

Welcome back for the
New Year – 2018!!!
Wow!
We would love to hear
all your holiday
adventures. Please
share them with us.

Term1: We will be
experimenting with
textures and colours.
We will also be getting
creative with science,
cause and effect.

The Big Room children
will be exploring
cultures and family
trees so stay tuned for
requests for
information on your
family history.

Semester 1 Newsletter.

Irene-Room Leader
Shalini-Early
Childhood Teacher

Our Vacation Care recipes have been proving very popular with many of the children and families. We love to share, so if you would like a copy of any of these recipes, please let us know and we will be happy to arrange it for you. If you have a favourite family recipe, we would love for you to share these with us too. These can be handed to Irene or Shalini or emailed to the office

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Big Kid Banter

Parent reminders:

*Please label all of your child's belongings – lunch boxes/containers including lids; water bottles; hats; clothing; comforters; shoes. Many children have similar or the same items and it can get confusing keeping track of whose is whose.
*During these warmer months, please put sunscreen on your child before leaving home if possible so that it has the recommended 20 minutes to absorb before your child plays outdoors. Sunscreen is also always available in the activity rooms.

News from the Kindy

The Kindy Program is available to all children 4 years of age and is run each day from 9.30-12pm by our fully qualified Early Childhood Teacher, Shalini. The program has a stronger focus on structured learning and covers the areas of Literacy, Numeracy, Health and Physical Wellbeing, and Social and Emotional Development. We have designed our program to prepare your child for their transition to Primary School. This is a fully recognised program guided by both the Early Years Learning Framework and the WA Kindergarten Guidelines. If you would like more information, or to add your child to our Kindy Program, please speak with Shalini, Jude, Cath or Irene.

This term we will be learning to explore ideas and interests on our own and with others. These activities will enable our children to learn problem solving skills, encourage persistence (continuing to try to achieve a goal), resilience (dealing with disappointments and frustrations), curiosity and willingness to try new ideas. Children will also engage in conversations to extend their thinking skills. These activities will include: quantifying small collections, early counting, sorting and classifying, building oral language and vocabulary through storytelling and an introduction to print concepts.

News from the Office

2018 Here we are. Welcome back everybody and welcome to all our new families and children also.

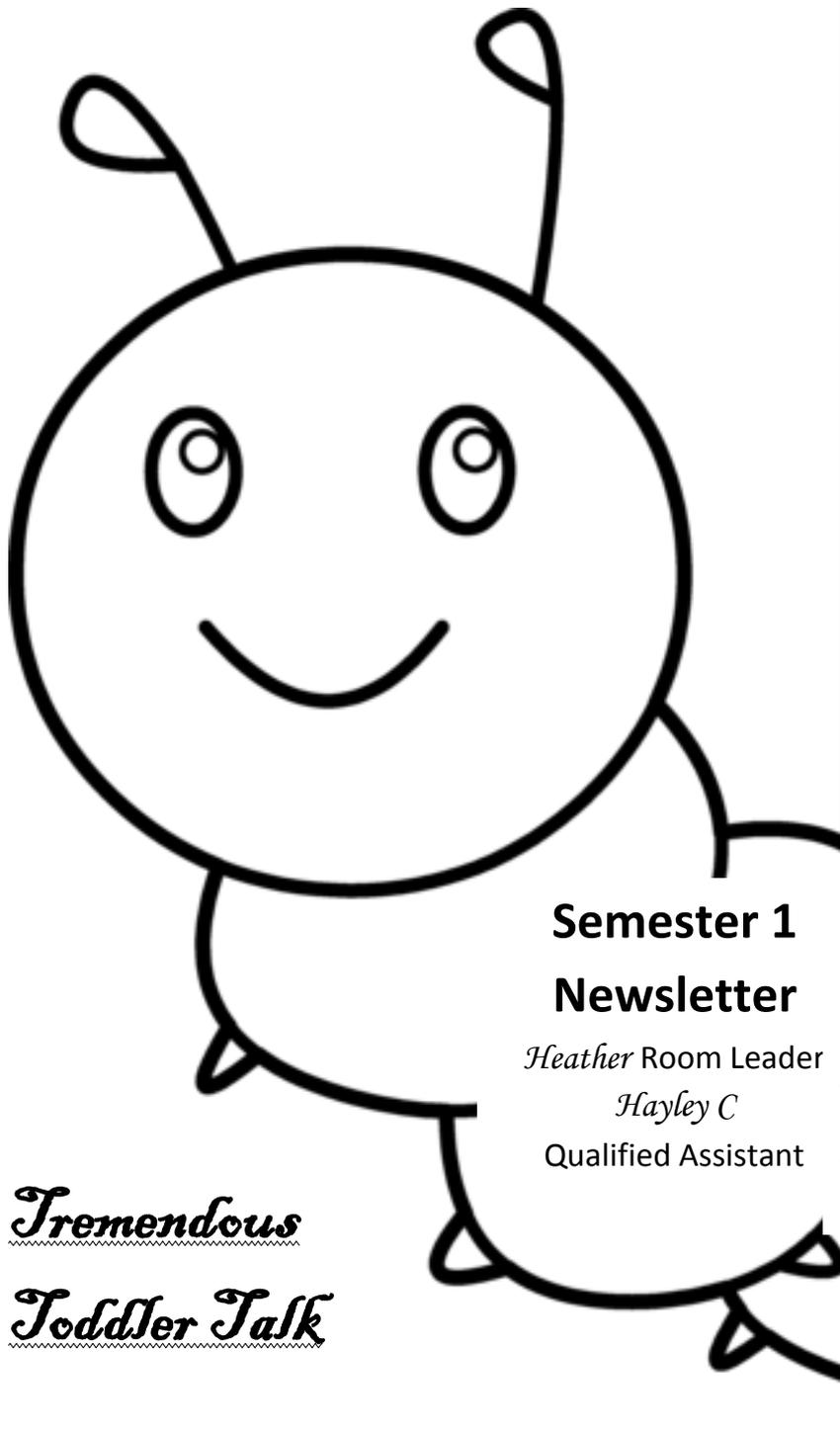
MYGOV: In preparation for the changes to your Child Care Benefit etc in July this year, you will need to ensure you have your Centrelink account linked to your MYGOV account. We have been advised that when the new Child Care Subsidy begins in July, families who do not have this link-up completed will NOT receive any government assistance and the FULL FEE will be charged to you. You can do this directly through your MYGOV account. There is also an android app available called MYGOV Access.

