



Monthly Newsletter: September 2008

Policy Of The Month

"CMV"

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:

Wow! This month has passed us by so quickly.

A lot has been happening within the centre over these past few weeks.

We did our shopping centre promotion on the 6th September 2008 and gave away lots of balloons and colouring ins. At Peninsula Fair Shopping Centre we had a guess the lolly competition and the winner won a family pass to Alma Park Zoo.

The enrolments that we got from the shopping centre boosted our Long Day Care occupancy a great deal. A big thank you goes out to all of the parents who supported us and came and said hello to us on the day.

Throughout the next few weeks we will be receiving our supply of Bandanas to help raise money for Canteen. These bandanas will sell for \$3.00 each. So please support this worthy cause and donate to help canteen "Find A Cure".

FROM THE OWNERS:

It's now a bit over six months since we took over at Whiz Kids. We think we've come along way and hope you think so too. We've spoken with many parents and hope to meet all of you over time. Please don't hesitate if you have any feedback or suggestions, it's very helpful so we can further improve the centre.

One of the most noticeable changes so far is the benefits to the staff and kids of having a higher occupancy. With greater numbers we've been able to - at least most of the time - split the Senior Kindy and Prep rooms as well as the Toddler and Junior Kindy rooms. It means your child's room only has children of roughly the same age, making programming and management much easier for the staff and a better environment for the children.

Higher occupancy has also allowed us to hire some new staff including Justine and Bronwyn. Justine is fully qualified and Bronwyn is studying her bachelor's degree. They bring great knowledge, experience and enthusiasm to the centre, so complement our other fantastic staff members.

We've recently purchased lots of new books for all the rooms and hope to get some more as we believe it's hard for a child care centre to have too many books. We're also making an effort to expand the children's range of experiences. For example, early next month we'll have Henny Penny coming to the centre for two weeks. Old Macdonald's Farm is also coming in November, ask Prue for details. These should be great fun for the kids. We also hope to start some music lessons, ideally as a regular thing.

As well as these events, we're also working with the group leaders to improve and streamline their programming and other duties. This will mean they have more time to make observations and program for the kids.

Please feel free to have a chat if you see us at the centre.

Regards
Tim & Scott

SUN SAFETY:

Wow how warm is it getting?? Summer is coming around very quickly and with that so is the heat. So we would like to make sure that your child is kept nice and safe during the hotter months.

Could you please make sure that your child is coming with a hat and drink bottle and the appropriate sun smart clothing (T-Shirts not shoe string straps) and please ensure that these items are all clearly labelled. Also when you arrive in the morning please ensure that your child has sunscreen on and if you do not have time to apply it then please let one of the staff know so they can apply it to your child for you.

HEAD LICE:

Over the past couple of weeks we have had a few reported cases of head lice going around the centre, so could you please ensure that you are checking your child's hair on a regular basis.

It is also important that your child has their own hat and is not sharing as this is how head lice begins to spread. Also if your child has long hair please tie it up in a pony tail to prevent cross infection as it is harder for the lice to attach to their hair if it is tied up.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH:

