

KOALA NEWSLETTER

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Well the Koala children have certainly grown up quickly in the last 2 months. I have returned from overseas and I have noticed such progress in the children's independence skills and language skills. Such lovely friendships have been formed with children in the group. It's wonderful to see how the children are all developing.

We have developed a new method of planning in the centre. You may have noticed that we now plan for the children based on reflections rather than observations. Our focus

is now more on children's interests rather than developmental areas, however we will still be evaluating the children's developmental progress throughout the year.

The Koala's just had their 1st excursion this year to Allnut Park and it was a great success. The children loved playing on the equipment, it was a perfect day and we all had lots of fun.

We have also just had an incursion from the mobile farm. We have lots to look forward to in the coming months including the beginning practicing songs and

dances that we will perform for our annual Christmas concert.

We also welcome our newest Koala staff member Kate who will be working everyday from 10am-4pm. Hopefully you will all get to meet her at some stage, she is fitting in very well and we are all very happy to have her join our team.

Love Lisa, Fab, Mel & Kate.



Playing in the Park



Hello,

My name is Kate and I recently started working as a carer in the Koala room. I have worked in child care for 8 years, two of those years I worked in London as a Nanny, for a French family with four children. This was a wonderful experience. I have a certificate three in children's services, and currently I am doing my diploma.

In my spare time I enjoy going to the beach, shopping and spending time with family and friends.

Kate.