

Wombat News

**Roseberry
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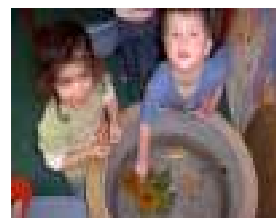
How fast the year has gone by. The wombats will be Koala's soon enough. The past few months have been great. The wombats are really enjoying the sunshine and playing outside. The wombats bike riding skills are fantastic !! They ride the bikes in laps around the yard, practicing their bike maneuvering skills. Riding together in a pack . It's great fun !!

Also the wombats love playing in homecorner, "cooking" dishes for their friends, using the play oven, then washing the dishes in the sink. Children love playing out what they see at home. At the moment the children are also role paying mums, dads, and babies, nominating themselves to be the big brother or the Mum/Dad. It's great to watch how imaginative they can be.

Also you may have noticed our tub of ice. We have been talking with the wombats about how ice is made and then how it melts. It's been a huge interest to the wombats. In the ice each day the children and staff place different items in to freeze. We have had all sorts of items frozen in ice, such as blocks, firemen, leaves, lemons, cars, photo's. And the wombats have a great time trying to get these items out. It's even better on hot days to help keep us cool.

As we are moving up to the Koala's next year, we are aiming to phase out dummies, bottles and comforters through setting limits and offering emotional support and guidance for children to deal with their coping mechanisms, which will only enhance their emotional development. If you would like to chat to staff about strategies, we would be happy to help.

Love, Janette, Martine, Michelle, Chantel



Hi, my name is Chantel.

I have been working at Roseberry House for nearly 3 years. This is my first year at Bentleigh. I have been in the Kinder room for the first half of the year, but am very excited about being in the Wombats room for the rest of the year.

I love to dance, sing and telling stories.

I am a chef by trade but having a long break.

