



NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Families

We hope you enjoyed the tips on the Kids XAP system in our last newsletter. We continue to work with the developer to improve the app for both families and educators. I know they have some exciting releases planned and as soon as I have more information I will share these with you.

At the end of the financial year the Long Day Care Professional Development fund ceased. The centre prides itself on providing opportunities for educators and staff to extend their professional knowledge through attending training sessions. Educators have attended various sessions facilitated by Maria Aarts founder of Marte Meo, and Robin and Toni Christie. They have also attended training on Sensory Processing, Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum, Educational Leader, Respectful Care is only fair, Leading change in your outdoor environment and information sessions on Teacher Registration, Preparing for Legislative changes, Wipe out waste and Mentoring Tafe Students. After educators attend training we ask them to share their knowledge they have gained with their team and at our staff meetings. This provides us with an opportunity to reflect on our practices and discuss if or what changes we would like to implement.

We have welcomed new casuals to the centre and their names are Chelsea and Racheal and we look forward to introducing you to them in the near future. We are also pleased to advise that Deepa will be returning to our casual panel. Jen has tendered her resignation and we are currently advertising for a permanent part - time educator for our centre. On the last page I have listed all the educators and staff who will be taking Annual leave over the next few months.

Our AGM was held in August and we have welcomed new faces to our Governing Council and I have included more information on the next page.

The office will be attended by either Rachel or myself from 8:00 to 5:00. Rachel will be available on Monday and Wednesday. I will be available on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. If you are unable to see either Rachel or myself during those times please let us know and we will arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

Please feel free to call, email or make an appointment if you would like to provide feedback or ideas about our centre or if there are any issues or concerns that you may have. My email address is sharon@modburyccc.org.au.

Sharon - Director

REMINDERS

- **When paying your fees please place your child's name as the reference and your name as the payee**
- If you are having financial difficulties please see Sharon or Rachel to discuss further as this may result in a reduction of days if you have not made an arrangement to reduce your debt.
- For Kindy room families please ensure you remember to take your containers and clothes.
- **If your child will be absent from the centre we ask that you either call the centre by 10am or advise us through Kids XAP app.**
- **Please do not bring food into the centre after 7:30 am**
- Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing to suit the weather. We also ask that you check your child's change of clothes in their bag.
- If you have any unwanted clothing items at home we would love any donations for children's clothing so we have a supply of spare clothes or adults clothing for children to dress up in.

GOVERNING COUNCIL

At the recent AGM we welcomed a number of new members to the governing council and also said farewell. Chris has stepped down from his role as Chairperson and I'd like to take this opportunity to Thank him for all his hard work. Chris has been on the Governing Council for a number of years and held positions such as general committee member, Treasurer and Chairperson. Cassandra is our newly elected Chairperson. We also said farewell to Rachel a committee member for a number of years. In January we will be saying farewell to Kate and Amanda who have also spent numerous years on the committee and we Thank all of them for assisting us to operate the centre. We have welcomed our new committee members Kathryn, Cecelia and Lauren and we look forward to working with them in the coming year.

The governing council is a voluntary group that represents all stakeholders of the centre. As a community organisation, we don't have shareholders and the governing council assumes responsibility for the governance and financial management of the centre. While they don't get paid, council members have an important role in keeping the doors open and making sure the centre is able to provide the great care and educational services that we all expect. If you are interested in finding out how you can be involved please speak with Sharon.



CELEBRATING OUR EDUCATORS

On Friday 27th of October we celebrated International Teachers/Educators Day. The centre has amazing educators who work tirelessly to provide children with outstanding education and care. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families who contributed to our thank you wall. I'd also like to thank Rachel for the amazing job she did to display the kind words, drawings and cards in our staff room and to Kate Whittle who kindly made us morning tea. We celebrated the day with nibbles and lunch.

THANK YOU

A huge thankyou to Sarah and Mark Whitmore who have kindly donated and delivered the large wooden reels for our outdoor environment. The children absolutely love them and they have been facilitating the most amazing play.

They have been used for climbing and imaginative play. They have been boats, tractors, cars and for posting toys. The ideas are limitless.

We are always looking for natural and open ended resources, so if you have any or any suggestions on where we may locate some, please speak to any of our Educators.



NEWS FROM OUR ROOMS

BABY ROOM

Hello from all the Baby Room Educators

It has been a busy time in the Baby room over the last few months as we have welcomed and been settling new babies into the room. All of the new babies have settled in well.

Now that we have entered into spring time the weather is improving and we are having more days of sunshine allowing the babies to get outside and enjoy the outdoor environment more. With these warm days we would just like to remind you to dress your children in sun smart clothes e.g. t-shirts with sleeves, no singlets and appropriate shoes like good sandals or sneakers. Please do not bring your children in crocs as we have found these to cause the children to trip while trying to run and play.



Recently Victoria and Gail have done some training on respectful relationships with infants and toddlers and outdoor environments. Victoria went to the training about respectful relationships with infants and toddlers and learnt about the importance of primary caregiving and making the most of one on one time with infants throughout routine times like nappy changing, feeding and sleep times. She found it really encouraging and a chance for her to reflect on her practices and how she can improve them. Gail went to the training on outdoor environments which she learnt about how to extend the indoor environment to outdoors giving the areas more flow between both. She learnt about making different spaces in the outdoor like nice quiet corners and areas for other play.



