



# CTC Childcare Services

## Monthly Newsletter

August 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am sure by now you have all heard from your children about our visitor last week, Blazer Bear and fellow fire fighters, Stacey and Leigh. Thank you Stacey and Leigh for sparing the time to visit us and help the children understand what they need to do in a fire emergency.

This month we say goodbye to Wendy who has worked at Nanango Childcare Centre for over 3 years. All the children and staff are going to miss you, Wendy and we wish you well in your new endeavours.

On a happier note we would like to welcome Deanne who will now be the Assistant Educator in the Nursery. Please make her feel welcome.

Megan will be putting the Chalk Educated Toys and Parent Direct Catalogues out in the foyer of both centres for parents to collect. Please ensure that orders are returned by 1st December to give Megan plenty of time to get them organised and sent off. There are some lovely toys in the catalogue this year. This is a great fundraiser for our centres where we can use the funds raised to purchase equipment for your children.

We currently have some vacancies in all rooms across both centres. If you know anyone who may be interested in booking their child/children in, ask them to drop in to the office at either centre to pick up an enrolment pack and discuss their requirements for their child. We would be happy to show them around the centres. If you want to increase your child's attendance days we would be happy to discuss this with you as well.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Bye for now

Theresa

#### August

- Monday 12th RNA Show Holiday  
**(centres will be closed)**
- 10th—18th National Science Week
- 17th—24th Book Week



## Reminders

- \* Both centres are in need of ice cream containers, newspapers, magazines and hessian bags. If you have any of these items at home could you please bring them in.
- \* Make sure your children's belongings are well labelled with their name. Could all children also bring a water bottle and hat?

## News from our Rooms

### Schoolies Room

*Before School Care:* The mornings are still cold so we stay in the Pre-prep room to stay warm. Over the next few weeks the children will be learning different things which are displayed in our room on the walls - Emergency people who help us when we need help i.e. Police, Fire Fighters, Ambulance, Doctors, Nurses and Dentists. Then we will be moving on to Out of Space.

*After School Care:* Once we have walked across from the school and placed our hats in our bags we all sit in our room and get ready for afternoon tea. In the next few weeks we will be doing some science experiments with the children. As this can get a bit messy, we do ask that parents send a spare shirt in their bags. When it's time to go outside, we get out all different activities for them to play with while in the yard. Please make sure your child has a hat and drink bottle.

Toni, Tane and Shantelle

### Pumpkins Room

We will be continuing on with our shapes again this month. The children are really enjoying finding the shapes on the floor.

We are starting to toilet train some of the children. If we haven't already talked to you about your child and you would like us to start toilet training, please talk to us so we can work out what is best for your child.

This month we are also starting our Father's Day gifts. I hope Dad will enjoy the hard work your child will be putting into this gift.

We have been able to get new blackboards for our yard and the children have absolutely loved being able to draw on the boards. We are also going to incorporate the colours with the shapes this month.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to talk to us about them or alternatively there is a parent communication book on the sign in desk if you would like to leave a message.

Lastly Chrissy would like to take this opportunity to let you all know that Wendy is leaving us to go to the Sunshine Coast. She will be dearly missed by myself and the children. All the best for your new adventure Wendy.

Chrissy and Wendy





## Tadpoles Room

We are really enjoying our computers with lots of games. The children are still looking at their colours. Most of the children are enjoying looking at the alphabet and also learning the sounds of the letters. This is one of our games on the computer which is proving to be very popular. We are also looking at how we hold our pencils to write or draw.

The children are very busy working on their Father's Day gifts. These are going to be super and all the children are very eager to have a go. We are still looking at healthy eating, watch out for our caterpillar. Just a reminder that each child is to bring a piece of fruit for share fruit.

Gayle, Jaimee-Leigh, Jeanette, Jo & Tane

## Pre - Prep Room

At Community Kids we have been learning about different modes of transport. Now we have car posters and transport stamp pictures on display. The children love to drive their cars, ride their motorbikes, fly their aeroplanes and steer their boats. Singing "Row Your Boat" with a partner is so much fun and when the chairs are set up for our bus ride everyone loves to take turns at driving it while we sing "The Wheels on the Bus".

Our worm farm is established and they must be getting fat from all the tasty treats they have been eating. A huge thank you to Jake's mum for providing the worms and setting up the worm farm for us. The garden beds are flourishing and all the children really enjoy watering and tending them. The compost bin has been moved to a safer spot and everyone wants to feed the compost bin.

What a wonderful surprise we had on Thursday 1st August, Blazer Bear came with fire fighters Stacey and Leigh, to help the children understand



what needs to be done if there is a house fire. I was very proud of the children when they all knew the emergency phone number 000. They were all interested in learning how to "Stop Drop and Roll" and certainly knew how to scream or yell for help if they were in a fire. You may have even heard them practising!!

Our next topic is going to be "Dinosaurs" so if you have any sources of information we could use we would appreciate being able to borrow them and we promise to always take very good care of them.

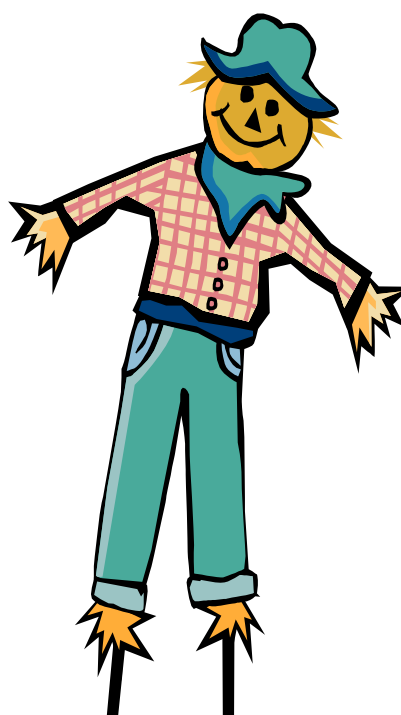
All the children have been practising writing their name and now some of them are able to do this unassisted. We are so proud of all the work the children have been doing.

There are many drink bottles and articles of clothing in our "lost clothes box". These must belong to someone, so we are asking you to please check.

We are still asking for ice cream containers, magazines and newspapers as our supplies are very limited so we would appreciate your assistance.

Take care and keep healthy

Rhonda & Emma





## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Cherry Cornflake Crisps

#### INGREDIENTS

- 90g butter
- 1/3 cup caster sugar
- 1 tbs honey
- 4 cups Cornflakes
- 1/3 chopped glace cherries

#### METHOD

Melt butter with sugar and honey in a small saucepan until frothy. Place cornflakes into a large mixing bowl. Pour over butter mixture. Mix well. Spoon into paper patty cases arranged on baking trays. Sprinkle liberally with cherries. Bake in a slow oven 150°C for 10 minutes or until beginning to brown. Allow to cool. Store in an airtight container.

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