

Possum Newsletter

The last couple of months have been very busy in the Possum Room. We have purchased new pet fish, which the children have named. This process was hard but we got there in the end. Mia S ran straight up to them and pointed to the black fish and said "Nemo". Joshua D pointed to another fish and said "bish". Charlotte pointed to another fish and said "Isa" which is a name of a Kinder child Charlotte has grown close to. Sybille pointed to the last fish and called it "cat". And that is how we came up with their names. However quite regularly the children change the names as they watch the fish swim.

More recently we had occupation week. This is a week when parents can come and be part of our program. In the older rooms the parents can talk about their

Occupations, as this a bit difficult in the Possum room parents usually join in by reading books, cooking, dancing and singing.

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to Rosetta C for coming in and baking cookies with us. This was an experience we had not yet done in the Possum room. The fun started when we sprinkled flour all over the table, the children ran their fingers through it which kept them busy. We then gave the children the dough, they rolled, squeezed and some had a little taste. The whole activity took about 30 minutes and the best part is that we got to eat them for afternoon tea.

Another big THANK YOU to Helen. Helen came in one afternoon and painted the windows with the children and did some dancing. The children really enjoyed painting the windows, it was messy, colourful and lots and lots of fun. The windows are still painted and you will be able to see them when you come into the room.

Just a few friendly reminders to all parents.

We ask that you bring 4 nappies every day that your child attends. Its great if you bring 5 so that there is a spare, just in case.

We also ask that you write the correct or as close to, the time you will be picking up your child. If you are 15 minutes give or take, that's fine, when its an extended period of time a phone call would be great. If children

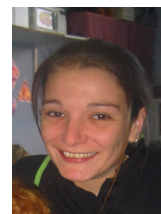
are picked up at different times to what is written it can affect staffing ratio's. We will be able to extend staff shifts in advance if we are aware of the childrens times.

We're are half way through the year and I can't believe it. Our babies are quietly turning into toddlers and their independence is growing more and more each day. We are regularly sitting the children on potties at each nappy change. We ask the children if they want to they sit on the potty. There is no pressure, we take this process very slowly and only as the children show signs of interest. We are also slowly (with parent consent) making the move to having dummies only at sleep time and slowly cutting out the bottle also. If children suck their thumb or something similar, reminding the child to stop and giving a short explanation. "You're a big girl/boy, take your thumb out."

If you have any questions please ask.

Ciao for now.

Rowena, Emilie, Caitlin and Rhea



STAFF PROFILE

Hi my name is Kristen, but over the years have developed the name KiKI.

I have just recently had my 10 year anniversary with the centre so I have seen many children and families come and go (and sometimes coming and go again with siblings)

I have worked in all the rooms and was team leader last year in the Wombats. This year I am floating between rooms as well as spending time at Glenhuntly, which I'm really enjoying.

In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, walking, reading and traveling.