To go on from the training particularly the outdoor environment training we are planning to redo our veggie patch now that the weather is nicer. This is something we will encourage the children to be involved in. It is a way of teaching the children about respect and care for their environment and a chance for them to connect with nature.



We would also like to say thank you to all our families for returning the portfolios promptly when they take them home and for filling out the feedback/ planning forms this really helps to plan for your children's development.

We look forward to continuing to support and encourage the children's development
Until next time

Baby Room Educators

TODDLER ROOM

Hello from all the Toddler Room Educators

Welcome to Spring! With the warmer weather we have been enjoying engaging in various outdoor play experiences such as gloop and water play, which the toddlers absolutely love.

On Tuesday the 19th of September we also celebrated 'Talk like a Pirate Day.' The toddlers were involved in multiple experiences, including walking the plank, digging for buried treasure, singing pirate songs and stories, and creating pirates with our handprints which are currently displayed in the room.

With the new season comes a new room programme, and this term we are specifically focusing on two teaching intents- to provide the toddlers with sensory experiences involving touch, for example creating a sensory walk and feet painting, and to introduce them to basic physics such as cause and effect, trial and error, and motion.

We created our programme from observing our children's play, interactions and interests over the past few weeks, and it can be found on the wall next to the sign-in iPad.

Over the past few months some of the Toddler Room Educators have been involved in various courses of Professional Development and learning to continually allow us to provide the best learning and care for our toddlers. Emma attended a seminar on the Marte Mao approach in Early Childhood, which highlights the importance of stepping back, observing and making the most of every interaction with children to support learning that is constantly taking place, and also a course on Outdoor Early Childhood Environments, which highlighted the importance of providing protected spaces that empower children and connect them to nature. Jane also attended a seminar that explored and discussed important research looking into respectful ways of caring, educating and nurturing infants and toddlers.

With the warmer weather could we please ask that you pack a few spare changes of clothes for your child as we love to engage in many hands-on experiences. Also could you please ensure toys are left at home as they can get lost and cause conflict among children (sleep comforters are fine).

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support and filling out necessary documents which allow us to continue to develop individual learning programmes that extend and develop your child's interest, strengths and needs.

From the Toddler Room Educators,
Emma, Julia, Michelle, Karen and Jane.



KINDY ROOM

What a busy, fun and educational time we have enjoyed since our last newsletter.

Our program has encompassed many aspects of safety, including emergency, dog safety, road safety, cooking and currently we are exploring personal safety. Over the coming month we will explore more wellbeing topics such as pets, water, car and sun safety. The children have been very receptive to the learning and it is wonderful to hear them speak about what they have learnt.



The children have enjoyed a number of cultural celebrations and activities, such as Reconciliation Week and La Tomatina Spanish Festival.

Our Father's Day Science Night was well attended and the feedback from families has been wonderful. Thank you to all the educators who worked hard to plan and facilitate the night.



Jo's group has explored many literacy and numeracy topics, such as writing names/short words, phonics, syllables, time, counting, 2D/3D shapes and measurement.

Friendly Reminders:

- Please send labelled, weather appropriate clothes each day
- Please leave toys at home
- Please remember to sunscreen your child when they arrive in the morning.

As always if you have any questions or feedback regarding our curriculum, please talk to a Kindy educator.

Kind regards

Jo, Rizza, Lucy and Gemma



Late Collection Fee

Please remember to be on the premises 5-10 minutes prior to 6:00 pm to collect your child. After 6:00 pm the centre is not covered by our Insurer. Families who arrive after 6:00 pm will be asked to sign a Late Collection of Child Form and a charge of \$5.00 per minute will apply.

Important Dates

Christmas Closure - the centre will be closed from Monday 25th of December and the educators will return on Tuesday 2nd January for a Staff Development Day and families will return on Wednesday 3rd January.

Staff Update

We have welcomed 2 new casuals to our team, Chelsea and Rachael and we look forward to introducing you to them over the coming months. We also welcome back Deepa who has returned to our casual panel.

Jen has tendered her resignation and we currently advertising for a permanent part time position role for the centre.

Julia will be on Annual leave on Monday 27th November and Tuesday 28th November.

Gemma will be on Annual leave on Monday 6th of November and Tuesday 7th November.

Emma will be on Annual leave from Monday 6th November to Friday 10th November.

Gail will be on leave from Monday 13th November to Friday 17th November

Natasha will be on Annual leave from Thursday 23rd November to Monday 27th November.

Sharon will be on leave from Thursday 7th December to Tuesday 19th December.

Casual Vacancies

During the course of the year, we occasionally have casual days available. Should you be interested in a casual day this information will now be available on our website.

At the home page move your cursor to "Our centre" and open availability. This will have what days are available for the following week. If you are interested in a casual day please feel free to email Rachel or myself or to call us to confirm you would like the day.



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