

Whyalla Child Care Centre Sept 2020 Newsletter

A BIG WELCOME TO JO V

As families would be aware, the new Centre Manager, Jo Vlassco started at the Centre on Monday 10th August.

You will already notice exciting changes already taking place within the centre.

We are all looking forward to more new and exciting things to come. If you haven't already been introduced to Jo please stop and introduce yourself and have a chat.



FROM JO

Hello to all the wonderful familie's and thank you for making me feel so welcome. Whyalla Childcare Centre is a great Early Education Service and I am excited to be on this journey to continue to provide quality care to the families in the community.

I am looking forward to working with the educators to continue improving the educational spaces and practices we offer here. If any families have any questions or would like to chat please feel free to get in touch with me. If you have not been receiving my email updates please email

childcare@whyalla.sa.gov.au

I can then make sure your email address is correct or add you to the list.

Cheers Jo. V

Please slow down!

We have had several complaints from parents that cars are speeding in the car park. Please slow down children and cars share the space.

Please take care.



Nursery News

We would like to welcome our new Centre Manager Jo. If you haven't yet, please pop in and say hello. She is super friendly and would love to meet everyone. We have enjoyed getting to know her and have her pop in for a play over the last month.

Babies have been busy helping water our sensory garden and helped pick herbs to put in our playdough. We have enjoyed our days being busy engaged in water play on the warmer days, obstacle courses, sandpit play with large trucks, shovels and buckets.

The children also enjoyed dressing up with the dress ups and we had lots of fun drawing our beautiful pictures on keyrings for our Father's Day gifts.

Early Childhood Educators day was so much fun, celebrating by dressing up as super hero's and having a shared lunch with the educator's, toddlers and big kids. We also had fun colouring in Super Hero pictures and climbing on the obstacle course.

We also celebrated the cuttlefest by colouring in cuttlefish pictures from Whyalla City Council and making an underwater display in our quiet area.

On Sept 18th we engaged in talk like a pirate day. Babies enjoyed dressing up in pirate hats and dress ups. Jackie made us a yummy pirate ship with the watermelon shell and filled it with a yummy fruit salad and placed pirate flags around the ship.

Just a couple of friendly reminders;

- Now that it is warming up again please pack extra clothes as children will be engaging in more water play experiences.
- Putting sunscreen on before arriving to childcare.(we do have sunscreen in our locker room) in case you forget.
- Please remember SunSmart clothing e.g. no capped sleeved tops and only shorts that go to the thigh.
- No thongs, sandals are allowed only if they support the ankle.
- Can you please also take your child's hat home regularly to wash and providing an appropriate sized SunSmart hat.

Until next time from Fiona.Tonielle and Emily

News from the Toddler Room

Welcome back from the toddlers room.
As you know it has been a very busy few months.

We celebrated Christmas in July with Jackie our cook making the children a beautiful Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings.

The children joined in by making some Christmas craft, gluing onto a giant Christmas Tree and stocking.

During August the centre focused on joining in with the cuttlefest 2020 program.

Together with the children we created two large piece's of art work to make into a cuttlefish .One was a zebra pattern and the other a colour changing camouflage to be put into the Cuttelfest Art Exhibition.

Toddlers have enjoyed learning all about the life of the cuttlefish.

Toddlers joined in with Thank a Paramedic day.

Children were very enthusiastic as they made their beautiful gifts for their special person on Father's Day.
Decorating a medal with stickers and collage.

On the 2nd of September we celebrated Early Childhood Educator's Day dressing up as our favorite super hero. We enjoyed a picnic lunch together joining the Kindy children and Babie's outside in the nursery play area.

Linda, Munira and Pauline would like to remind parent's and care giver's that we are always available if you need to speak to us or have any concerns.

Until next time Linda,Pauline and Munira

Kindy Room News

Hello to all our families!

