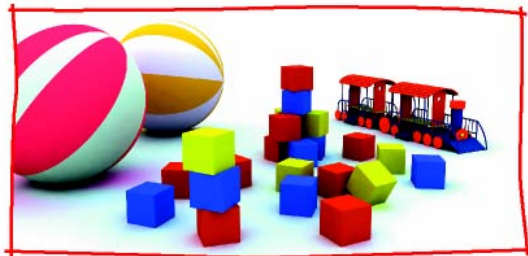
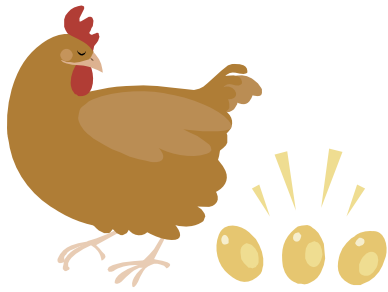


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NEWSLETTER  
August/ September 2010**



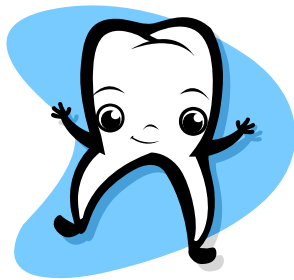
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### **Chicken Hatching Program**

Between August 9<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> we had the 'Living Egg' program visit the centre. The children were very excited at having the little visitors in the centre and were in awe of the chicks. Comments were made by the children of how soft the chicks were and how 'cute' they looked. The program was very successful. Feedback from families is also invited for future programs/events within the centre.

Children from all age groups enjoyed watching the chicks hatch and grow and participated in a range of age appropriate experiences to extend their learning. Experiences included a wide range of arts/crafts, life cycles, related puzzles and also story books.



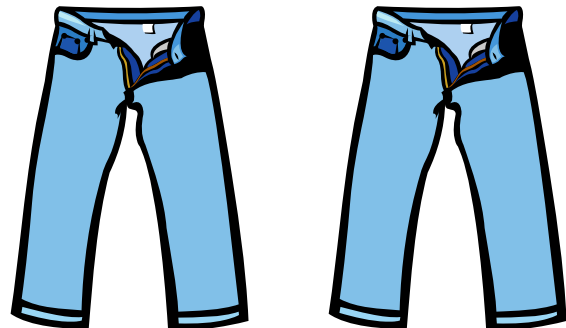
### **Dental Health Week**

Children participated in a range of activities around dental health including collage, toothbrush painting, discussions and cocoons also practiced using (new) toothbrushes themselves. Much fun was had by all...



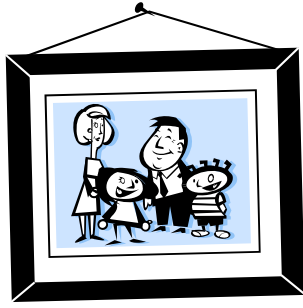
### **National Tree Day**

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> of August we celebrated 'National Tree Day'. Children were involved in activities such as floral arrangements, leaf printing and collage, sowing seeds and exploring the large trees around our outdoor area. We endeavor to expose children to their natural surrounds and encourage them to explore and take care of the environment.



### **Jeans for Genes Day**

Thank you to all who supported this worthy cause on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August. We raised \$20.50.



### **Kindy Photos**

If you wish to purchase further copies of photos you can now do so via the internet at: [www.sadpitphotos.com.au](http://www.sadpitphotos.com.au) our centre password is 'W2'.

### **Children's Interests**

Please advise staff of your child's current interests. Part of our centre philosophy is to follow and extend on children's interests throughout the programme. Let us know what the family did on the weekend, if there were special celebrations etc. We would love your input to strengthen and develop children's skills.

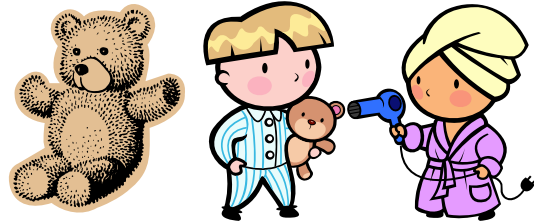
### **Staff Training**

Staff have been undertaking a range of training sessions including: Food Safety and Handling, Maximising Children's Learning by Enhancing Children's Wellbeing and Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S). We endeavor to assist staff to develop their knowledge and skills within our centre.



### **Sleep Sheets/Bedding**

Children who are in our two year old or older rooms are required to bring in their own bedding. This includes bottom and top sheet and/or blanket. We no longer have enough spares for everyone forgetting to bring them in.



