



May/June 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

Sunday May 8th
Mother's day

Friday May 20th
National walk to school day



2nd birthdays

Luca 3rd June

4th Birthdays

Bowden 24th June

Leni 27th May

5th birthdays

Taylor 14th June

Oliver 18th June

From Tracey's Desk:

By now I hope everyone has secured their days for winter, and I am pleased to say it is going to be a busy winter. We have had to close the baby's room with only 4 places available each day. This is mainly due to the number of older children and the limited staff we have.

As you all are aware we have had some staff changes. Anne will be joining us 5 days a week from June until summer and we have employed two new staff members:

Hannah who will be working 5 days a week

Jo who will be Tuesday & Wednesday

Staffing over winter will be-

Gumnut room: Sam & Tracey

Wombat room: Anne, Sara, Hannah, Jo & Leah will continue on a Friday.

I would also like to remind families that I am unable to make changes to your child's booking each week. If you work on a rotating roster then I take this into account and your booking is set up as such, or if your child only attends on a fortnightly basis etc, but I cannot change them from one week to the other on a regular basis. If you are going on leave for an extended period of time you can drop your booking down to one a day a week, if your regular booking is going to be available on your return and I do not have a child on a waiting list. If you are unclear or have issues where this is concerned please ensure you arrange to speak to me or a committee member to ensure you understand the requirements.

Staff development

Most of the staff will be attending the Early Years Professional development and Expo at the end of the month thanks to the professional development grant we have been receiving over the last 12 months so here's hoping they come newly inspired and full of new ideas for the children.

Staff news

It is with much pleasure that I advise that Sam will be going on maternity leave mid-September to welcome the arrival of Venn baby number 2. So I'm sure you will all join me in wishing them the best for a growing family (come on we need more of these)

I am very pleased to annoy you all with the news I am now a Nana. Miss Frankie Wallace arrived this morning the 8th April making her parents and grandparents (both sets) very happy people. She is the first grandchild for both families so I'm sure very spoilt. So Tony and I are off to Adelaide next week and I will be returning to work on the 26th April. Sam will be the nominated supervisor while I am away.

Tracey



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Dates to Remember:

May

Tuesday 3rd – World Asthma day

Friday 20th – Walk to school day

Friday 27th – tracky dack day

Fundraising:

I hope you are all doing your utmost to sell the tickets in our wonderful raffle. If you need more tickets please see a staff member or Tenille (Travis & Zahli's mum) who is in charge of tickets. There are some great prizes so come on start selling.

Ladies.

The ladies dinner is to be held again this year on Friday 3rd **June at Black Bear Inn**. Bec (Lewi's mum) is our chef this year and in charge of making it a wonderful night. If you are looking to purchase tickets you are welcome to come in and pay cash or via bank transfer. Just get in contact with us if you have any questions!

Families

There are many other fundraising events and activities planned for the year and there is even a special event for the dad's so keep watching



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Wombats:

We have had a busy few months with the children enjoying many challenging activities. We have also welcomed Ada and Sienna into the big room and they have both settled in very well.

We started the month off with our **Ride to school day**. As many of us can't ride to school the children bought their bikes along to day care so we could all go for a ride together. So after morning tea we all headed off to the new tennis courts. During our ride to the courts we practised our road rules and then on the courts we took turns giving way and stopping to let others through. For the younger children it was a great opportunity to practise their bike riding skills.



One thing we have all noticed over the last few months is the amount of collaborative play that has been happening around the center. Not just during group activities but also while we are developing new skills. The children decided to challenge themselves in relation to balancing. Ada had been watching the older children balance on the walking frame so she decided that she would give it a go. Very soon Travis was alongside to help Taylor support

Ada and to encourage her to continue to walk along the frame. Was great to see an older child having empathy for a younger one and assisting them to achieve. Collaboration is also evident here in the sandpit photos and the using the duplo on the mat.



The children have also used our new resources. The children have had a whole new look at our bones, see like with the light behind items with the light



been experimenting with some. The light cube has offered a learning resource, they can see what shapes and objects look like and even tracing around behind the paper.

Tracey & Anne



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Sam's and the Gumnut's

This year has gone so quickly I really cannot believe it! I am down to a small room of just Charlie and Luca now with Luca moving up at the end of the month ☹️

We will be welcoming in winter Ruben, Bowen, James and at the end of winter new baby Sierra. (Congratulations Wiki, Jake and Tanamai)

So in the meantime I have been pondering how I will jazz up the Gumnut room with the change back to two rooms looming.. Im hoping to make it fun and bright full of exploratative activities for your little ones!