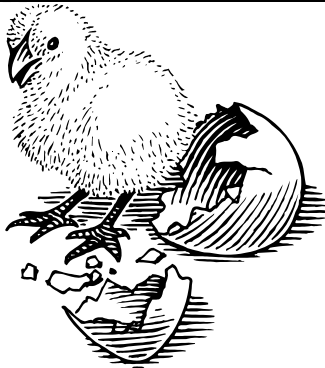


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Directors Corner

Easter is upon us and all the children have been busy with many Easter activities. A favourite has been the great learning experience from the chicken hatching program. The children were able to watch the eggs turn into baby chicks. We end up with 4 black, 2 brown and 3 yellow. All the children and staff were able to hold and cuddle the chickens and watch them grow a bit bigger before they went to live happily ever after on the farm.

Happy Easter to all the families.



Staff News

Understanding Boys

Joanna and Anna attended a training session on Understanding boys. The training provided appropriate and challenging curriculum that meet the needs and interest of both genders. The workshop discussed strategies in

- understanding the developmental needs of boys.
- Managing rough and tumble/superhero play
- Engaging boys in literacy and other aspects of the curriculum
- Positive behaviour guidance for boys

The centres Behaviour Guidance Policy will be updated in relation to the updated research information from the training.

Privacy Compliance

Anna attended a training session at the Department of Education and Early Childhood on:

- What is information privacy
- What are the Victorian Privacy Laws?
- Managing Compliance-responsibilities and obligations.

The centre will be working on developing policy's and procedures covering privacy and security of documentation and about individual children

Joanna will be on leave during the school holidays. Betty and Anna will be working in the room.

Parent Committee Meeting

We were pleased to have our first parent committee meeting. And would like to thank:

- Sally (Oscars mum in babies room)
- Tanya (Alyssa's mum in Babies room)
- Melissa (Oscars mum in the Preschool room)
- John (Minka's dad in the pre kinder room)
- Michelle (Arabella's mum in the pre kinder room)

For attending and becoming Members of the Committee.

At our service we encourage and invite all parents to participate in our centre in any way you can. Some examples of this may be reading books to the children, doing a cooking experience, teaching the children traditional dances or songs in your home language. If you are interested in sharing something with us please see a staff member.

Fees and Payments

There are still quite a few families with outstanding fees. We would appreciate if these could be paid for as soon as possible to secure your position at the centre. If your fees are not up to date you will not be able to claim the Quarterly Rebate. We also have a few families who have not as yet give us their CRN numbers. These are also required if you wish to claim the Quarterly 50% Rebate. If you do not have CRN numbers you need to apply through Centrelink

The centre will be closed on Monday 26th of April for ANZAC day public holiday

Enrolment Forms and Immunisation details

If any of your child's or your families details have changes such as addresses, phone numbers or emergency contacts please remember to update your child's enrolment form with a staff member in the office. We are also asking for updated copies of your child's immunisation records for our files.

Parent Wine and Cheese Night

To incorporate Education week we will be hosting a parent wine and cheese night. This will be held on Thursday 20th May. This is a chance for parents to get together and meet each other. More information will be given closer to the date. This will be a child free night

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Everyone