### **Upcoming Events**

#### September:

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> - Crazy Hair Day

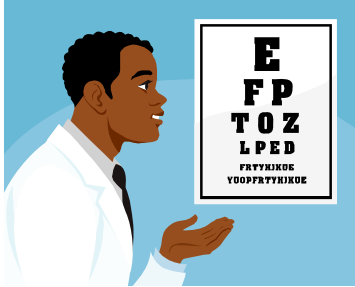
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> - Pyjama Day

#### October:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - Public Holiday (Centre Closed)

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Children's Wk

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Teddy Bear's Picnic



### **STEPS Vision Screening**

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August some of the Adventure room children (4yr olds) had their vision screening completed. The children found the process interesting as the relevant information was gathered. If you would like to have your child's vision screened at a later time 'Catch up clinics' are available. Please phone: 9926 5007

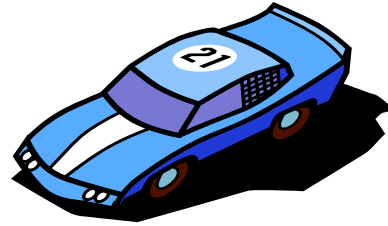


### **Fee Requirements**

Families who have overdue accounts should contact Bronwyn as your child's placement may be in jeopardy.

If your child is away from the centre eg sick or on holidays etc you are still required to pay for care. Also, if your child attends an extra day please remember to adjust your direct deposits to reflect this.

REMINDER: Fees are to be *two weeks in advance* at all times.



### **Car Parking**

Please be aware that parking between the Q1 and Q2 buildings is not permitted after **6:45am** (this includes pick up too). There is ample parking on ground level in the car park (these are labeled for 'Warriewood Childcare'). Simply take the yellow painted lift to level 1 and the doors will open directly opposite our centre front door. Your attention to these guidelines is much appreciated.



### **Centre Security**

When entering or departing the centre please be aware that your actions can affect the security of children and staff. Please **DO NOT** allow others to enter the premises while you are entering/exiting our building. We need to know who is in the centre at all times. Your consideration in this matter is very much appreciated. Thank you for your understanding.



### **Immunisation Record**

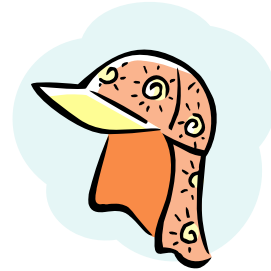
If you have not done so recently, please supply us with your child's updated immunisation records (blue book).



### **Children Who Have Been Ill**

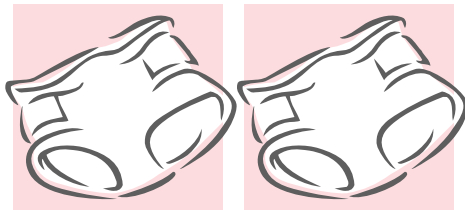
Please notify the centre of any illnesses that your child is diagnosed with as we can monitor spread and control of these diseases. Also, we are then able to better inform other families of what symptoms to look out for to treat illness as early as possible.

On return to the centre from being ill, a Doctor's clearance letter is required stating that your child is 'not contagious' and is fit to return to child care. This is another measure to minimize the spread of illness within our service.



### **Hats**

Children's green or blue hats **must** stay at the centre. This allows children to have easy access to their hats for outdoor play.



### **Nappies**

Please remember to pack at least five (5) nappies for each day of care. Also, if your child requires a nappy for rest/sleep time only, please be sure to pack one in their bag each day of attendance.



### **Cherubs News**

Our little Cherubs have been enthusiastically exploring a range of arts and crafts. These have included finger painting, car printing, butterfly painting, hand and stamp printing. Please take a look around the room to view our art displays.

The Cherub children have been developing their fine motor skills through a variety of experiences such as play dough, sand play and collages. These skills are also practiced during meal times when children feed themselves with spoons or have finger foods.

Educators have been encouraging children's vocalisations through one to one interactions, singing and story times. Words that have commonly been used are 'no', 'yes', 'Mumma', 'Dadda', 'buba' and 'nana' (banana). Children's babbling and gurgling are also encouraged as first attempts at communication. Lots of conversations are had throughout the day!!



### **Dreamers News**

As you all know, Cassie has moved to Canberra and will no longer be working with us. Replacing Cassie is our new educator Natalie who will be working alongside Kamal in the Dreamers room. We wish Cassie all the best for her future. Good luck!

The Dreamer children have been enjoying stories and songs told with the puppets. They are developing their concentration spans and can sit down together during group times. Even our younger babies have fun at group times; holding the puppets, clapping hands and smiling.

We have been exploring colours through a range of art and craft activities. The children have mixed colours together making new ones and experiencing the texture of the paint on their hands (and sometimes in mouths!!).

Our older children have been working on collecting their own shoes for educators to help them put on (some are even trying to do this by themselves...).

