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What's on this Month:
13th June Queens Birthday Public Holiday

FEE REMINDER

PARENTS a friendly reminder that all fees need to be 2 weeks in advance at all times. If you have an outstanding account please bring the balance up to date as soon as possible. If your fees don't come out as per your ezidebit payment, please come and do an EFTPOS payment to ensure your fees are up to date before your next payment is due to come out.

All fees need to be 2 weeks in advance to ensure you keep your child's position in the centre. If your fees are not kept up to date then your child's days may need to be reduced until your fees are up to date.



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Centre Availability

We have days available in most of the rooms throughout the centre. If you would like to pick up an extra permanent day these days will be available as of the 1st February 2011.

Room/ Days	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Babies		*			
Toddler	*	*			
Kindy Blue					*
Kindy Pink	*	*			
Preschool	*	*	*		

*** Indicates availability on that day**
Please Note: These vacancies may change daily



Philosophy, Broad Goals and Policy Reviews

Enrolment Policy

Please see the display in Foyer or in the Centre Policies Handbook. Feel free to give us your suggestions and feedback.

Attached to the newsletter is a copy of the Enrolment Policy and review form. If you would like to add any input to this policy or you would like to review any other policy (located in the front foyer) simply fill out the review form and pop it into the box.

Have your say and make a difference.



REMINDERS TO PARENTS

PARENT POCKETS

Please ensure that you are collecting all your important information from your parent pocket on a daily basis. In the pockets you will find your weekly statement, notes from your child's carers, party invitations from peers, policy and procedure up dates, parent input forms and other general information. This is a great way for us to communicate with you as sometimes we may not get to see each other.

LABEL ITEMS

To ensure your child's belongings find their way home please make sure all items are labelled. This will help our friendly staff to assist your child when packing up their bag of an afternoon.

HATS

Although the weather is cooling off at Brassall ELC we must still adhere to our Sun Protection Policy. We have a policy of '**YES HAT, YES PLAY**'; this means that if your child doesn't have a hat then they will not be able to participate in all outdoor activities.

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAYS

Our centre policy states that each family is entitled to 50% discount for 1 week of fees every financial year during absence. In order for this to be approved families must have their accounts up to date (2 weeks in advance) and be on direct debit. Please fill out our holiday form at reception 2 weeks prior to going on holidays. The discount will be applied to your account when you return from your holidays.



**Always remember
to bring a hat and
put sunscreen on
your child/children
before letting
him/her out to play**

Easy Zucchini Slice

Ingredients:

- 6 zucchini, grated
- 1 onion, grated
- 1 potato, grated
- 1 carrot, grated
- 8 slices of short cut bacon, chopped
- 1 cup cheese, grated
- 1 1/2 cups plain flour
- 6 eggs, lightly beaten
- salt and pepper

Method:

Pre-heat oven to 160°C. Oil a quiche or lasagne dish.

Put all ingredients into a big bowl and mix really well.

Pour into dish and cook in the oven for one hour.

Nursery Room

Well the year is just flying by. We were all very busy last month. The babies enjoyed making our Mothers Day presents and cards, we hope you enjoyed them.

Over the next month we will be working with the older babies on their walking skill and with the younger babies working on their crawling skills. Look out for some new art work on the windows over the next month.

Happy Birthday in May to:

Olivia
Tayla

Happy Birthday in June to:

Brook
Mackayla
Jackson

Reminders:

- Please make sure you pack lots of spare clothes every day.
- Please make sure you also pack a sheet and blanket each day.
- Some of the babies belongings have started to get mixed up or go missing, so please make sure you name all of your babies belongings to avoid this happening

We would love to have some family input sheets filled in for us, we want to know what you get up to over the weekends, so please fill one in for us, so then we can program from this.

Please feel free to come and talk to us at any time.

Until next month

Amanda and Kellie



Toddler Room

The Toddlers are growing up so fast and also the year is whizzing by - nearly half way!

We have all been having a fun time in Toddler Room. Learning lots of action songs, enjoying our art and craft activities, sensory play, role modeling in home corner, dancing, story time, building with construction - lots of tall towers - and when the weather permits lots of outdoor play.

