

OUR FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Hello again to our families and a big welcome to our new families.

We are swiftly approaching the end of term 3 and the children have been very busy.

The traditional dance program with the Gindan Djalbu Dance Group has also commenced with Aunty Colette, Aunty Mary, Aunty Ciolla and Aunty Jaynaya teaching the children traditional songs and dance each Thursday.

The kindergarten program will also soon commence participation in the traditional language program with Thornbury Primary school each week. Our kindergarten children will be travelling across to the school to participate. We are now at a very busy time of the year. I am looking forward to seeing families at the behavior guidance workshop next Thursday evening - 5th September 2013.

Please also check our newly designed website. Hope you all enjoy this latest edition of our newsletter

LATE ARRIVALS

We would like to remind parents/carers that **9.30am** is the latest arrival time for parents/carers dropping off children.

Families that are running late due to appointments or traffic conditions **MUST** contact the service prior to 9:30am to advise they will be late. This will avoid staff refusal to parents/carers when arriving late without notification.



UPDATED ENROLMENT FORMS

Could families please ensure that they have provided the office with their newly updated information, on a number of occasions; Educators try to contact parents in regards to their child. This ensures that we have accurate and up to date information on your child.

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STAFF REPORTS

Babies Room - Aunty Mary V, Aunty Tegan & Aunty Kim

Babies have been making Father's Day gifts which they loved making. Also we are doing numbers and colors with the older children, and a lot of reading books and singing. Every Thursday the children enjoy the Koori Dancing.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

Happy Birthday to Mia 1/8/13 (2yrs), Heath 30/7/13(2yrs), Tayah 1/8/13 (1yrs) and Aaliyah 6/9/13 (1yrs).



Joeys Room-Aunty Lyndee, Aunty Wendy & Aunty Pam

First of all we like to welcome Kari and Sofia to the Joey's room. In the past we have been doing transport Trucks, Cars and Trains. Also painting art and crafts, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, ladybugs and Bees. Teaching the children how to look after the plants we have in our outdoor area. We have a fruit and vegetable market which was very successful the children loved going shopping with the cash register and trolleys. What we are doing at present is learning our colors, numbers and alphabet, emotions, daytime, nighttime, tools and building. Also we are doing nocturnal animals e.g. Owls.



Wombats Room- Aunty Carolyn & Aunty Jessica

The Wombats have been very busy this term. We have been doing lots of writing, coloring numbers, Fine Motor activities e.g.: Coloring in destinations and Pencil holding. We have finished our Father's Day gifts. The children have been doing lots of Arts and Crafts e.g.: Caterpillars, Fish and Butterflies.

The children are really enjoying the Koori Dance Group. Also the Wombats have an exercise session every Friday mornings.



KINDETRGARTEN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The School Holidays are fast approaching us.

The final day for this program will be

21st September - 4th October 2013.

The normal 4 - 5 year old kindergarten program will commence on Monday **7th October 2013.**

MOONA'S/HEADLICE ALERT

There has been an ongoing problem with headlice in December and January. This is an ongoing problem in the summer months and Yappera have received a number of reported headlice cases from families.

Please ensure parents/carers check their child/rens hair on a daily basis and treat if necessary to avoid the spread of headlice.

FEES

Could parents/carers please ensure that they are aware of the fee charges for 2013 and remain up to date with fee payment's.

Fee payment options include:-

- Cash payments
- Direct Debit
- Direct Credit
- EFT Payment
- EFTPOS
- Centre-pay

AUNTY ROBYN HUGHES

Aunty Robyn is working in the rooms with the children doing cultural activities.

Cultural activities included are:

- Koori Storytelling
- Koori Art & Crafts
- Damper making



NATIONAL ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT CHILDREN DAY



Yappera held a Pajama Day along with a Crazy Hair Day. The children really enjoyed the day with lots of activities going on. The children also got to hold and feed some animals.



KOORI DANCING

Every Thursday morning we have Gindan Djalbu Dance Group come in and do some Koori dancing with the children.

The Dance group does dancing and the children play the clap sticks.



SPARE CLOTHES

Could families please ensure that adequate spare clothing is provided on a daily basis.

This is for the purpose of water pay, food and drink spills, accidents and weather conditions.

This ensures that we do not have to contact the family to collect their child/children if they have had an accident and do not have a spare change of clothing.

For children who are toilet training, adequate changes of clothing, underwear and pull up's **MUST** be provided daily.



URGENT

Yappera Kinder are in URGENT need of Jam Jars. We will take any Jars even if they do not have any lids.

Thank-you
KINDER

RELIEF STAFF

Yappera have a number of excellent relief staff who work within the service on a regular basis and are fantastic! Relief staff backfill permanent program staff are here on a regular basis.

These are:

- Aunty Michelle Crilly
- Aunty Renae Him
- Aunty Saska Belevski
- Aunty Kim Do



UP COMING EVENTS AT YAPPERA ☺

- **Thursday 5th September**

Behavior- Mucking up Workshop
At Yappera 6pm - 9pm
Light meal provided

- **Friday 6th September**

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Please note that Yappera will be closed on this day.

Kinder School Holidays

21st September - 4th October 2013

PLEASE NOTE YAPPERA KINDER WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SAFE HOLIDAYS

