

# play's kool

Child Care Centre & Outside School Hours Care



January 2012

## From Nikki

The Silly season is finally over and we can now settle into the new year with ease. With the start of a New Year comes vacancies in all the age ranges. So, if you are looking to increase your child's days and they are 18mths-2.5 years, we only have limited vacancies available so please see Nikki to ensure you have the correct days booked. There are vacancies everyday for all other ages and we are taking new bookings.

Some families have started receiving information about the new NATIONAL QUALITY FRAMEWORK (NQF) which is taking over from the NCAC and Childcare Licensing Unit. This new framework is set to

be passed in the federal government early this year. The NQF aims to raise quality and drive continuous improvement and consistency in education and care services and school age care. The NQF comprises of the National Law, the National Regulations and the National Quality Standards. All early childhood providers must follow an approved early years learning framework (EYLF) which we have started implementing at the service.

Come see me in the office if you would like more information in regards to these changes or visit the 'Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority' website at [www.acecqa.gov.au](http://www.acecqa.gov.au).

## AUSTRALIA DAY!

The centre will be closed on THURSDAY 26th as we will be celebrating AUSTRALIA DAY! Friday the 27th will be our AUSTRALIA DAY dress up. Please assist your child to dress in Australian colours (red, white and blue) cover their nose in Zinc and drape a flag around their shoulder. Prizes for the most creative dress.

## Policy of the Month

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This is sent out via email. Please have a read and forward any input to Nikki. Your input is greatly appreciated for our continual improvements.

## Staff Changes

During the month of January, Lisa is at the Salvation Army hall with Elizabeta and the Vacation Children. Sam will also be heading down to the hall in the afternoons from 3.30

To ease transitions of the 8 children transitioning from the Babies into the Kindy room, Rebecca and Victoria will be assisting in the Kindy Room.

On the 11th Christiana is back from her holidays and will continue on in the Kindy room.

Nikki will be on holidays in Melbourne from the 16th –30th and Maz will be in the office. Sara returns from holidays on the 16th and will cover Maz in the babies room..

## From Maz and Sam

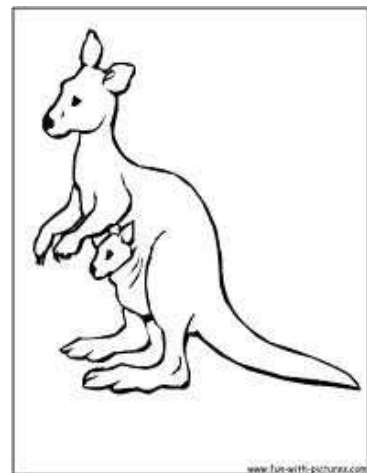
Hello and welcome to the nursery,

In the nursery we will be focusing on all things Australian. Including songs, stories and arts and crafts. If you have any ideas for activities we could do please let us know.

We will also be focusing on counting including number books and number songs.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to come and see me.

Thank you Maz



## From Christiana, Bec and Victoria

Welcome to a new year in the kindy room. You will notice a few changes around the room including staff. We would like to welcome Bec and Victoria to the room and look forward to lots of fun and learning. We are focusing on Australian as our theme for the month, we will be learning about Australian animals, songs and all things Aussie. We are also looking at other subjects of interest including magnifying, doctors and colours. We recently had an

incursion with Margaret who brought in her Dr/hospital experience. We used stethoscopes to listen to each others hearts and breathing and had lots of fun bandaging up each other and our dolls. It was lots of fun and we even got to dress up in uniforms, including Drs, surgeons, nurses and paramedics. If you have any suggestions for our curriculum or would like to come in and visit us please see staff. We look forward to seeing you in the room and around the

## From Sara and Libby

Welcome to the pre-school room. We have all been very busy working on our Australia Day theme. We have had lots fun glueing, cutting, painting and colouring lots of different Australian animals and the Australia flag.

We have also had lots new educational toys and puzzles arrive in the room which the children are really enjoying playing with.

We are planning another Library visit before the end January when Sara gets back from her overseas holiday in Austria. We have all missed her and looking forward to her returning.



## From Elizabeta and Lisa

Welcome to a new year we hope everyone had a great Christmas and new year. Elizabeta is back from holidays and vacation care is continuing as normal back at the Salvation army hall. We open at 7am and close at 6pm. Elizabeta will be on the opening shift and Sam will be closing every evening with Lisa assisting throughout the day and evening. Parents can you please ensure that your children bring a hat, water bottle, closed in shoes and comfortable wear each day they attend. We would also like to encourage children to participate in dress up days throughout the pro-



gram. As we are participating in incursions and excursions there are some extra costs for some days. Could you please remember to bring the money in the morning so we can cover the cost of the activity. We have many exciting excursions including.. Roller skating, Retro Betty's, Super bowl and Wild kids. WE will also be visiting Sci-tech and the Planetarium. We look forward to seeing you and your children. If you would like any extra days we still have vacancies, please call Elizabeta on 0408 919 480.

Thanks

you and your children and I will see you around the centre.

Thanks

## From Marco

Hello and welcome to 2012. It's great to see the children so happy each morning. I'm glad that the children are getting used to having me around and are more confident in approaching me when they need or want something from the kitchen. I am hearing some great response from the children in regards to the menu, I would love to hear your feed back and comments on the menu. As always I look forward to talking with

## Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our following friends;

Abhgy

Mason

Cullin

Jazmin



## Graduations

Congratulations to these children as they take on new challenges in their new rooms and at school;

Mia

Jarzen

Alex

Karl

Jamerson

Alexia

Nicholas