
Waite Campus Childrens Centre Parent Newsletter

March 2008

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Parent Evening

- When: Monday 7 April 2008 7-9.30pm
Where: Waite Campus Childrens Centre
Why: *Guest speaker Rick Baldock from the University of South Australia will present a workshop to families on the development of fundamental movement skills
*Spend some child free time talking with the staff to earn more about our learning and development programs
Register: via the parent notice board
Share: supper with staff and families (provided by us)

Safety

Staff are increasingly concerned at the speed with which some parents drive on the access road into the Centre. The speed limit in this area is a maximum 15 kilometres. This is not a main road. This roadway has multiple users including many parents with young children walking to the Centre. Any parent observed to be speeding on the access road may find a notice in their communication pocket reminding them of the correct speed. For the safety of all our children please remember ...you may be running late today but you can be on time tomorrow.
Causing injury to someone will stay with you forever.

Have you seen the well-being bears?

The well being bears would like to hear your stories.
Do you plan for your child/children to be involved in physical activities?
What type of experiences do you plan?
Do you visit parks or playgrounds? Dance and sing at home?
What types of meals do you enjoy as a family?
What is your child's favourite food? Do you have a vegetable garden?
Where do you go when you eat out?
Have you been to any of the playgrounds in *Kidding about Adelaide.. a Guide to Adelaide's Best Play Grounds*? Or visited another part of Adelaide that actively engaged your child/ren?... Stories about any of these can be written in the wellbeing diary.
Each room has a booking schedule for families and there is more than one wellbeing resource in each room. Families are encouraged to borrow a resource bag for about a week and write their stories (and photos) in the wellbeing diary. Resources can also be added to the folder.
Please speak to staff if you would like more information.

**Welcome
to the following
children and their families**

To Room 1- Oska, Archie N, Edward,
Emily, Alex and Naomi.
And to Room 2—Zaahra.

New babes

Congratulations to:
Elani, (R2) Mango and Simon on the birth
of Alice 23/2/08

Board and PAG Matters 2008

The next *Adelaide University Childcare Services Inc (AUCS)* Board meeting will be on Wednesday 26 March when the Board will continue to review the report from consultant Andi Sebastian on staff retention.

The *Parent Advisory Group (PAG)* meets on the **third** Friday of the month. The next PAG meeting will be Friday 18 April. This group has four new members. We welcome Erica (R1 and R2), Emma (R2), Ann (R2) and Angela (R2) . We are planning to upgrade our website and seeking feedback on what parents would like to see included.

Important changes to CCB

As part of the change to the management of Child Care Benefit (CCB) it is now essential that we have the date of birth of the parent claiming Child Care Benefit.

Without this information we will not be able to register families on the new system to receive CCB.

Please provide this information to the Centre as soon as possible.

Green Tips:

- ◆ We are currently losing 2000 trees a minute in rainforests around the world. Each tree you plant will provide oxygen for 2 people for the rest of their lives.
 - ◆ Every person in Australia uses an average of 300 plastic bags every year. That's 6 billion bags altogether. A plastic bag takes up to 500 years to decay in landfill. ...
- Yet when they banned plastic shopping bags in Ireland the sale of plastic rubbish bin liners etc increased phenomenally!!!

Profiles on Staff :

Helen Werner

Family: Partner to Bill and mother to Hannah (17), Eddie (15) and Eloise (9). I am originally from Melbourne and moved to Adelaide in 1994.

Work: I completed my Diploma of Child Care studies in 1980 and a Bachelor of Children's Services in 2000. I have worked in a variety of child care settings including establishing a family day care scheme in Corowa NSW and being director of an occasional care service in Port Adelaide.

Hobbies: Bush walking, reading, scrabble and when ever possible watching the grass grow!

Ambitions: To become a grey haired nomad in a Winnibago.

Vikki Heaney

Family: I am one of four children and have two brothers and a sister. I was born in Galway Ireland, however spent most of my life in Adelaide.

Work: I initially worked with children hosting birthday parties at Hungry Jacks. My interest in working with children was furthered by studying the Diploma of Children's Services. During this time I gained experience working casually in number of centres.

Hobbies: I enjoy music, travelling and going to see bands and movies.

Ambitions: To have fun, whatever I do.

Earth Hour Saturday March 29 at 8pm....have you registered??

On 29 March 2008, millions of people in some of the world's biggest cities will unite and switch off for one hour - Earth Hour - sending a powerful national and global message that it's possible to take action on global warming. Visit www.earthhour.org