The group is really enjoying the new sandpit. Lots of digging, filling up buckets and tipping the sand out. The Toddlers also have fun climbing on the fort and the climbing equipment and bike riding and chasing bubbles help to continue to develop their gross motor skills.

Some of the Toddlers are toilet training and they are coping very well with sitting on the toilet. Hand washing is a favourite part of the session I might add. It's also wonderful to hear the Toddler request "toilet" - proving that their language skills are developing as well.

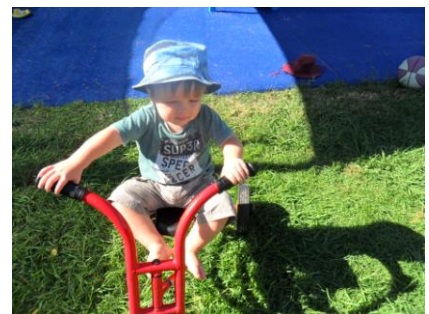
As the weather is now so much cooler please put shoes and socks on your Toddler. Also provide more warm clothing and a light blanket for rest time.

Over the last few weeks we have seen some of our Toddlers move on to Kindy Blue and also we welcome Phoebe, Elliott and Rhylan from the babies room and Darcy.

For the month of June we will be focusing on listening skills, taking turns and sharing and counting to 10 and colours red, yellow, green and blue.

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to talk to myself or Tracy. Until next month

Belinda and Tracy



Kindy Blue

In the Kindy Blue Room Maree and Krystle have been counting with the children and the Children have been going home and counting with their parents as Mia's mum mentioned to Maree that Mia has been coming home counting, which was pleasing to her mum.

The Kindy Blue children are aware of their Kindy Blue Friends and their feelings and all children are learning to share, the toys and using their words to communicate their needs. 'My Turn now' to Communicate they want a turn on the bike and a willingness to hop off the bike when Maree or Krystle says it is some-one else's turn now.

All Kindy blue children love doing craft as they eagerly come to the craft table, sit down and participate in collage, painting and play dough play. All children love to paint and this gives staff an opportunity to teach the children their colours as mentioned by Anmol's mum when she visited the Kindy Blue Room as she said 'that is a good way to teach the children their colours' when she viewed this practice.

A big Welcome to the new children who have joined the Kindy Blue Group. The children who have graduated up from Toddlers room are Steele and Declan and we welcome them to the Kindy Blue Room. The Kindy Blue children will be participating in group games to further encourage social play with their friends. Ball games outdoors and bean bag toss games as well as group games indoors such as farmer takes a wife as this is played in a circle, where all children hold hands and sing.

It is already the middle of the year and surprisingly winter is here therefore we ask all parents to send extra winter clothes and shoes and socks as the mornings and evenings are particularly cold now....Also in your child's bag please send a sheet and blanket for sleep time and a hat for outdoors play.

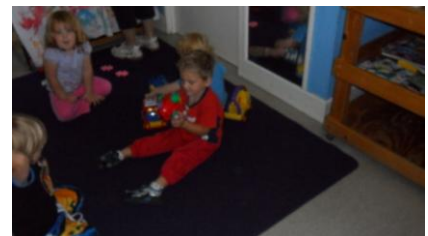
Please see Maree or Krystle to fill in a Parent Input form and include your interests from week-ends away and special interests your children have at home with pets or cooking with mum. From these input forms Maree and Krystle will extend on these interests and include activities in the program, as an extension of the families and children's interests....

Birthday's of the Month

Cooper
Myles

Until next month

Maree and Krystle



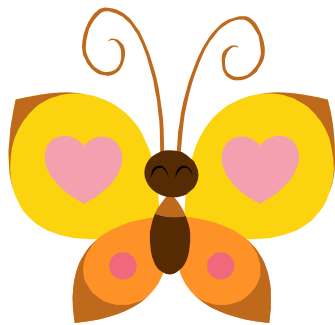
Kindy Pink Room

Welcome to another month in Kindy Pink. We have had a few new friends come to our room, so a big welcome to Cooper, William W, Khiani and Will. We said goodbye to William B who has graduated to the Preschool room.