The younger babies have been busily making discoveries with our new toys and activity mats. They have also been enjoying the texture of the sand as they sit/lay and move their hands about in the sand.

We currently have 'hair dressers/ beauty salon' and would appreciate any donations of empty (rinsed out) shampoo/conditioner and hand lotion containers for use in this activity area. We would also like to thank families who have donated items to us already. Thank you!



### **Cocoons News**

The cocoons children have been getting back to nature... They have been very creative with sea shells making collages on canvas and exploring the varied textures, sizes and shapes of the shells. We have created a 'sea wall' to develop children's understanding of sea creatures in their natural environment and encourage children's language and communication as these items are discussed. Using this interest of the children we are able to develop their fine motor and imaginative skills as they create artwork and make homes for the toy sea creatures in the room.

Natural items such as leaves, sticks and flowers have been gathered from outside to create 'nature' collages which will decorate our room.

Our 'home corner' has recently been added to as we encourage children's imaginative role play. Food collages, made by the children, have been hung as inspiration for

pretend cooking play and our range of food, containers and cutlery has been increased for the children's use. Lots of cooking has been done with the food items and our educators always have a full tummy from trying all of the children's inventions.

Children's favourite songs at the moment are 'ABC', 'Incy wincy' and 'Hop little bunnies' (which the cocoons can now do all of the actions to). The ocean book is also popular and some children are labeling some of the sea creatures in the book.



### **Explorer News**

The Explorer children have been watching their pet tadpoles grow in the tank which has been quite fascinating. They enjoy watching the tadpoles swim around swishing their tails in the water. Another nature inspired experience has been growing broad beans (which came from our National tree day experiences). They have now sprouted and we will watch to see how big they grow...

The staff and children have been working hard at keeping shoes and hats on outside (especially during the colder mornings). However, when we get into the warmer months shoes will not be mandatory outside so children can explore textures with their

feet. They have also been encouraged to roll up sleeves when washing hands to avoid wet sleeves. These skills are developing and with practice and patience will be mastered.

Toileting is another skill that some of our Explorers have been gaining confidence with. If you think your child may be ready to start (or has already started at home) please speak to staff as the toilet training process should be a partnership between centre and home. Through our experience here at Warriewood we have found that putting a child into undies rather than pull-ups usually helps children learn the right time to go to the toilet more effectively. They are able to feel the discomfort of the wet sensation and soon identify the indicators of when they are about to 'go'. Some signs that indicate that your child is ready to begin toilet training include telling you when they have gone (after the fact), showing interest when you or other family members use the toilet and pulling down their pants or nappy. If you have any questions or simply want to discuss toileting please speak to one of your child's educators.



### **Discovery News**

We have almost made it through the entire alphabet with our letter of the week. Once we have completed the alphabet we will continue letter recognition through a range of fun activities at group times and also during free play.

Our Discovery children have been getting very involved in art and craft experiences of late and have made some wonderful creations. Some experiences included pop-stick painting, collage, spray painting and feather painting. Please take a look around the room at the displays.

We continue to sing our 'Good morning song' each day which incorporates many different languages. If you are able to share your families' home language with us this would be wonderful too!

Connectors have been popular of late, which encourage children to use and strengthen fine motor skills (latter used for writing etc). Dress ups have been used on most days which assists in developing children's imaginations and social development. Children's confidence is growing with our more difficult puzzles as they practice and repeat the puzzles time and again.



### **Adventure News**

Some of our Adventure friends took chicken's home to keep from the chicken hatching programme and recently Darla bought hers in to visit the children again. They have grown so much and the children enjoyed catching up with their little feathered friends.

The Adventure children have been exploring colours as they mix primary colours (red, yellow and blue) to make secondary colours (purple, orange and green). This exploration will continue as an interest area for the children for as long as the interest lasts. Please see our project wall to follow the progress and development of this experience.

Our show and tell table has been updated to include all the new Adventure children (who we would like to welcome warmly to our group!). If you need assistance to read the time table or have any questions please speak to the educators in the room. We hold show and tell at around 3pm each day.

The children have their own sign in sheet (located near- opposite the parent sign in sheets on a low table) to practice name writing skills. Children can be encouraged to locate and then write their own names while parents sign them in. This activity is not

compulsory, however, it may assist children in the morning transition.

We are sad to say that Robyn will be away for several weeks, we wish her a speedy recovery! We have Kerrie joining us in the Adventure room- so please make her feel very welcome. She works Tues, Wed and Thurs each week.

### **A Closing Note**

A big thank you to all of our families for your support and patronage, if you have any questions/queries please speak to one of our staff members.

Also, please note that our policies/procedures and regulation are available to view and comment on in our foyer area.

Thank you  
The Warriewood Team