Hats: Can't find a hat that your child likes.... Your child has outgrown their hat... Looking for a new hat for yourself... Look no further, we have the solution for you. We now sell bucket style hats in four amazing colours – Navy blue, green, purple and sky blue – at just \$20 each. Our hats are adjustable and fit from infant through to adults. In fact many of our staff and children have been seen sporting this fashionable attire over the past 2 weeks. Hats can be purchased through the office or ask staff for more information. They are available immediately and you can choose to pay cash up front or have payment taken directly from your account along with your next fee payment. Please note that hats do not attract CCB or CCR as these are completely separate from your daily/weekly fee charges.

Vacancies: Each week, we post the coming week's casual vacancies onto our Facebook page. Please follow us on Facebook so that you may gain access to this valuable information. These vacancies indicate the *following week* only and *casual places* only. Please do not take this as an indication of available permanent bookings. If you need/want to change your permanent booking, or have friends/family interested in permanent bookings, we encourage you to enquire with the office in the first instance.

New Year return of Enrolment Info: Yes, we do already have this information for you and your child, however, we recognise that sometimes circumstances change and there are many differing people/places that need to be notified of different changes. For this reason (and as a legal requirement to ensure we hold the most up-to-date information for children), we ask all families to complete and promptly return the enrolment packs that were issued in their first week of returning to the centre. We would also appreciate any updated immunisation information at this time too. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Children's Safety and Security: We value our children's safety above ALL else and it is for this reason that we require all paperwork to be completed IN FULL every time., especially on enrolment packs and in regard to contact people. We cannot sufficiently compare ID on a first time visitor if that information has not been supplied to us in the first place. Children will NEVER be released to ANYONE who cannot be sufficiently identified. Please also advise if someone else will be collecting children and advise them to be prepared with photo ID.



Semester 1 Newsletter

Heather Room Leader
Hayley C
Qualified Assistant

Tremendous
Toddler Talk

Parent Input:

If you have a skill or talent eg: playing a musical instrument; drawing; dancing etc), we would love for you to share with us. Just let us know when suits you. Be Warned... We WILL take photos ☺

Nutrition:

It's fantastic to see so many healthy lunches and snacks that you are preparing for your children. As you are aware, healthy food choices are essential for healthy bodies. More info is available in the foyer.

Toileting:

If you are interested in any toileting tips for your child, please see our staff. To assist in smooth toileting transitions from home to childcare, please keep staff informed in regards to toileting signals and progression at home. We want to help you and our children by being on the same page as you are at home.

Communication:

Please regular check your child's Learning Journey Folder and the Daily Journal to see what learning your child has engaged in.

