



# Monthly Newsletter

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## A Note from the Director .....

Hello Everyone, Welcome to July ..... And the beginning of the new financial year.

As it is the end of the financial year, I want to again remind you all that now is the time to update your Centrelink details, such as annual income, ccr payment changes etc. Many of these changes can only be done at the start of the new financial year.

If you have not already received a letter from Centrelink, you should be getting one soon with regard to any changes you may want to make for the coming 2017-2018 financial year. If you do not get a letter & want to make changes you will need to contact Centrelink immediately either by phone or through the "my gov" app.

I will need to have all sign in sheets up to date by the second week in July so that I can ensure all my attendances for the last financial year are up to date and ready for Centrelink to do their annual reconciliations of all your family tax benefits. Once a reconciliation is done I will be unable to change any of my families ccb or ccr payments within the previous financial year (2016-2017) so please make sure I have all up to date information before this period end.

### Chocolate Drive:

We have purchased another 20 boxes of chocolates to hand out to families, so if you missed out in the first round, we have more so please feel free to come grab a box ... or two! The money for the chocolates is due into the office by Friday 21st July. If you are getting close to this date and you still have a large amount of chocolates left to sell, bring them in and we can redistribute to other families.

### ECT:

As most of you know we are in the process of looking for an ECT, during this transition period please let me assure you that the program in our Kindergarten room has not changed and will continue to be the same until we find a new ECT. Miss Melissa, Miss Melanie & Miss Sarah are still implementing a Kindergarten Standard Program focussing on all the usual prep transition qualities you would expect to see. We are continuing with our Phonics Program "Letterland" and will have a full set of numeracy and literacy books going out at the end of the year as normal.

Currently we have a waiver on our licence from the department until the end of August, and this gives us the appropriate time to find an ECT that will indeed be a natural fit into our team. Thank you all for your patience and we will keep you posted of any updates.

Thanks everyone, bye for now Miss Lisa - Director

*"I would like to acknowledge and pay respect to the indigenous custodians of the land of which we live, and their elders, past and present"*



Please Consider the Environment before Printing out this Newsletter

## EVENTS FOR JULY:

3rd to 7th Naidoc Wk  
 "Our Languages Matter"



11th Grandparents Morning  
 Tea Gathering

9.30am in your grandchild's room

13th & 14th Class Photo Day



Queensland  
 School Photography  
 THE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

17th to 21st Christmas in July

27th Stress Down Day

Come dressed in your  
 PJ's for a relaxing &  
 stress free day



28th Schools Tree

Planting Day

We will be planting trees to offset  
 our last FY footprint at our  
 registered planting site. here at  
 Kids

Korner.



## Community Events

**NORTH PINE MARKETS - Every Sunday,** North Pine Country Park, Dayboro Road, Kurwongbah. 8am to 2pm, FREE entry to everyone : fresh farm goods and produce, quality arts and crafts, hand made goodies and much more!

**EAT STREET MARKETS** - Hamilton Wharf, 17 MacArther Ave, Hamilton. Friday and Saturday 4pm to 10pm. Eat street markets is a wonderment of the senses with a variety of aromatic international cuisine and vibrant textiles to enhance the sights, senses and sounds from live performers. It is an great interactive market experience new to the wharf.

**REDCLIFFE MARKETS** - Every Sunday, Redcliffe Parade, Redcliffe. From 6.30am in the morning until after lunch. Free entry and fun, food and stalls for all. Come early to check out the fresh fruit and veges for sale. There are arts and crafts stalls as well as the usual retail premises open for your shopping enjoyment.

### Quote of the Month!

choose  
→  
happy



## BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

EBONY 25TH

ZAKAELA 26TH



## Family Photos ...

To create a sense of security and belonging for the children who attend our service we would like to set up "Family" walls in each room.

If you could please bring in a family photo to include on our walls that would be fantastic as children love to look at their family photo and tell their friends all about them. It becomes quite a talking point and helps our children settle in.

