



## July/August 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

#### **Monday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Teddy bears picnic day

- Bring along your most loved teddy for our lunchtime teddy bears picnic!



#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Birthdays**

Tanamai - August 1<sup>st</sup>

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Birthdays**

Lewi - July 6<sup>th</sup>

#### **Staff Birthdays**

Samantha - August 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Tracey Desk:

Winter may have been late arriving but boy it certainly is here now. The children have had a number of snow adventures already and we are only just into July.

As you are all aware Jo left us after the long weekend due to personal reasons so we have been in the process of seeking out another person for a couple of days a week as currently we have no back up staff for some days. Hopefully by next week we should have someone.

Over the last month or so Sam and I have been reviewing many of the centre policies, procedures and handbooks as part of our QIP. We have now completed the policies and will be sending them out via email for parents to review. The new policies are now in the policy handbook at the sign in desk also, so if you would like to familiarise yourselves with them please do so. I hope you have all read over the updated **Parent Handbook** that was forwarded to you on the 23.5.16 and have familiarised yourselves with yours and our responsibilities. If you would like a change made to any policy or handbook please complete the attached policy review form.

I know I am always sending reminders but safety is an important issue for us here at the centre.

1. Please ensure that you pull the front door closed behind you and don't allow any other children then your own into the foyer/random visitors.
2. Full ski gear bought to the centre each day for snow play.
3. Please be mindful that we close at 5.30 and not 5.31 or 5.35. (familiarise yourselves with the late pick up policy). Nearly all our staff have to travel down the mountain so your 3 minutes late can actually be 15 min late for them by the time they clean and lock up.
4. Also if your child is unwell day care is not the place for them. (refer Illness policy) sick children require more attention and care which then can put extra pressure on staff and other children, not to mention pass their germs around causing many children to be sick.



**Dates to Remember:**

July

- 1<sup>st</sup> Onesie day
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Naidoc week
- 18<sup>th</sup> Teddy Bears picnic day

August

- 13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> National science week
- 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> NSW children's book week

**Fundraising:**

I would like to send a big thankyou to Bec & Tenille our fundraising team for a great Ladies Dinner this year. We managed to get double the amount of people from last year and have raised a lot of money at the same time.

**\$5049.50**

Was our total amount from both the dinner tickets, big raffle, ladies raffle and guess the box

Well done everybody, now the challenge is out for the Dad's to hopefully raise just as much at their golf day!

Tenille has also organised for a plate and tea towel to be made by the kids which can be purchased for Christmas, birthdays or just a gift to yourselves and family so keep an eye out in the coming weeks.



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### Wombats:

In the wombat room we have been busy exploring the age of the dinosaur's, Aboriginal heritage and now Medieval times helped along by our erection of our very own time machine! We were lucky enough to be given some amazing boxes to use and after some brainstorming with the children we all decided that a time machine would be the perfect thing to create. This then led to discussions as to where we would go if we could really travel back in time, hence we were able to travel to when the dinosaurs roamed and will slowly move through the ages.



We also made a volcano as one of the children noticed that a volcano should be included on our discovery table with the dinosaurs. Hannah has introduced some songs and action rhymes about volcanoes so if you hear your child talking about rumbling then jumping they are just an

erupting volcano!

We even have some budding archeologists in our midst as we have been unearthing dinosaur bones and each discovery has led to "I know what dinosaur that is!" you can view our progress hanging on the loft wall over the lights..



Those that will be adventuring to big school next year we have been concentrating on letter recognition through alphabet songs, flash cards and writing our names. Even the younger children can benefit from these activities as it is fun for everybody involved.

Who would have thought that you need to go to the cinema in Jindabyne when we have our very own ways of making a movie theatre right here! We lined up all the chairs in front of the TV and put on 'The Land Before Time' (in relation to our dinosaur theme) we even made some popcorn in the popcorn maker for them to 'order'. What more could you want on a wet miserable day when the weather is only good for ducks!

We welcome any parent input if you are aware of any emergent interests or ideas from your child we are more than happy to incorporate them into our program.

Thanks,  
Anne, Hannah and staff.



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### Sam's and the Gumnut's

Welcome to Winter everybody!

I hope your ready for a fun-filled hopefully snowy one ☺

We welcome Reuben & Bowen to TECC both boys have settled in very well, each with their own unique personalities. They will be joined from the 18<sup>th</sup> July with James who is coming for the winter months with his sister Sylvie.

I have been focusing on building connections with the boys this past month as they are getting used to the new environment, routine and myself. It is progressing slowly with lots of cuddles and attention but I have gotten to know some of the quirky little parts of their personality that makes them, them.

This winter will be full of arts and crafts, stories, physical play, sensory play, communication and just plain play-time! As that's how they learn best by having fun!

Im thinking of some new ways to make my room more interesting I might have to make something 'box-related' as well... I did steal some family photos off of facebook for my family wall im sorry!

Thanks  
Sam





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## Policy review form:

In line with the National Quality Framework and our Quality Improvement Plan we ask that stakeholders have a direct effect on the centre’s policies and the annual review process. This form has been established to allow you the stakeholder to offer any input that you believe is beneficial to the centre policies to ensure that we are aligned to the specific requirements of our families and the local community.

Your opinion is greatly valued and we thank you for taking the time to offer input to our policies.

Policy Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested amendments & comments:

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