

# Whiz Kids

Early Learning Centres

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Monthly Newsletter: August 2008

## Policy Of The Month

### **"Confidentiality Of Records"**

*The policy of the month is always displayed in the foyer along with feedback forms. Your feedback is important to us, so any comment and suggestions you would like to put forward, please jot them down on the feedback form and hand to Prue in the office.*

## FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Hello and welcome to the new look Whiz Kids Newsletter. A lot has been happening over the month of July.

Sadly we have said goodbye to Miss Kate (our Junior Kindy Group Leader). Miss Kate decided to leave the childcare industry and is looking at going back into retail. We wish her all the very best for her future ventures.

Mr Jamie will be moving from the Active Prep to Junior Kindy, he will also be my 2IC.

We have been making changes to our healthy menu, extending it to above and beyond. Some of the changes that we have made include: Apple Puffs, Custard and Fruits, Salad Wraps and Honey Joys. At present the children are enjoying these changes that have been put into place. Your input is important to us, so if you would like to offer any comments and suggestions please see Prue in the office.

Natty Satty visited Whiz Kids in July and everyone - parents included - were jostling for a prime seat. He sang some of his much loved children's

songs including; This Old Man, 5 Little Ducks and ABCS.

Natty's songs and jokes had the children laughing, singing and dancing. Parents commented that it was a fantastic performance and that they couldn't wait to bring along their entire family to see his end of year Christmas Concert.



## **About Natty Satty:**

Natty is a children's performer with a difference. His show combines educational experiences along with a fresh approach to Nursery Rhyme Favourites and Original Tunes. He is heavily influenced by Caribbean music and his reggae style is a hit with the kids.

Satty aims to enhance children's development through his unique style of interactive musical shows. Natty brings both fun and educational aspects to his performances, which are carefully designed to bring children a fun-filled musical treat with a series of developmental benefits. He encourages children to copy his simple dance movements and sing along to his Caribbean-inspired melodies. Children experience the joy of live music and learn about different types of instruments and how music is made.

Through carefully scripted nursery rhymes and original songs, children also learn about:

- music, rhythm and beat
- singing and dancing
- science
- adding
- subtracting
- counting
- the alphabet

These activities help children to develop:

- fine motor skills
- gross motor skills
- body awareness
- self-confidence
- goal setting
- communication skills
- tolerance
- team work

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH:

### Fruit Freezies

#### Ingredients:

- 1-1/2 cups canned or thawed frozen peach slices, drained
- 3/4 cup peach nectar
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon coconut extract (optional)

### Preparation:

1. Place peaches, nectar, sugar and coconut extract, if desired, in food processor or blender container; process until smooth.
2. Spoon 2 tablespoons fruit mixture into each mold of ice cube tray.\*
3. Freeze until almost firm. Insert fruit pick into center of each cube; freeze until firm.

**Note:** Substitute canned apricot halves for peach slices and apricot nectar for peach nectar.

Substitute canned pear slices for peach slices, pear nectar for peach nectar and almond extract for coconut extract, if desired.

Substitute crushed pineapple for peach slices and unsweetened pineapple juice for peach nectar.

Substitute chopped fresh mango for peach slices and mango nectar for peach nectar. Omit coconut extract.



## FROM THE ROOMS:

### Toddler News:

Welcome to another month in the Toddler's Room firstly a big welcome to our 2 new friends Evangeline & Teneil who have joined us in the room. Last month we focused on learning about people in the community which we did through colouring and painting pictures of police and builders as you will see hanging up around the room.

This coming month we are focusing on Dinosaurs, we will educate them through making dinosaur cookies, dinosaur eggs and developing our thinking skills by completing dinosaur puzzles. Remember you are always welcome to come and participate in your child's day and activities, also if you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to come and talk to me or put your suggestions into our suggestion box which is located on top of our lockers.

Until next month, Miss Kylie,  
Miss Kayla & Friends.

### **Junior Kindy News:**

Hello everyone and welcome to this month in the Junior Kindy Room. As most of you have already seen, I am the new Group Leader as Miss Kate has unfortunately left us. I already know most of your children which is great as they are ever so welcoming!!

At the moment I have just been observing on what they like to do and seeing where your children are at developmentally. Just like the Toddler's we are also focusing on Dinosaurs and their environment from when they roamed the earth many years ago. I look forward to looking after your children and seeing them develop their skills further which I will be sure to let you all know next month on how we all go.

See you all next month, Mr  
Jamie & Friends.

### **UP COMING EVENTS:**

#### **August:**

- ★ Genes for Jeans Day (1<sup>st</sup>)
- ★ Daffodil Day (22<sup>nd</sup>)
- ★ Teddy Bears Picnic (25<sup>th</sup>)

### **Senior Kindy & Prep News:**

What a fabulous but busy month we have just had in the Senior Kindy Room. Firstly we would like to give a nice big warm welcome to our 3 Junior Kindy Room children who have recently moved up. This last month we have been we have learning about people in the community which the children have had so much fun learning about fireman, police, doctors and paramedics.

Over the next month we will be looking forward to learn about Dinosaurs and their habitat. We will be making Dinosaurs out of clay and doing lots of Dinosaur paintings along with many other activities. It will be Dinoriffic!! If you would like to come and join in and our festivities please feel free to discuss a time that would suit you best.

Until next month, have fun.

Miss Kristy,  
Miss Jenny & Friends

### **Schoolies News:**

Hello and welcome to the month of August, My name is Justine and I am the new Schoolies Group Leader as Jamie is now with the Junior Kindy Children. The program I will be offering for the children will be play based and I will have a variety of indoor and outdoor experiences for them to keep them busy and entertained. Over this coming month I will be talking to the children and getting to know what their interests are and also get them to put forth some ideas that they would like me to implement into the program for them so this way everyone is catered for and we are able to have as much fun as possible!! If you have any questions or ideas please don't hesitate to come and see me.

Thanks again and have a great  
month, Miss Justine.

### **UP COMING BIRTHDAYS:**

Alex C.	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Caroline W.	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Blair-Ethan W.	9 <sup>th</sup>
Taleia-Rose H.	12 <sup>th</sup>
Bailey C.	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Krystal T.	29 <sup>th</sup>
Lindey M.	29 <sup>th</sup>