## Healthy Lunch Box Ideas!

Put together a scrumptious sandwich or wrap using burrito, lavish bread, muffin or pita:

Egg and shredded lettuce

Lean roast meat, avocado & tomato

Hummus and salad

Baked beans

Cheese, shredded lettuce and vegemite

Mashed sardines, salmon or tuna mixed with chutney, avocado or ricotta cheese

Chicken, chopped tomato and capsicum

Cream cheese, turkey or chicken and cranberry sauce

Cottage cheese, tuna and sprouts

Cheese, chicken and avocado

Cheese, ham and tomato

Mashed banana and ricotta cheese



### Snacks:

Pikelets, carrot sticks, cheese muffins, cherry tomatoes, fruit, cheese and crackers, cheese cubes, pop corn, oat biscuits and banana bread



## CLOTHES BIN

We have just been delivered a clothes bin for clothes/soft toy collection, it is supported by a company called OneWorld.

They collect clothes, soft toys, shoes, bags etc, to send overseas for the disadvantaged or sell at a reduced price for the less fortunate through their second hand stores.

If you have any old or spare clothes or just clothes that don't fit anymore please help us help the disadvantaged and donate into our bin.

The bin is located at the bottom of the car park, to the right as you come onto the premises.

It will be collected weekly so please feel free to drop items in at any time.





# Class Photos

We will be having our class photos on  
**Thursday 13th and Friday 14th July 2017**  
Moring Sessions

Don't Forget to Complete your envelope, out in pockets now!  
Envelopes to go straight to photographer!

Bring along your photo best clothes to get changed into for your morning shots!!



## Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017



Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

**From Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September**, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit [woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)



modern  
teaching aids

## Majority of Burns and Scolds are being treated Incorrectly!

Jacqui Burgess, from the Centre for Children's Burns and Trauma Research, concluded that more than two-thirds of toddlers burnt in hot drink accidents - the spilling of cups of coffee or tea, which is majority cause (at 74 per cent) of burning incidents in children aged up to 24 months - were not being treated adequately and/or correctly.

"We surveyed parents and caregivers of children aged 0-36 months with hot drink scalds over a 12-month period who were treated at the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital," Burgess said. "Only 28 per cent of children received correct burn first aid. This is despite 66 per cent of parents reporting that they had undertaken first aid training in the previous 12 months."

What is best practice in the instance of a hot water burn? Burgess recommends running cool water over the wider burn area for 20 minutes. Burgess cautioned against curtailing this treatment too soon, even if the child's discomfort appears to be heightening or, conversely, sufficiently succoured. "The most common reason parents reported applying water for shorter periods of time was that they thought it was adequate or the child was too distressed," she said.

Prevention is better than cure, Burgess claimed, so parents and staff at child- and daycare facilities should take simple measures to avert scalds.

"Lack of supervision is often cited as a primary contributor to childhood injuries but for these scalds it appears that attention and continuity of supervision play a more important role than just being close to your child to keep them safe," Burgess said. "This finding may reflect the competing demands placed on parents and caregivers in a busy household."

"The majority of incidents recorded were caused by the child pulling down a cup of hot liquid over themselves."

"It's about putting your cup of hot coffee or tea to the back of the bench or out of reach of your toddler to give yourself those few extra seconds to intervene."



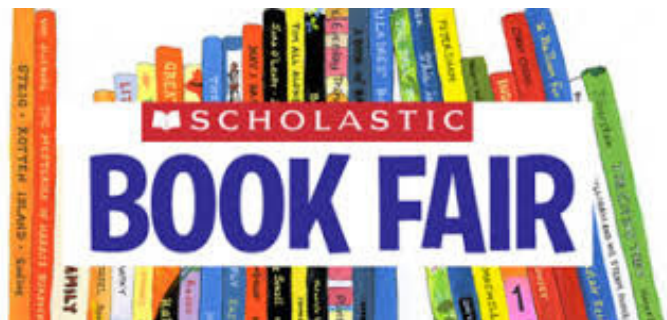
# Book Fair....

Our “Book Fair” is now on from  
**Monday 3rd July to Friday 7th July**

*All books on display in Toddler room  
for purchase Now!!*

Have your cash or credit card ready.

*Come to our Book Fair Morning Tea 9am Thursday 6th*



## Chocolate Drive!

All monies due in by  
**Friday 21st July Please!**

*If you cant sell a box bring it in  
before this date to allow us to  
redistribute!*



## One Third of Pre-schoolers own Smartphones

It appears owning a smartphone or tablet is the new normal for Australian children, raising serious health concerns among pediatricians.

The latest Australian Child Health Poll shows one-third of preschoolers and two-thirds of primary school-aged children own such devices, and 50 per cent of them are using them unsupervised.

