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newsletter

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Welcome back preschool children

StEPS

The State-wide Eyesight Preschooler Screening (StEPS) program is an initiative of the NSW Department of Health and offers all 4 year old children a free vision screening assessment. They will be at the centre on the 20th June 2012 to do screening at 10:30 am and at Quandialla preschool from 9:15 am. Notes will go home soon asking for permission to have your child's eyes screened. Please return them as soon as possible so we can notify them how many there will be for screening.

Young Eyes

Janine Hobson from Young Eyes who is an Optometrist from Young will once again be at the centre on the 18th October to screen eyes. She will assess the child's colour vision, depth perception, eye co-ordination, eye health, and their vision at distance and up close.

Permission notes will go home in September asking for permission for her to screen eyes.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our Staff are very busy evaluating each child's objectives for the terms. Staff will be available to discuss your child's progress from Monday 18th June to Friday 22nd June. If you would like to have an interview please place your name on the list that is in the sign in/out books for each room. I urge all families to take advantage of this opportunity and to speak to your Child's teacher about their progress.

Information Night

Principals of St Joseph's Primary School, Mr Peter Stephens and Mr Andrew Hooper from The Grenfell Public School will be at our centre on the 18th June at 7.30pm to share information about their schools. All parents who have children starting school in 2013 are encouraged to attend to hear information about the schools. Everyone is welcome to attend

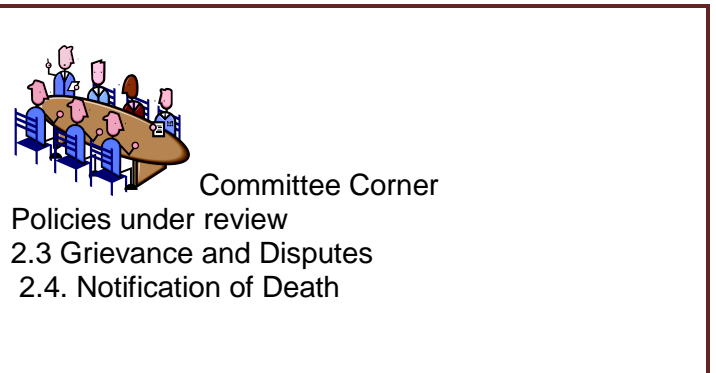
Kick Starting Kids

Paediatric occupational therapy at Young

We have been asked to pass on information about a new occupational therapy service in Young.

Kick starting Kids will focus on assisting children that are experiencing difficulties with sustaining

attention to tasks, modulating sensory input, fine and gross motor skill development and motor planning. This service will also provide services for children with a range of diagnosis including Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADD, ADHD, cerebral palsy, global Developmental delays, Dyspraxia, learning difficulties, Vision / Hearing impairments, Down Syndrome and other neurological disorders
Contact Jose Webber on 0408415338



Committee Corner

Policies under review

2.3 Grievance and Disputes

2.4. Notification of Death

Weddin Mobile Preschool Service News

Preschool times: We have a licence for the service to operate from 9:15am -3:15pm. We cannot take children before that time.

School Photos

Quandialla – 1st August 2012 am

Caragabal – to be advised

Steps Eye Screening at the Quandialla service will be done Wednesday 20th June at 9:15am

Caragabal service will be done at a later time and as soon as we have been notified of the date we will inform you

New phone Number for the Mobile Service

0488045584

Book Club

Book Club is due back on the 11th May 2012

be covered by Loaders insurance they need to pay \$1.00 a day to utilise rural bus services.

Reminders

Medication

Medication will only be administered if it has been prescribed by a doctor or if it is labelled with the child's name and dosage instructions from a pharmacist. All medication must be in its original container and be clearly labelled. Parents are advised to keep children at home if they are unwell. There is no place like home to rest and recuperate.

Parents must complete and sign a medication card, including the child's name, date, name of medication, dose required and time to be administered and when last administered. The medication will then be stored in a locked container.

The medication will be administered by a staff member and another staff member will check the type of medication and dosage is correct. Both staff members will sign the medication card.

Sick Children and Infectious Diseases Policy

The Centre is unable to provide care for sick children. If a child becomes sick at the Centre, staff will consult with the Director and then the parents will be contacted. If the parents cannot be contacted the staff members will then contact the listed emergency contacts on the enrolment form. Staff will document all incidents of sickness in the sick book, providing information about signs and symptoms and action taken. Parents will need to find alternative care arrangements when children are sick.

The Centre retains the right to exclude any child who is regarded by the Director to be a health risk to other children, or any child who is obviously unwell and distressed.

If a child has commenced medication they must be kept at home for at least 24 hours to allow the medication to take effect.

Fees must still be paid if your child is absent due to illness.

Bus Travel

Loaders Bus Service provides a connecting bus from the Preschool to the Public School where Preschool children are able to access their home bus. Loaders Bus Service is not prepared to individually place children on their different home buses. Children travelling on buses are only insured when they are on the bus. For children to

Emergency Evacuation Procedure

Evacuation procedures are clearly displayed in each playroom. Parents are requested to become familiar with emergency procedure and evacuation routes in case of an emergency. The children and staff practice the evacuation procedure four times per year.

Visitors

Work Health and Safety Regulations require the Centre to get all visitors to sign in and out of the Centre. A visitor is any person, other than parents picking up and dropping off their children, who will be staying at the Centre longer than 10 minutes. The visitor's book is located in the foyer.



Dates to Remember

Fun Day in the Park

Sunday 20th May 2012. 10am -12pm

School Photos

November 13th

Biggest Morning Tea

24th May

Net Waste

1st June 2013

Excursion to the town Library for the Star Room Children

23rd May

StEPS Eye Screening

20th June 2012

Young Eyes

18th October 2012