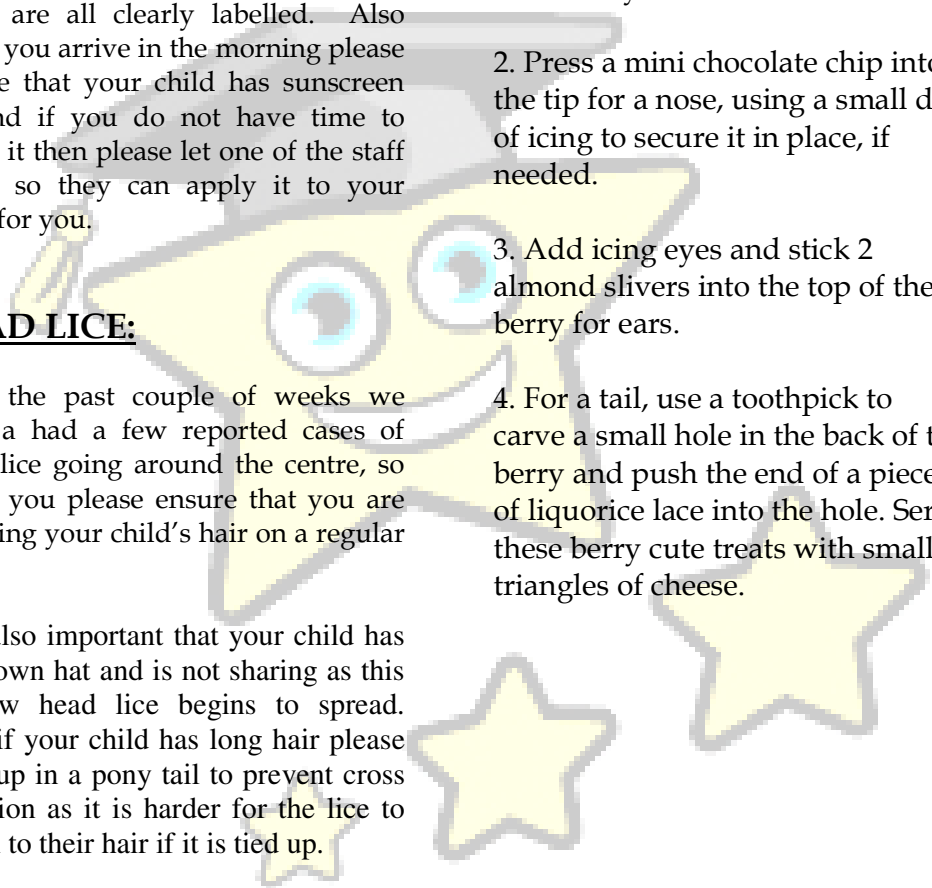
Strawberry Mice

RECIPE INGREDIENTS:

- Fresh strawberries
- Mini chocolate chips
- Black decorators' icing
- Almond slivers
- Toothpick
- Red lace liquorice
- Wedge of Cheese (Your choice)

DIRECTIONS:

1. For each mouse, slice a small section from the side of a strawberry so it sits flat.
2. Press a mini chocolate chip into the tip for a nose, using a small dab of icing to secure it in place, if needed.
3. Add icing eyes and stick 2 almond slivers into the top of the berry for ears.
4. For a tail, use a toothpick to carve a small hole in the back of the berry and push the end of a piece of liquorice lace into the hole. Serve these berry cute treats with small triangles of cheese.





FROM THE ROOMS:

Toddler News:

Firstly we would like to give a nice warm hello and welcome to our new little girl, Summer. This month in the Toddler Room we have been learning how to count to 10, the children are becoming very good at this. Some children are even beginning to hold their fingers up as they count. We have also been learning how to share their toys and also enjoy dramatic play with one another.

We would also like to remind you to ensure that you are labelling all of your children's belongings, if you do accidentally take something home that does not belong to you child please give it to myself or Kayla so we can then return it to its rightful owner. As we are getting into the warmer months of the year we ask that you make sure you are bringing hats and water bottles for your children. If you have any other questions or queries please feel free to come and talk to me.

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

Junior Kindy News:

Hello and welcome to another month in the Junior Kindy Room and what a busy month it has been!! We have been very busy working on our numbers, shapes and colours which we are becoming very good at. We have also been working on sharing with our friends and using our words to solve situations. As most of you

will notice we had a very few eventful days over August like Daffodil Day, Jeans for Genes day and cooking days where the children enjoyed making fried rice. We also have a few more cultured cooking events that will be coming up over this next month which hopefully the children will enjoy. So until next month when I can fill you in with the happenings of October, Enjoy!!

See you all next month, Mr
Jamie & Friends.

Senior Kindy News:

What a fantastic month we have just had!! We had so many exciting cooking days where we made fried rice, cookies and cakes. We are also looking at making Italian and Mexican food in the next few weeks. A few weeks ago we got a visit from my sister and her pet turtle Ninja which the children all enjoyed and drew pictures of him after he left which you can all see as it is viewable on a poster out in the foyer. Over the next month we are all looking forward to dressing up for Halloween on the 31st October so make sure you are all as spooky as ever!! Also we have Old McDonald's farm coming out to visit us which we can't wait for. All of these upcoming events I will be incorporating into my programming which will make the experiences fun and educational for the children.

Until next month, have fun.
Miss Kristy,
Miss Jenny & Friends

Prep News:

Hello parents. For those of you who haven't met me yet, my name is Miss Bronwyn and I am the new Active-Prep Group Leader. We have had a very busy month in our room, with everyone getting to know each other and getting used to our very own room again, so for all my Prep parents

could you please make sure your child's belongings are coming into our room instead of the Senior Kindy room it would be greatly appreciated.

In this upcoming month we will be focusing on developing our pre-literacy skills. This includes fine muscle development, letter recognition, letter formation and phonic development. This is all achieved through a play based program and activities such as threading, playdough, group time stories and letter games and much more. If you would like to discuss this more or even like some helpful hints for encouraging this at home please feel free to come and see me.

Until next month,
Miss Bronwyn

UP COMING EVENTS:

September:

- ★ Chinese Cooking (2nd)
- ★ Italian Cooking (23rd)

UP COMING BIRTHDAYS:

Mya L.	7 th
Bianca D.	18 th
Luke C.	19 th
Sassy O.	21 st
Sasha D.	28 nd
Amber D.	29 th
Bonnie M.	29 th

Schoolies News:

Welcome to another month with the schoolies. We have had heaps of fun doing inside activities. The children have been slowly coming up with their own ideas to incorporate into our daily program. We are fast approaching the holidays so please ensure that you have filled in all the permission slips for the days that your children will be attending and give them to either myself or Prue.

Please also ensure that your children are bringing hats and water bottles and anything else that they may need for the particular day. It is all on the permission slips so that you are aware. If you have any other questions please feel free to come and see me. I will let you all know how we go in the next newsletter. Thanks again.

Thanks again and have a great month, Miss Justine.

