

CTC Childcare Services

Monthly Newsletter

APRIL 2015

April

- 25 Anzac Day

May

- 1 Starlight Day
- 7 Photo Day
- 8 World Red Cross Day
- 10 Mother's Day
- 15 International Day of Families
- 17 RSPCA Million Paws Walk
- 22 National Walk Safely to School Day
- 26 National Sorry Day
- 28 Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back! I hope all families have had a safe and happy Easter and holidays.

Our recent vacation care program has been a great success, with a variety of activities, swimming excursions and a visit from the alpacas being amongst our favourites.

We have some fantastic news! We have received a part grant from the SunSmart Cancer Council, to erect a large shade sail at Community Kids.

For those families that attended the Nanango show, I hope you all saw our display in the pavilion. The children across both centres worked really hard to come up with some creative ideas in partnership with the show's theme of celebrating 100 years of Anzac.

We will be conducting a photo day for each centre on the 7th of May. More information will be given closer to the date.

Thank you, Renae and Megan.

CTC CHILDCARE BUS SERVICE

CTC Childcare service offer a bus service to the immediate Nanango district for children who attend Community Kids or the Nanango Childcare Centre. Using the service incurs a small cost of two dollars per child per day. For more information please contact Megan or Renae.



NEWS FROM THE ROOMS

Nursery

What a fantastic month we have had. So many milestones have been reached including three of our babies learning to walk, so very proud of you all. We all had an absolute ball making our Easter baskets and chocolates for mum and dad (hope you all enjoyed them). We loved our family input this month, it allowed us to extend on activities. For example, the Brown family made cubby houses on the weekend therefore we made cubby houses here in the center for the children and they all had a fantastic time. If you have done something interesting or are doing something interesting on the weekend please let us know all about it, we have fun with family input.

Until next time, Jaimee and Kacy



Cheeky Monkeys Room

Welcome to another month of fun and learning! Here in the 2-4 room we really know how to have a good time. We often play dress ups, sing songs, count and do art and craft activities. Most of us love getting our hands into paint, shaving cream, mud, wet sand and slime. That's why it is important to pack at least one spare shirt, shorts and undies in your child's bags. We never know in advance when we are going to get messy as we tend to do all of our activities spontaneously so that we are focussing our learning on what the children are interested in right now. Just because John loves dinosaurs today doesn't mean that he will have any interest in them tomorrow, so planning a weeks worth of dinosaur activities doesn't cater for the here and now of learning. We are also greatly interested in some family/parent input, for example Joe trying to draw stick people or ride a two wheeled bike. If we know this information we can support the children better with their current needs and development. If you don't have time to stop and chat to us please feel free to write us a note and pop it in your child's lunch box. We will be sure to find it there.

Thanks and have a great month.

Miss Dee, Miss Sheryl, Miss Mary Anne, Miss Liz & Miss Tracy



Pre-Prep

This year is flying by and now we are in term two.

As the weather is becoming cooler, please ensure all children have some spare, named warmer clothes available in their bags.

In recognition of "Sea Week" the children not only made jelly fish, but jelly as well. All these wiggly animals joined Ossie Octopus on the wall, along with funny fish, crazy crabs and smiling star-fish. We have also been talking about other countries and had such fun creating masks from France, Koi Nobori from Japan and dragons from China. Some of our dragons looked very frightening.

We celebrated St Patrick's Day by finding a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, decorating our four-leaf clovers and eating yummy green bread.

A huge thankyou to Jake's mum for bringing in a worm farm. You can't miss it, the box is so brightly coloured! Yogi the lamb also visited with Jake's mum and we all fed and patted him. He is a sheep that will never need to be shorn. Also our worms are flourishing as they are receiving so much TLC and all our plants are looking very healthy. The seeds that Summer and Miss Shelly planted are all growing well and look beautiful on the window sill.

All our children are so clever. Each day they locate their own name to place on the door picture. They are also showing great interest in shapes, numbers and letters.

Again we would like to remind you that all children require a wide brimmed hat, a water bottle and their own bedding. All items need to be named and be with your child every day of attendance. We have been pleased to see less packaged/processed foods in lunch boxes, because we are always encouraging healthy eating.

Thankyou to the families who have taken the time to complete family Input sheets. Your contributions are always appreciated.

If you haven't met Mr Paws, then you may soon. Throughout the year we hope he can spend time with every family.

Please remember that your input regarding your child is important to us and we can always find time for a chat!

Hope the Easter Bunny found you and shared some Easter Goodies with you all.

Thankyou,

Miss Rhonda and
Miss Shelly.



Schoolies Room

First term has been amazingly creative and active at schoolies. Our kids have been making Transformers from magnetic blocks and using Lego to make robots. They created a giant sting-ray and placed shells on the floor, with the children being the fish playing under the sea.

We have invented a game called "Frozen" which is similar to tag, only you have to get a hug from Olio to get free. Soccer matches are now underway as we were donated a set of mini soccer goals. Thankyou from schoolies, as we have lots of fun with Mr Sean teaching us soccer skills.

St Patrick's Day was a laugh with all the dress-ups and green bread from the local bakery. We looked up the story on St Patrick and it was very interesting.

One of our schoolies has done an ancestral tribal picture story. We have been discovering her tribal language, culture and history. She is traveling this Easter to stay with family and is proud to be able to say "Hello grandma, I love you" in her language. We will hear all the wonderful stories in term two.

The schoolies have finally agreed on our growth window design. It will be an Indigenous hands design. We hope to have this finished in term two.

To everyone we hope your Easter holidays were happy and safe. Please remember all families are welcome at the schoolies room anytime.

Miss Tracey and Mr Sean



Recipe of the Month - Little Fishwiches

Ingredients

- 1 x 185g can tuna in spring water, drained, flaked
- 2 celery stalks, finely chopped
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 16 slices wholemeal bread
- 16 slices white bread
- 16 slices light rye bread
- 2 large avocados, mashed
- 2 large Lebanese cucumbers, very thinly sliced diagonally

Method

Step 1:

Combine tuna, celery and mayonnaise in a medium bowl.

Step 2:

Using a 9cm fish-shaped cutter, cut 1 fish shape from each slice of bread, discarding trimmings.

Step 3:

Spread 24 fish shapes with avocado. Place 2 slices of cucumber, slightly overlapping, on top of avocado. Divide tuna mixture over cucumber. Place remaining fish shapes over filling. Serve.



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