

# Little Rascals

CHILDCARE CENTRE

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## March 2012 Newsletter

### What's Happening in the Centre:

We have just started our own vegetable garden at the centre which includes corn, carrot and lettuce. The children are loving helping to maintain the garden and watching the seeds grow! A big congratulations goes to Sarah D who will be away in March/ April for a big occasion—her wedding! We wish her all the best.

### Message from the Office:

Public holiday replacement days are given for public holidays that fall on a **Monday only**. If your child is booked in on a Monday that falls on a public holiday you can speak to a staff member about arranging a replacement day.

Sarah.

### Birthday Celebrations...

A Big Happy Birthday goes to Shannyn we all hope you have a very special day.



### Special Event Days:

Friday 9th March Wacky Hair Day!!  
Come along with your craziest hairstyle!!

Monday 19th March  
Special Visitor Day—  
Fireman visit!!

### Policy of the Month: Health

Please feel free to take a copy and return it with any suggestions you may have.

### Topic of the Month: Immunisation schedules and clinics and also Sleep.

There is information on this topic on the parent information board located in the meal room.



### Safety Reminders in the Centre:

**Just a reminder we have children at the centre with very severe allergies to nuts. Please do not bring food with nuts or food that may contain traces of nuts with your children.**

### Hello from the Kitchen:

Rise and shine with breakfast

Breakfast helps your child to get a good kick start to the day. Eating breakfast can help children concentrate better.

#### Great Breakfast Ideas

Fruit bread or an English muffin with a glass of milk

Banana roll: a slice of bread wrapped around half a banana

A tub of fruit yoghurt and a piece of fruit

Pikelets spread lightly with ricotta cheese and topped with fruit

If you have any queries or ideas please feel free to speak to me my kitchen is always open

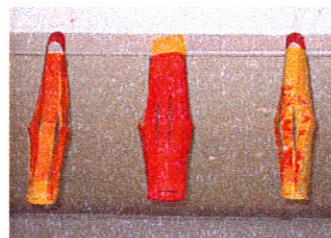
Regards Lavinia

Here are the toddlers lovely fish handprint paintings. Displaying artwork the children have done helps them feel a sense of achievement in their creations. Painting helps children develop in many areas like colour recognition and hand eye co-ordination.



The Kindy children will be doing a different themed wall every three or four months, depending on what the children are interested in at the time. They decided to make their own little town.

To teach cultural awareness, we focus on a different cultural event each month. February was Chinese New Year. Here are our Chinese Lanterns. The Kindy children also made Chinese Dragons.



#### From the Toddlers Room:

The toddlers have been enjoying cooking with Sarah. They made sultana cake recently and it was very nice! Lia has also been doing some creative fish handprints with the toddlers they really enjoyed doing the handprint paintings. Sarah and Lia both have annual leave in March.

#### From the Kindy Room:

We have been doing some Chinese New Year craft, making lanterns and dragons. We are looking forward to celebrating Ireland next month. We are also helping to look after our vegetable garden and loving it! Kristi will be on annual leave from Monday 20th February until Wednesday 7th March, I look forward to seeing you all when I get back!!

#### Parent Participation in the Centre:

If you would like to participate in any events or activities in the centre please feel free to pop in and join in all of the fun.

#### Song of the Month:

“Dingle Dangle Scarecrow”  
You can find a copy of the lyrics in the front foyer.

#### Story of the Month:

“Teddy Shares”  
Written by Alison Reynolds