



January Newsletter 2016

Important Dates:

Please place the following important dates on your fridge or calendar, ensure you read from Tracey's desk to understand your commitments as a parent to some of these events

Tuesday 23rd February

Parent information night – 5.30pm

Centre closed on the following days:

March

25th Good Friday
28th Easter Monday



2nd Birthday

Sebastian 22nd January

3rd Birthday

Zahli 25th February

5th birthday

Arabella 26th February



**Don't forget a piece
of fruit for the bowl**

From Tracey's Desk

Welcome to 2016. I find it hard to believe that this will be my seventh winter this year, oh my how the years have flown.

- The changes to the new ratios (1 educator to 5 children for 2- 3 years) came into effect as of the 1st January. As we are a mixed age group we will be running 1-5 for the 2-5 age group (wombat room). What does it mean for your child:- more one-on-one with an educator which means more focused learning for each individual child.
- **We will be holding a parent information night on Tuesday the 23rd of February at 5.30pm.** Please come and join us for a light snack (including some healthy lunch ideas) a presentation from the staff in relation to the EYLF and the learning curriculum, as well as an opportunity to ask questions and share ideas on the goals for the centre in 2016
- Sam recently emailed out an "**Update information sheet**" (of which only 1 has been returned), we are asking that all families please fill these in to ensure we have the most up to date information in case of emergencies, & for the emailing of statements. We are finding that many of you have moved but not updated your contact information with us. From the first week in February I will be emailing statements and only placing your receipt in your pocket, so it is most important to have your current email address. The parent who receives the statement will be the person who is the billing master (the parent that receives the CCB & CCR in their name) so please ensure we have the correct email address on record.
- We received some great news from Woolworths Earn & Learn this week. Our little centre will be receiving a visit from Woolworths Jindabyne Manager who will be presenting the children with a certificate and gift of appreciation for our great effort last year in sticker's earnt. So to all the families, friends and strangers that assisted us (especially Anne) a huge thank you for a great achievement. We will advise you of the date so you can all come and celebrate with us. The children said a great big THANK-YOU!
Tracey



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Dates to Remember:

❖ February

- 8th Chinese New Year – year of the monkey
- 9th Pancake Day
- 14th Valentine's Day ❤️

❖ March

- 4th Clean up Australia Day
- 4th National ride your bike to school day
- 18th National day of action against bullying
- 22nd World water day – Perhaps a visit to the pool!
- 29th Easter Hat Parade

We have received 6 responses on the survey that I sent out last week which is great thank you so much! You have helped us identify some areas that we definitely need to work on and also some strengths of ours that may not have stood out without your feedback.

We are very grateful for the families that have taken the time to complete the survey but can I please ask that EVERYBODY take a look as we would love the feedback from all families to get the best results.

I will send out the same survey in a month or two to ascertain if you think we have improved in those areas (which I hope we do)



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Wombats: Welcome to 2016;



We said good bye to a number of children this year as they move onto the next stage of their life adventure and school. We hope they all become the person they want and go on to touch the world as they have touched us. We wish them all the best.

What a start to the year we have had, with only a few children at the start of January we were able to take advantage of the great children's



activities being offered in Thredbo plus go on some great excursions to visit our families in their working environment. With the number of children travelling away we decided to have a focus on the world we live in and acknowledging the diversity that is Australia. The children explored the world map and many of us identified where we have been and also acknowledged where our friends were at that time. The children where asked to paint or draw

what their family looked like to them and how they had spent their holidays. It was great to see some great interpretation from rockets going to nanna's and camping holidays.



The educators are continually looking at ways to help the children gain a better understanding of sustainability and managing our environment for their future. So when the opportunity came to collect the rain water to save for water play at a later date the children were keen to get out with the buckets, and as we have no gutters placed the buckets under the overflows. But as it was such

a warm day and the children were enjoying the rain so much we decided that as they where already wet from placing the buckets they could go dance and run in the rain. And did they have fun, sometime the littlest things have the most meaning to a child, I enjoyed the joy on their faces and the intriguing ways they found to get as wet as possilbe.



Over the coming weeks we will be undertaking some review and reflection with the children to ascertain what their interests are and where our learning will be heading. Any feedback from parents is greatly appreciated as we are here to support their learning and your goals for their future.

Tracey & Anne



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Sam's and the Gumnut's

Happy New Year everybody! Welcome to 2016..



What a quiet time for babies in the gumnut room... We will have said farewell to Sebastian at the end of January and not to long Ada and Sienna will be moving up also (sad face).

As it is we have a maximum of 3-4 on any day so we are mostly combined with the Wombats. Because of that we opened the room back up to take advantage of all the space.

Currently with my 4 little darlings the communication is flowing! I am always in awe of this age as they are continually developing just about every week. They seem to be speaking new words everyday and I am so proud to say they have been showing me their colours as well (without any focused learning on colour recognition) Ada shows me the shapes and says 'it's a blue one', Sienna has been very bossy telling ME what to do instead of listening to me... and Mr Charlie is the most amazing climber I have ever seen!



Their current program is based mostly on their interests; lots of outdoor play, water exploration, building gross motor, role play based on interests and jumping, jumping, jumping...

Unfortunately I havnt seen much of Luca as he has been away for 6 weeks but now that he is back he is trying to have a chat with everybody all day long! We obviously have much to catch up on... He is really enjoying dancing and music still, and loves the cars and bikes outside.

I look forward to reaching our goals this year ☺