Paediatrician Dr Anthea Rhodes, director of the national poll, says knowing so many very young children are spending too much time on devices is a "worrying" trend. Dr Rhodes says there is very little evidence to support the idea a smartphone or tablet boosts a toddler's development. But there is plenty of evidence linking excessive use to health problems.

"Particularly with sleep difficulties, problems related to unhealthy weight gain and then difficulties with social and emotional wellbeing," Rhodes said.

One of the poll's most significant findings, was that almost half of children regularly used screen-based devices at bedtime, with one-in-four reporting sleep problems as a result.

Two-thirds of families reported family conflict relating to screentime use and 85 per cent of parents admitted using screens to occupy kids in order to get things done.

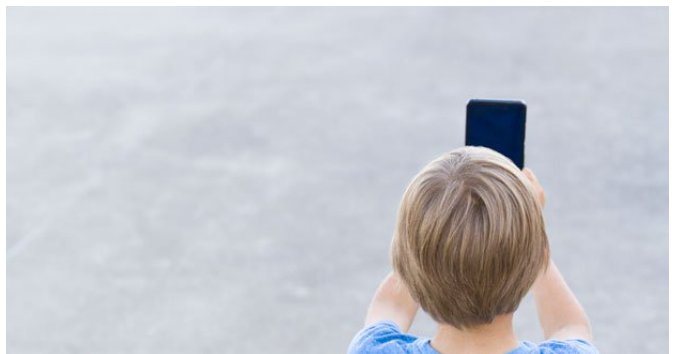
The poll also identified a link between parents' screen use and their children's use of screens.

"Basically, a parent who has high levels of screen use is more likely to have a child with high levels of use. Three quarters of parents of children under six also said they do not put time limits on screen use," said Rhodes.

Of any age group, teens spend the most amount of time on a screen-based device at home. They average almost 44 hours of use per week: that's more time spent for the average full time job. Teenagers using screens routinely at bedtime were also more likely to report bullying via social media.

As a pediatrician at The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, Rhodes increasingly sees the consequences of such excessive screen and media use in children. She says physical playtime and face-to-face contact is critical for a young child's brain and body development.

"Every hour a child spends engaged by themselves on a device like that is an hour they're not doing something like being physically active or having face-to-face play and social interaction."



# Management of Risk Policy

is the policy of this centre to manage and reduce risks to staff, children and families. This is done using a series of strategies, including the following:

- Staff training of policies & procedures.
- Children training via fire drills.
- Group discussion and role modelling by staff.

An evaluation of risk will be conducted regularly, which may either be daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually depending on the risk process involved. (ie fire drills completed & evaluated monthly; incidents reported completed immediately and evaluated monthly; yard checklists completed daily; safety audits quarterly)

## **Hold Up/Robberies**

- Staff members are advised to comply strictly with the demands of the offender.
- Do not offer resistance.
- Do not make eye contact.
- After the offender has left, phone 000 and stay on the phone.
- If confronted by an offender, step back out of personal space and endeavour to position yourself side on so your vision is not blocked.
- Remember "**COPS**"
- **C** Remain calm.
- **O** Obey instructions.
- **P** Picture the offender.
- **S** Safeguard life and evidence.

## **Siege, Parental Violence**

- If any staff member sees any threat, (any person armed with an offensive weapon) enter the centre grounds notify Director, Assistant Director who will activate a lock down procedure. Lock Down Procedure – Lock All doors and windows with children and staff inside. Ensure that communication is fully maintained.
- If access is gained or staff is threatened then, compliance with offender's request is paramount.
- Remain calm.
- Comply strictly with the demands of the offender to ascertain what he/she requires.
- Try not to provoke or aggravate the situation by doing or saying anything that may offend.
- If a staff member is held hostage or threatened with injury and this is witnessed by staff members notify Director or Police 000. This person remains on the phone at all times. Tell police NO SIRENS, LIGHTS etc.
- The witness comes to the support of staff member involved in confrontation.

For the complete version of our sleep and rest policy, please see our policies folder in the front foyer.

***Please remember to complete a policy feedback form or a suggestions form should you feel you want to add any relevant information to this policy as we are only too happy to include your parent input into our policy reviewing process. Forms are available on the top of lockers in all three rooms with a suggestion container to put completed forms in. If you prefer completed forms can also be put in the fees box in the front foyer area.***