We have been very busy doing and putting up new artwork. If there are any suggestions or ideas you would like us to incorporate please feel free to approach either of us at anytime.

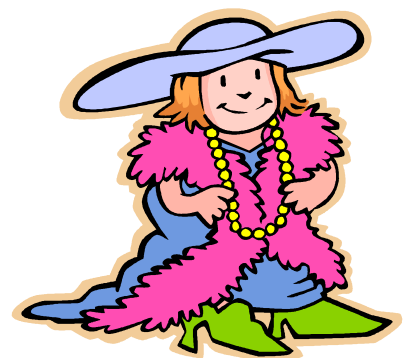
As it is now getting colder we would like to ask if a blanket could be please sent along for sleep time. Also we ask if jumpers, shoes and socks be sent with your child during colder months. We will endeavor our best to make sure they stay on your child. Just a friendly reminder to also remember to check your pockets daily for any notes etc.

We are also looking for any boxes, magazines or anything else you can think of for our useful box we all love creating and anything different is always popular.



Till next time

Shira-lee, Juanita



Preschool Room

Wow how the time fly's we are into Autumn, its getting very chilly. We have been learning about the weather, season and days of the week, the children are even starting to remember to ask mum and dad what day it is, so they can tell me when I ask at group time - today is

We have brought in circle time in our room, this is a time where the children can express how they feel or if someone in the room is not being nice, we can discuss what it feels like. We are trying to give positive expression and build self confidence in our room.

We have changed the room around, so this gives the children new area's to discover and we can make some areas larger, like home corner.

We have really enjoyed doing the Letterland computer program and we are all helping each other get through it. They love singing and dancing of songs, also using the flashcards.

Sand Sand everywhere, yes we have the sandpit back and it is great to see the entire social play happening. We have had many cakes and cup of tea getting made. Remember if you do not want sand in the car or house remind you children to empty there shoes and pockets before leaving the centre.

Remember to pack warm clothes and a blanket for sleep time.

Emma is away, she has gone to the USA for a holiday, we hope she is having a great time; we cannot wait to see all her photos when she gets back.

Until next time
Carol, Emma and Kim



PRG 1.1 Learning & Development Policy		PROGRAMMING POLICY & PROCEDURE	
Reference:	State Specific Childcare Regulations & Act as per SCH1.1 State Based Regulations & Legislation Schedule	Issue Date:	July 2010
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QIAS Principles:	1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 3.2, 3.3, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6		
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Objective			
To create a home-like, inviting, engaging atmosphere at the centre that will encourage positive interactions and a multitude of learning opportunities for young children.			
Explanation			
When children feel comfortable and encouraged in their surroundings they are able to build strong relationships and explore the learning opportunities offered.			
Implementation			
Creating an Atmosphere for Learning			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Staff will greet all children and families on arrival with warmth and friendliness, using their names. 2. The rooms at the centre will be inviting, challenging, uncluttered and aesthetically pleasing. Activities will be presented in an appealing way. 3. Staff will encourage and support children to try new experiences. 4. Staff will consider the cultural needs, background and temperament of each child. 5. Staff will talk to children about their day and what is to happen next. 6. The noise level will be minimal to allow many engaging activities to occur simultaneously. 7. Staff will allow siblings within the centre to spend time with one another. 8. The program will cover all areas of a child's development 9. Staff will involve children in setting simple rules. 			
Encouraging Physical Development			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Daily structured and free active play is a significant part of the program every day. 2. Outdoor equipment will be flexible so that variety, challenge and interest can be offered for children. 3. Staff will encourage children to try new skills while ensuring that the challenge is within their capabilities. 4. Staff will offer opportunities for children to practice balance, flexibility, climbing, skipping, crawling, eye-hand co-ordination, rolling, walking, grasping. 5. Staff will offer music and movement sessions, games and other fun, playful activities every day within the program. 6. The active play experiences will be inclusive of all children 7. Staff will be actively involved in active play experiences to promote children's engagement. 			
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