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Lane Cove Early Learning Centre

From the Manager



Hi Parents and Carers,

Well we have finally made it to December! And what a busy month we have coming up with heaps of festive activities and events to finish off a fantastic 2010 ☺

Open Day/Parent Night

I would firstly like to thank all the families who came along to show your support for our centre at our centre open day last month. We ended up having a great day and were able to welcome some new families to our centre starting 2011 so we hope you had fun too! Also thank you to the parents who were able to make it along to our parent evening we appreciate you all battling the nasty weather to come along!

Centre Photos

In November we also had our centre class and individual photos. While a few of our friends were a little shy around the camera at first, we all ended up showing some beautiful smiles for the camera. All photos will available to collect at the centre from Friday the 10th of December.

December Events

We have a few events planned for December in the lead up to Christmas –our centre Christmas party will be held on Friday the 10th of December from 3pm -7pm. The Jumping castle will be set up from 3pm (hence the early start) however as we understand that most parents do work in the afternoons, we have decided to start our Christmas concert and graduation from 5pm to allow for parents to be able to come along and watch and of course Santa will be popping in shortly after this. We understand that this unfortunately will not suit everyone’s work commitments, however we feel that this is the latest we are able to commence the event.

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As well as the Christmas party this year we will also be having a Christmas community morning tea on Wednesday 15th December from 10am -12pm where we will be inviting family and community member to come and listen to a small chamber group from the Australian Royal Navy Band Sydney Detachment, join in some activities and stay for some refreshments. We hope that we you are all able to come along ☺

Staff Changes

It is with regret that I am now to inform you of some staff changes that will be occurring next year at the centre ☺
As much as I have LOVED my time at the centre working in my position as centre manager, I have come to the decision that I will be moving back to live in Brisbane at the end of 2010 –hence resigning from my position. This has been a very difficult decision for me to make as I have really enjoyed getting to know you all and working with this great team of staff! However unfortunately I really miss my family and it is to them that I will be returning home to.

I would like to thank you all for your continuing support throughout the 14months that I have been at the centre! I really feel the Lane Cove Early Learning Centre team of 2010 has been able to achieve some great things this year and has a bight out look to start another fantastic year in 2011 ☺ Guardian has already begun interviewing for my replacement and we have all been working very hard to prepare for a great 2011 to ensure that the transition is as smooth as possible. My last day at the centre will be Friday the 17th December allowing me time to make the drive home for Christmas.

Thank you all again for a fantastic year! I wish the centre all the best for the future and hope look forward to visiting when I am next back down in Sydney –which hopefully wont be too far away ☺ I hope you all have a wonderful and safe Christmas break.

Take Care
Kind regards
Chevelle

Centre Policy **Review**

This month we will be focusing on reviewing our Food & Nutrition Policy.

Our Centre Administration Policies1.23-1.33 can be found in the policy review folder in the foyer. Please feel free to read the policies each month and offer feedback.



Centre Availability

Please check the table below for centre availability for 2010. If you require more days please contact us ASAP so that we are able to assist you where possible. Please note that the Bumble Bees room spaces are filling up quickly!

Room/ Days	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Butterflies	*			*	*
Bumble Bees					*

* Indicates availability on that day
Please Note: These vacancies may change daily.

AlphaTykes News

Bonjour!

The children are now learning about "Mon Corps" (My Body) in their French classes. This is another great module for making the children's new language practical for day-to-day use. This module teaches more than 30 new words related to the body from top to bottom including arms, legs, hands, feet, eyes, ears, mouth... New vocabulary includes the colours pink and purple and the number 8. In this module's stories Pierre and Marie play with their mother's make up, have a day at the pool and Marie makes a special drawing. The children will play games such as "Simon says" and our own version of 'Pictionary' and do craft activities including a family tree and do a body collage.

Our bilingual program is run by AlphaTykes. More information about the program including pronunciation guides and information about the curriculum can be found at www.alphatykes.com.au. CD's, story books, activity books and flash cards for all "Less Animaux a la Maison" and "Ma Maison" modules are now available for purchase so that your child can practise at home and become fluent faster. Please see Chevelle for more information.



