

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is great to see all the children and staff in the rooms preparing their displays for the upcoming Nanango Show which is to be held on 11 and 12 April. Everyone is having fun with these and the results are wonderful. By now everyone should have received our Easter Fundraiser. Please ask your friends and family if they would like some delicious Marshmallow Bunnies, Rocky Road Eggs and Easter Biscuits this year. All money raised will go towards the purchase of forts for both the centres. Please remember all orders and payment to be in by Friday 4 April 2014.

### Staff away this month

Community Kids - Toni will be away from 12 to 31 March. Tane will be replacing Toni in the Schoolies Room.

Nanango Childcare Centre - Chrissy will be away from 13 to 19 March. Kacy will be replacing Chrissy in the 2 - 4 Room

Rhonda and Theresa will be away from 31st March to 4th April attending a Young Learners Conference in Sydney. Tane will be replacing Rhonda while she is away and if any parent/guardian has any other enquiries during this time please contact Megan.

### Reminders

A reminder to parents to please check if they have any unsigned attendance sheets. Attendance sheets can be located in the foyer of each centre. If you are unsure where to find them please ask one of the staff.

Vacation Care enrolments are now available from the office and Schoolies Room at Community Kids.

If you are going away this Easter holidays please remember to fill in the holidays form located at each centre so you can take advantage of our reduced fees for the holidays.

Photo Day this year will be held on Friday 9 May. We will let you know times as we get closer to the day. There will be payment/order envelopes going home within the next few weeks. These must be filled out and returned to the office on or before photo day. If payment is not received on or before photo day parents will not be able to purchase photos. All children are welcome to be in the group photo.

Parents please remember to bring in some fruit to share each day. All of the rooms in both centres are now having shared fruit at morning tea.

We currently have vacancies in all rooms across both centres. If your friends and family are wanting to enrol their children please encourage them to drop into the office at either centre for an enrolment pack. We would love to show them around our centres.

Are you thinking about increasing your child's days of attendance? I would be happy to discuss this with you.

Take care

Theresa

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### March

- 21 Harmony Day
- 29 Earth Hour

#### April

- 7 - 22 School Holidays
- 11 - 12 Nanango Show
- 7 Vacation Care commences
- 18 Good Friday  
**Centre Closed**
- 21 Easter Monday  
**Centre Closed**
- 25 Anzac Day  
**Centre Closed**



# News from our Rooms

## Cubs Room

Well the time has come for us to fill everyone in on what our wonderful babies have been doing in our room. We are all eagerly waiting for Easter and the Easter Bunny to arrive. To keep us busy in the meantime we have been getting our wonderful artwork ready for the Nanango Show for everyone to have a look at. We can't wait for you all to see what we have in store, they are looking just fantastic. We had the pleasure of helping Lucas celebrate his first birthday last month. Thank you to Lucas' mum who bought in a yummy cake for everyone to share. During March we are going to slowly start introducing colours to the children each week. All of our artwork will involve the colour of the week. We will start with our primary colours. There is so much fun to be had, nobody would even know we were learning at the same time. Please remember as the cooler weather starts to come upon us to put a jumper and spare clothes in your child's bag to help combat the flu bug. We are all having a great time in the Cubs Room.

Until next time

Jaimee and Dee



## Cheeky Cheetahs Room

Welcome to all our new friends who have started this month!!!

Wow we have been busy lately! We are learning our ABCs and to count to 10, we learnt the song "Heads and Shoulders", we love singing Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star and this is just at mat time. We have created many beautiful pieces of artwork using different techniques which help to enhance our fine motor skills. We have been painting, using shaving cream, our hands and feet, collaging, making masks and writing our name in sand just to name a few activities. This month we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day on the 17 March, getting our artwork ready for the show, making pancakes and many more exciting activities.

Miss Sarah, Miss Chrissy, Miss Jo and Miss Jeanette





## Pre-Prep Room

March already! We have been so busy, the time is flying by. During February we concentrated on learning about ourselves and different body parts. At the moment our topic is 'Under the Sea' and the display in our room is so colourful. The children have created octopi, starfish, seaweed, fish as well as other sea creatures. The poem "Ocean Motion" allows the children to move like so many different animals that can be found in the ocean.

The Sinking and Floating activity was fun. Everyone waited their turn and then had to predict whether their object (e.g. wooden block) would sink or float.

Our early morning routine includes names on the door, lunchboxes and water bottles in the fridge and bedding in the cupboard. It is so rewarding to see the children learning to recognise their own name.

Outside all children have loved playing in the water tray with all the underwater creatures. Of course the most popular place is the sandpit where roads, tunnels, towns and castles appear, while bikes are zooming around.

We are helping the Schoolies create a display for the Nanango Show. It will look amazing when finished but remember that the only place you can view it will be at the Show.

Please remember named hats, bedding in a named bag as well as water bottles that are clearly marked with the child's name.

If you wish to see the children's Scrap Books or just have a chat please just ask.

Miss Rhonda and Miss Emma



## Schoolies Room

The Schoolies' routine is becoming established both in the morning and afternoon. We spend our mornings in Miss Rhonda's room with the Pre-Preps using the computers, dressing up and playing different activities.

All afternoons start with some afternoon tea before going and playing outside. Over the past week we have started our Nanango Show display which every child is contributing to. The children helped choose the theme and design and we all can't wait to see how it turns out once we have finished painting it.

Outside everyone enjoys building cubbies using our pink mats. It's great to see our Schoolies helping the younger children and allowing them to join in the fun. Later in the afternoon we have started going back into the Schoolies Room to have some more free play. The children enjoy playing the Xbox 360 and we sometimes have more cubbies built inside too.

The Schoolies Room has started to collect the DreamWorks Hero cards from Woolworths. If any families have any cards they would like to donate we would great appreciate them.

Miss Toni and Miss Maryanne



The boys having a great time with the sea creatures in the water trough



The girls having fun getting their Nanango Show display ready



## **Recipe of the Month – Apple and Strawberry Fruit Roll-Ups**

### **Ingredients**

- \* 5 large apples, peeled, core removed and thinly sliced
- \* 1 punnet strawberries, stem removed and cut in half
- \* 1 cup water

### **Method**

- \* Pre-heat oven to 120°C
- \* In a medium saucepan add all ingredients and cook for approximately 5 minutes (or until soft) then blend until relatively smooth
- \* Pour fruit mixture onto a baking paper lined baking tray and evenly spread
- \* Place tray in oven for 2 hours
- \* Once it has dried but still has a slightly sticky consistency remove from oven. The dehydrating process can take a long time depending on the type of fruit and the level of moisture
- \* Once ready, slice and roll up in cling film to keep

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