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## Newsletter May 2008

### Children absent

Please telephone the centre when your child is absent due to illness or is 'just absent'. It is greatly appreciated by the staff who work with your child and if it is a communicable disease, staff need to inform other parents.

### Entertainment Book Fundraiser

I have been receiving orders for the new Entertainment book for 2008/2009. Some parents say they do not go out for dinner so could not justify buying one, however, there are also family discounts and many lunchtime 2 for 1 deals at places that you may be using now but did not realise were in the Entertainment book.

If you would like to purchase a book, please fill out the form and return via the green letterbox in the Possum or Koala room or the maroon letterbox in the Joey room. \$13.00 of each book sold goes to the centre to purchase new toys and resources for the children.

### Phone number update

Please advise staff if your mobile, work or landline number has changed so we can keep details up-to-date in case of an emergency. These telephone numbers are our only way of contacting you if your child becomes unwell or needs emergency treatment while they are in our care.

### News from the Joey room

We have had a busy first term for 2008, settling in new children, helping children transition to the Possum room and making changes to increase the quality of care we give your children.

Positive responses have been received about the new report forms we started at the beginning of the term. Staff are enjoying spending more time with the children too.

The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed reading all the favourite books that were brought in from home. We displayed a poster of all the books which children loved looking at.

We will be starting a new program format in term 2. Parents of the focus children will receive a letter telling them about their child's developmental progress and other activities that are happening.

Thankyou for labelling your child's belongings. Thankyou also for your support to settle your children in and for helping us provide them with the best care. Your support is greatly appreciated.

*Rukhsana, Tracy, Candice, Nadia and Karina.*

### News from the Possum room

Well it's all go in the Possum Room. At present most of our Possum's are out of nappies and doing extremely well with toilet training. A big thankyou to all parents who have supported us by providing plenty of spare clothes.

Lunch times have become less hectic with the group of children being separated into two. This has enabled older children to participate in our new Letterland program, which has proven to be a huge success. The outcomes have included recognition of the focus letter and teamwork. Our Possum friends are also learning to count in French as well as English (trés bon), another fantastic learning outcome.

Some of our parents/carers may have already noticed the format change of our programming; a letter to Possum parents of your child's new focus group will follow shortly. The Possum room is still *discouraging* children from bringing their own toys into childcare but we do *encourage* books (labelled)

as we love our story–time sessions. We also WELCOME any parent who would like to share any reading time with us or would like to be involved in any way (cooking, story-telling, outdoor activity etc).

*Sarah, Jessica, Jacqui, Kathy.*

### **News from the Koala room**

We have had a very busy start to the year, and the children are having the time of their life. Our communication and language skills are being strengthened every day during our Letterland time. So far this year we have focus on ‘n- noisy Nick’, ‘o-Oscar orange’, ‘p-Peter puppy’, ‘q-quarrelsome queen’ and at present ‘r-robot red’. During this time we have practised writing words beginning with these letters, brainstorming words and also doing activities beginning with a particular letter.

At the moment ‘r’ robot red is our letter and we have made robots, rockets, painted roses, had running races, collage rabbits, made reindeer faces and created a robot height chart.

Some of our themes for the last term have been summer, transport, numbers, and currently we are learning about ‘our bodies’. To help us gain more knowledge about our body we have made skeletons, talked about healthy parts, and discussed what certain body parts do and how our bodies grow as we get older. Aileen (Sarah’s mum) and the Koala children have been working on the transport mural during the term. Both have really enjoyed their time working together. Thanks Aileen.

To make our room a more harmonious one, we have been working on friendships, good listening skills at group times, and packing away our toys when we finish playing with them. All the children are enjoying the Montessori trays, which help them to strengthen every day skills including pouring, squeezing, sorting etc. During group times we have been also learning sign language. Some of the signs we have learnt are; please, thankyou, toilet, milk, letters, colours and animals. The children have responded very well to this. Next term we will be reading “Where Is the Green Sheep” by Mem Fox and all of the *signs* associated with it.

Please remember to put appropriate shoes on your child, as this is a safety issue, especially when they are outside climbing on the equipment. The ‘Croc’ shoes that are popular at the moment are fantastic for walking around at home or at the shops but unfortunately not for the childcare environment where running, climbing and being active is important.

*Beck, Robyn, Lucy, Dee.*

### **Payment of accounts**

Accounts are produced every fortnight. Please ensure payment is made during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the two-week period (that is, one week in arrears and one week in advance). If paying by Internet, please allow 2-3 working days for the payment to transfer from your account to CECC (SA) account. Remember 5% of the outstanding fee is charged for non-payment of the account within this two-week period of care. If non-payment continues after this time, your child’s care will be reviewed and possibly cancelled, the account will then be placed in the hands of a debt collector.

### **Internet Banking**

Don’t forget Internet banking is presently one of the cheapest ways to pay your account. Many parents are using Internet banking which is proving to be more convenient than carrying cash or drawing a cheque. It also helps you as you can set up periodical payments. Let me know if you are interested in this form of banking. Here are the details:

#### **BankSA**

**Account name: CECC (SA) Pty Ltd.**

**BSB: 105-074**

**Account number: 044 369 840**

Return your account envelope or Internet banking receipt marked ***Internet Banking*** and the ***date of transaction.***

Wendy Butcher  
Director.