

News from the Office

Welcome Back to 2017.

We trust you all have had a fantastic Christmas and New Year and we look forward to a wonderful year of learning and playing.

Improvements:

To kick start the year, we have had the fantastic news that we have been successful in securing a Lotterywest Grant to assist us in our endeavours to tick a few things off of our wish-list. We are in the process of gaining quotes for new floor coverings to refresh the insides of our rooms. We are also hoping to continue the nature-fication of our Babies and Toddlers play yards. It's going to be a busy year ☺

New Security On The Entry Gate:

Our first priority has always been the safety of your children. You may have noticed that we have fitted a new latch onto the entry gate. This latch makes a very loud "beep" when it is opened allowing us to know when people are coming and going. Additionally, this beep warns us when the gate has been left open. It becomes louder and constant until the gate is securely closed again. Please assist us (and our ears) by ensuring you pull the gate closed behind you and encouraging your children to not hold the gate open for extended periods, nor to swing or stand on the gate and place the hinges under unnecessary strain. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this endeavour.

New Website, Facebook and E-mail:

At the end of last year, we completed our new website development. This is now live and can be explored at www.collegecommunitychildcare.org.au Let us know what you think. We also have a new e-mail address: kaya@collegecommunitychildcare.org.au Please update this in your contacts so that we can continue to communicate with our families effectively. Have you checked out our Facebook page "College Community Child Care Centre" Each Friday we will be posting vacancies for the following week. If you would like additional days on a casual basis, this post will inform you on which days are available. Please contact the office on 97807267 to book any additional days. We encourage you to share these posts and we will be offering incentive prizes (such as children's book packs; craft packs etc) to the family who shares the most each month. By sharing these posts, you also help your centre to remain viable by letting your friends and families know what a great job we do and which days we can offer.

Staffing for Term 1 2017:

We have sadly been informed that we will be losing one of our special staff members at the end of January. Janice will be moving onto new adventures with her last day being 27th January. We wish Janice all the best on her new path. We will miss you ☺
Rooms will be staffed as:

Babies Room: Irene- Room Leader and Meghann- Assistant Educator

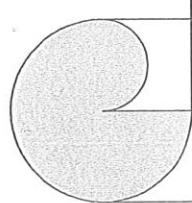
Toddlers Room: Tanya S- Room Leader, Steffi & Hayley C-Assistant Educators.

Big Room: Heather – Room Leader

Kindy: Shalini – Early Childhood Teacher

Lunch: Tanya C and Juanita-Qualified lunch relief.

Non-contact: Nora- Qualified non-contact cover.



Bouncing Baby Babblings

Term 1
Newsletter

The babies room would like to welcome you back – families and children – to our centre. We would also like to send out a BIG welcome to all of our new families and children. We hope we can make you feel warm and welcome as you play and learn.

Be Sun Smart

Please remember your hats for outdoor play.

Appropriate clothing for outdoor summer play: Sleeved shirts, long shorts, summer rashies, sunnies are welcome too.

We supply Woolworths/Coles sunscreen for use on our children. If you would like an alternative product used on your child, please hand this to Irene or Meghann and we will ensure it is used only on your child.

Family Stories: What did you do over the holidays? Please help us with our play and learning by sharing your adventures with us. We love to include your family adventures into our curriculum and help your child to build a sense of Belonging – to family; to our child care community; to life.

Have you supplied enough nappies for the whole day?

This year, we will be working on self-help skills with the children to help them build on their confident and active learning.

Did you know? We have a Parent Resource Library in the foyer with many books and DVD's on Early Childhood topics such as: FIFO families; recipe books; Child growth and development. See Jude or Cath in the office if you wish to borrow any of these.

If you would like to suggest any crafts, songs, games or other activities for us to learn, please do not hesitate to speak to Irene or Meghann.

Singing songs and nursery rhymes, plays a big part in our day during routines and transitions as well as our play and learning time. Which songs and rhymes do you sing at home? Please let us know your favourites.

**Our Learning
Focus' for this
term are:**

All About Me!!!

- Discovering our likes and dislikes.
- How tall are we and how much do we weigh?
- What will we be when we grow up?

My Country – Australia

- Animals
- Map
- Australia Day

Introduction to:

- Calendars
  - Weather
  - Letters & Numbers
  - Shapes & Colours
  - Computers/ IT
- Can you assist us in this regard in any way?

Kindy will commence from Monday 30th January.

This year we will be running the Kindy program 5 days a week. In an effort to not overwhelm your children with “academic learning” we will be restricting each child to a maximum of 3 days a week in the Kindy program as they will also be involved in the Big Room program which focuses more on learning through play.

Please see Shalini if you would like more info or to enrol.

Kindy News ↓

*Big Kid
Banter*

We have made a commitment to ensure that our Kinder program reflects the highest standards in education and quality care possible, while following the principles, practises and requirements of the Early Years Learning Frame Work. We believe that early education is a solid building block for life. A child centred approach is the highlight of our environment which allows for the most out of each learning opportunity, while instilling those necessary social skills that will help our little learners become responsible community members.

Our Semester one focus' will see your children exploring Information Technology concepts such as: Creating simple documents using Microsoft Word and Paint on our laptop; Movie making – using a camera to record and produce our movie, then editing on the laptop using Windows Movie Maker. We will discuss the role of characters in our movie and be actively involved in developing/creating the story line using story boards. This will encourage us to explore the concept of print as a medium for communication, extend our knowledge of language and develop an awareness of the link between the oral and written forms of communication. We will also be extending our social skills through collaboration and dramatic play. The children are already contributing their ideas and we still have two weeks to go until the term officially starts. Bring on our future Steven Spielbergs. We can't wait to watch the finished movie.