Up Coming Events:

December 2010:

**Friday 10th December – Centre Annual Christmas Party from 3pm
Jumping Castle, Santa Visit and more...**

**Wednesday 15th December – 10.00-12.00 Christmas morning Tea
Chamber group from Australia Royal Navy Band Sydney
Detachment playing some Christmas Carols
And visitors from the Community**

**Friday 24th December – Centre Last Day of operation for 2010
Centre will re open Tuesday 4th January 2011**

**Up coming Library Visits in October-
Tuesday 7th December 11am**

**If you are able to come along and help out with our Library visits please let us
know your help would be greatly appreciated!**

Kitchen News

Cooking with Lesley:

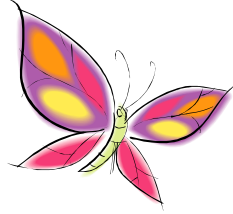
During the last month, we made some really yummy chocolate spiders! We all took turns to mix the Rice Bubbles together with the chocolate and butter. We then spooned some of the mixture into party patties and decorated these with liquorice legs and sultana eyes. Then we had to put them in the fridge so that they went nice and hard and were ready to eat!

The menu for the rooms has basically stayed the same this month, with the only difference being the pikelets replaced by English Muffins in the mornings.



Thanks

Lesley



Butterfly Room News

This month, the butterflies have enjoyed the extended activities set up, from the information the 'What we did on the weekend' sheets filled out by parents. Most experiences have been spontaneous and have engaged all the butterflies, not only the focus child/ren.

News time has also been a new addition to the program which gives the children the opportunity to verbally communicate their weekend experiences and develop their language skills.

The children have been practising for the Christmas concert – which will be performed at the Christmas Party on Friday 10th December. They have also been making Christmas presents for you and are thoroughly enjoying the process.

Next year, the children that are 3 years old will be transitioning into the Bumble Bee's room in January. In February, they will be Bumble Bee's permanently and will be greatly missed.

These children are Anetta, Lucy B, Paige, Joshua, Milly, Shou Yi, Hamish, Sebastian and Amelia.

The rest of the Butterflies will remain in the Butterflies room.

As this is the last newsletter of the year, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a fantastic New Year.

Happy Holidays

Jen and Roscoe ☺





Bumble Bee Room News

Mermaids 3-4 year group:

This month has been as busy as last month. We are still trying to fit in our new Early learning Framework. We are learning our new curriculum through trial and error to find out the best way of programming for our children and to meet their needs.

As we mentioned in our last month's newsletter, our Mermaids have been looking at the living and non living things. This interest has emerged by observing the insects in the yard as a living thing. We extended this interest through studying about different types of insects - insects that fly and insects that sting.

Another topic that has emerged this month was when we did our letter 'L' for language. It was lovely to hear the Mermaids ask the question "What's a language?" We did some activities to understand the meaning of language and named different languages we knew about and spoke. We also practiced our French words during our routines.

As Christmas is fast approaching, we have started to get ready by doing some craft activities and practiced singing Christmas songs for the concert. Mermaids are making a special present for their parents as well!

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish Xavier, Olivia and Phoebe the best wishes in their new schools as this month of December is their last day at Early Learning Centre.

Hope you have a great Christmas and a wonderful New year!

Thank You
Anusha and Anna.



Snow Leopards 4-5 years group:

This month the Snow Leopards have been busy with school readiness activities and beginning our Christmas celebration preparation.

It was great fun to have a lunch box day where all the children brought in a home-made lunch, which we ate outside in the playground to resemble a 'school lunchtime'. This gave children the opportunity to practise opening packets and boxes as well as beginning to take responsibility for putting their own rubbish in the bin and taking care of their own belongings.

We discussed how lunchtimes will be at school as well as other parts of the day. The children seem very interested and keen about the 'Big School' subject so we have talked about this a lot!! We will be doing more school readiness activities over the next few weeks before Christmas and hopefully have another lunch box day.

The snow leopards have voted Lego as their favourite activity for this month and children have shown great imagination in their creations, all the while improving fine motor skills and hand/eye co-ordination. Also role play games have been very popular during free-play time, allowing children to invent their own games, encouraging social interaction and communication skills.

We have been busy working on our Christmas for our family as well as doing Christmas craft. Our Christmas party is coming up so we have also been practising some Christmas songs! I hope everyone can make it to the party on Friday 10th December. It will be great fun to celebrate with staff, families and the kids!

Wishing you all the very best this Christmas, and a happy New Year.

Thanks

Catherine and Vanessa.

Reminders

- **Please put sunscreen on your child upon arrival in the morning as we are going outside earlier.** Staff will reapply sunscreen throughout the day.

- Sheets for rest time
- Spare clothes
- Hats
- Drink bottle

