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Possum Room News



As we enter the last half of the year, the Possum room had to say a sad goodbye to our friend Rhea. Rhea thoroughly enjoyed her time in the Possum room, however due to travel she made the decision to leave. She will be missed by all of us and we will always remember the fun time we had.

Saying goodbye to Rhea meant saying hello to Jessica. Jessica is our new staff member and is settling into the Possum room nicely. A handful of children have warmed to Jessica immediately and some of us are taking our time, which is expected and completely understood. This process will take some time and support, Jess is extremely warm and caring to all the children and they will be comfortable with the change before we know it.

Some of you may have noticed another new face in

the room, this is Natalie from our Glenhuntly centre. Nat is on her final placement for her studies, she will be with us for 5 weeks, like our last student Amanda was. Nat has been at Glenhuntly for the passed 3 years and has spent this time in the 1-2 year old room. She is extremely familiar with the Possum age group and settling in to our team quickly. Nat coming to Bentleigh has meant that we had to send Caitlin to Glenhuntly to replace Nat being away. We are missing Cait but know that she'll be back soon.

This has been the Possums first big change for the year. We have been extremely lucky and fortunate to have had consistent staff throughout. To help the children through this change, it is our goal to ensure that all children are feeling safe and secure. We are providing un-hurried time and continuous support. This allows the children to take

their time to warm to the new staff and the changes in the room.

We have had many fun and exciting events as well, footy day, teddy bears picnic day and of course we all had our professional photos taken. Some of us took naturally to the camera and some took our time. However, plenty of gorgeous photos were taken.

Other exciting events..... Our end of year presents !! And concert !! We have to start early in order to finish on time, and of course its extremely fun and really messy, which equals a gorgeous present. And some groovy dance moves (watch out wiggles, here we come). We're busy practicing for our concert and in case some of you didn't know we have a concert held at the centre on a Friday afternoon. The rest of the centre has a concert at

Wesley college, but our Possums are still a little young, it makes it much less stressful and much more fun to have it somewhere with familiar surroundings.

Concert date:

1st December.

Some more great news is the weather we have been having. It's great as we get to spend lots of time outside playing. Its extremely important that we protect ourselves from the sun. We apply sunscreen AM and PM before we head outside and we have to play under cover between 11am—3pm . Just a reminder to parents to check their child's hats to ensure it still fits.

Ciao for now

Rowie, Emmi, Caitlin & Jess



Hi !!

I'm Jessica, the newest edition to the Possum room and loving it !.

I have completed my Certificate III in children's services and for about 6 months was involved in a holiday / learning program at the Melbourne Zoo.

In my spare time I love to be at the beach (I'm also involved in Life Saving) and playing sport.

I'm looking forward to getting to know all the Possums and their families.

Jessica

