much and wish you a happy successful transition. I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you all in 2011



Kindest regards, Norma