What a busy couple of months it has been in the kindy room! We hope you all loved your Father's Day gifts that were made with lots of love, and some laughs with the funny answers in the questionnaires. We all had so much fun on Superhero Day as we celebrated Early Childhood Educators Day and the children have still been talking about this weeks later and enjoy looking through all the photos. Thank you to all our families who got involved in this and we do know some children were disappointed they missed out but Book Week isn't far away so hopefully they can enjoy dressing up then instead.

We have recently completed our 6 week child protection program and continue to discuss these topics in our everyday conversations. We have been talking about keeping our bodies safe and the ways that we can do this. We are hearing some of the language used in this program in some interactions with the children. For example "You are giving me a no feeling" "You are making me feel unsafe". It is great to hear the children using this language and in context and we have loved the feedback from many families around this program so thank you for providing this to us.

If you have any more questions regarding this program please have a chat to one of our educators at any time.

Some of our other interests lately have continued to be loose parts construction and dramatic play experiences. Many of these around emergency services, fixing roads, and school. Through these experiences children are able to role play and develop skills in cooperation, problem solving, creativity and persistence, all while learning about the community and world around them.

Music and dancing has been a very popular activity with the children using the plastic pallets as a stage and putting on performances. They have also been using the iPads to film some of these concerts and love looking back at these and showing them to everyone. Some of the favourite songs at the moment are Frozen 1 and 2, Moana, Tooty Ta song and party freeze song.

Just a couple of reminders:

Please ensure your child has changes of clothes in their bag. Now the weather is heating up we will be having water play more often.

Please name everything that is brought into the centre.

Please ensure that sunscreen is applied before arriving at the centre - we will re-apply this later in the morning and again in the afternoon depending on the UV rating.

Please leave toys such as cars, figurines etc... at home - these can cause some disagreements with other children and we cannot guarantee they will not get lost or broken.

Thank you - Jo M, Mel, Naomi, Emma

Jackie's kitchen

Zucchini Slice

5 eggs

150g (1 cup) self-raising flour, sifted

375g zucchini, grated

1 large onion, finely chopped

200g rindless bacon, chopped

1 cup grated cheddar cheese

1 cup mixed diced frozen vegetables

60ml (1/4 cup) vegetable oil

Method

Preheat oven to 170C.

Beat the eggs in a large bowl until combined. Add the flour and beat until smooth, then add zucchini, vegetables, onion, bacon, cheese and oil and stir to combine.

Grease and line a 30 x 20cm lamington pan. Pour into the prepared pan and bake in oven for 30 minutes or until cooked through.

Chill!!

Food that is meant to be kept chilled should be! As soon as possible after purchase meat, poultry, dairy foods, vegetables, salad ingredients, etc should be refrigerated at or below 5°C. Sounds easy but often food is left in hot cars or put in refrigerators that are not cold enough. A fridge thermometer should be used to make sure the temperature is at or below 5°C. The temperature should be adjusted in line with changing seasons and the amount stored. Refrigerate leftovers promptly. Cooked food should be stored in covered containers and either put in the fridge to cool, or frozen immediately. Frozen foods should be defrosted in the fridge NOT on the kitchen bench. If in doubt, throw it out!

CHILD CARE PHOTO DAY

It is that time of year again when we come together to make the special memory of your child's time at childcare.

Photo day will be on Monday the 19th of October. Forms will be placed in pocket of the children who will be attending the days sessions.

If you would like your child's photo to be taken and they are not in on the day you are quite welcome to see Mel or Jo to get a form and payment envelope.

HAVE YOU SUPPLIED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Jo and Melissa are currently updating parent's email address's.

This has been implemented so that in the near future we will be able to email important information to families directly instead of placing the information in the pockets. For example we may decided to send out your weekly bill by email for better convenience.

Also on the note of email address the centre now has its own email address

childcare@whyalla.sa.gov.au

If you have any enquires about the centre or are needing to cancel or book sessions please email them to the above address and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively you can still ring for any queries.