Semester 1 Learning Focus'

Independence: How many times has your Toddler exclaimed "My do it!!!" very loudly to the world? Toddlers are beginning to understand that they have the power to manipulate objects (and people☺) to achieve their desired goal. We take these moments and turn them into learning opportunities for your Toddler, encouraging independence, resilience and self help skills. You may have noticed that the Toddlers drink bottles are kept in the basket at child height throughout their day. We educate our Toddlers to recognise the signals their bodies are sending them by regularly asking prompting questions as simple as "Are you thirsty?" This encourages your child to stop and listen to what their body is telling them and allows them to feel that they have made the choice for themselves and on their terms. And we all know that is the most important thing to a Toddler☺.

The children also serve themselves with the tongs at Morning and Afternoon Tea, taking a few pieces of their choosing before passing the plate along to their friends. Additionally, this is encouraging sharing skills and use of manners. While we are engaging in active play, sometimes we like to push our bodies to the limits. This is helping us to learn what our bodies can do and what we find challenging. Educators, using effective supervision, allow children to test their limits while maintaining a safe reaction distance and teaching Toddlers to again, listen to what their body is telling them- butterflies; breathing; shaky knees etc- about how they are feeling.

Our catchphrase is... "Do you feel safe?"

Semester 1 Newsletter

Tanya S- Room Leader

Nora -Qualified Assistant

Language: is communication either spoken or written. Language development is important to a child during early childhood. During Semester 1, we will be exploring new and different languages. It is during the infant and toddler years that language skills are easily absorbed and research has proven that children exposed to multiple languages during these years are more likely to be multi-lingual. In addition to English, we will learn basic sign language and Nora will be teaching us Bahasa Melayu.

Listen out for these basic words:

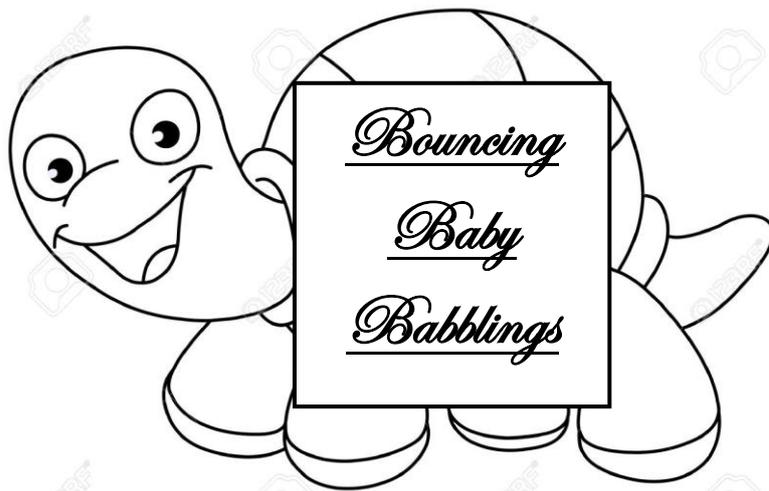
Selamat Pagi – Good Morning; Jumpa lagi- See you;

Terima kasih – Thank you; Apa khabar- How are you?

Our focus for term 1 is

Colours.

Do you have any songs or rhymes you sing at home about colours?



Welcome back to all our 2017 Babies and Welcome to the many new children we hope to meet in Semester 1. We hope you have all had a wonderful, exciting and safe Christmas. We look forward to a very exciting New Year with everyone.

Sensory Skills: Feel; Taste; Smell; See; Hear. During Semester 1, we will promote and support our babies to explore their senses. Babies will be encouraged to participate in many activities such as craft, music and movement, nature explorations, stories, trial and error/cause and effect manipulations, texture exploration, self awareness activities and games.

Learning Journals: We record the amazing learning that your child has engaged in, in their own Learning Journey Folder. Please check these regularly to see what milestones your child has reached and/or the things that interest them while at childcare. We also love your input and family stories, so please feel free to write ANYTHING you feel directly onto these documents and we will provide extensions for learning where possible on these also. NB: All notes and important information are also placed into these folders, so please check them regularly to ensure you are not missing out.

Facebook: The centre is on Facebook. Please follow us. We often share information about child development and learning on our page. Recent shares provided information on Sensory Perception Disorders; the benefits of "Tapping" as a stress reliever-for both children and adults; links to the new Child Care Subsidy and a funny or two here and there. Here you will also find information on available places within each room. We encourage you to share our posts with all your Facebook friends and comment where possible. Please remember to keep it PG. ☺