



Front Reception News

Message From Tracey

Hi Everyone welcome to 2007 at Roseberry House.

A big welcome to all our new families, who join us this year and a huge hello to all our returning families. I hope you had a great break and are all settling back into routine. For those of you who have not met me I am the Director of Bentleigh and one of the proprietors of both centres. My contact days here at Bentleigh for this year are Monday and Friday from 9:45—5:45. I have 2 gorgeous children, Huntah who is a big Koala girl this year and my little man Kason who is now 6 months old.

I would like to go over a few points which I know you have all just been told or we have spoken about it over the years, so just a little refresher for all of you.

⇒Please remember to park in the drop off zone only (not in the staff spots) and be aware of other families who may be waiting. Use the drop off spots for 5 minute drops and street parking for longer times

⇒Fees are invoiced monthly in advance and are DUE BY the first Friday of each month. Overdue accounts are fined as per centre policy. If you are waiting for your childcare benefit to come through, your full fees must be paid and your account will be credited with the difference when your details come through.

⇒Meetings can be arranged with your team leaders if you need to discuss anything about your child that needs some extra time, see your team leader or Angie to



arrange a convenient time for all

⇒Please check your information pockets regularly, there is always useful information in them and always read the dates to remember section in the newsletter. There is always info on our website also: www.roseberryhouse.com.au

If you have anything you need to discuss with me on a day I am not here, please leave a message with Angie or email me and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Tracey



Message From Angie

What a busy start to the year already. We welcome all our new families to Roseberry House, and welcome back to all the families of 2006. It is exciting to see many new faces of both children and families. I promise to endeavor to learn all your names by the end of term 1.

For those of our families whom have not met me yet, I'm Angie and I am the coordinator here at

Bentleigh. You will find me at front reception every day from 9:30—6:30, except on Thursdays where I will be here from 8:30—5:00.

Our programs have all begun again here at Roseberry House. For more details about extra curricular activities that we are offering and celebrations we are participating in, keep an eye out on the Upcoming Events page in the newsletter and on our website. Alternatively, have a look at the notice board located

in the corridor outside the Koala and Bilby rooms. If you have any further suggestions or resources that we could use, please speak to the staff in your child's room or drop a note into our suggestions box which is located at front reception.

If you have any queries regarding holidays, invoicing or extra days for your child please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Angie

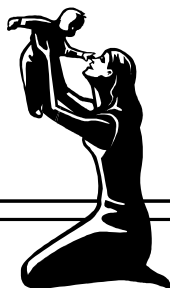
Possum Room

Welcome to the Possum room.

Courtenay, Mel and myself, Fab have been thoroughly enjoying getting to know each personality and character within our care (and what funny little characters we have).

We are building and forming positive trusting bonds with all the children through our interactions, which allows each child to gain a sense of feeling safe and secure within the environment. These feelings of security

will assist them in their sense of belonging. As children become familiar with their new surroundings they move about freely exploring activities and further their sense of wonder and development, whilst still being a little dependent on carers for comfort. Each day it is obvious that our little Possum's confidence is increasing as they master new skills and abilities through their play.



Wombat Room

Our first couple of weeks in the Wombat room have been full of fun and new experiences. The children have taken to the new room very well. The room itself and the outdoor area are much bigger and the children have been exploring both areas thoroughly. One very special and new area to the children is the bathroom. The children have shown an interest, eager to sit on the toilet, wash their own hands and dry them. Many of us have been practicing to go

to the toilet over the holidays.

We are supporting and encouraging the Wombats through this new time in their lives.

The children are now helping the teachers, congratulating and encouraging each other when they have been successful in the bathroom.

We look forward to another fun, rewarding and exciting year together again.



Let's Meet: FAB!



Hi Everyone,

My name is Fab. I have worked in centre based child care for the past 12 years, 2007 will be my 7th year

at Roseberry House. I enjoy teaching and caring for all age groups.

I have been in our 3 –4 year old Koala room for the past 2 years. This year I will be the team leader in the Possum room working alongside two amazing assistants Courtenay and Mel.

Let's Meet: ROW!



Hi, I'm Rowena and am the Team Leader in the Wombat Room and Second in Charge at

Bentleigh. I have been working at Roseberry House for 4 years now, which has flown by so quickly.

My prized possession is my beautiful puppy Milo. We have lots of fun with her and spoil her rotten. Any other spare time I have is usually spent on renovating my house, which is fun and rewarding. It is almost done which is also a nice feeling.

Koala Room

Welcome to the Koala room. We are very fortunate to have so many great staff in our room.

Michelle, Manoji, Ferah (who is studying to become Qualified), Kate (who is Qualified) and Janette (who is the Qualified Team Leader). This year we have lots of fun activities ahead of us. We have celebrated Australia Day and will be celebrating Sunnies for Sight Day, Valentines Day and Chinese New year, and much more.

Every day we will have group time, which is a story, puppet show, group games and/or songs. This is great fun and a good opportunity for confidence building,

group participation and for children to focus and work on skills to prepare for kindergarten and school.

Every Monday (except school holidays) we have Hey De Ho at 10am, this is a singing and music class, where the children participate in group activities and learn new songs.

Every Wednesday (except school holidays) we have Lana who is our Movement and Dance teacher. The children learn new dance moves and the class is great for active play, co-ordination and learning to follow and copy instructions.

Let's Meet: NET!



Hi, I'm Janette, but the children call me Net or Nettie. I have been at Roseberry House for 3 and a half years. I

am the qualified Team Leader in the Koala Room.

I will be away for February as I am getting married and then going to Thailand for my honeymoon for 3 weeks. I can't wait!!!

When I return I am furthering my education. I will begin Arts Therapy at LaTrobe twice a week.

Bilby Room

Welcome to 2007 and the Bilby room. We are pleased to say that it is only 4 weeks into our new year and the Bilbies have all settled in beautifully and are coping wonderfully with the new routine. We look forward to welcoming new comers in the forth coming weeks and hope that before long they will be happily integrated into our Bilby family.

Our initial aims for the year focus on giving the children lots of warmth and affection as we believe that this will create a secure and comforting environment leading to a happy and confident sense of well being.

We aim to foster in our

children values such as respect and understanding whilst increasing their independence skills and a clearer understanding of the world in which they live.

Hey De Ho classes have commenced on Mondays, Dancing with Lana on Tuesdays, Library on Wednesdays and PMP will start shortly on Fridays in the coming weeks. As you can see we have an extensive program planned and look forward to parental involvement in as many of our activities as possible.

We look forward to getting to know and working closely with each and every one of your children.

Let's Meet: CHARLENE!



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to all our parents. I am Charlene and I am kindergarten and special education trained

and have been in the teaching game for 14 years. I immigrated with my family from South Africa 4 years ago and we are loving our new life in Melbourne. I have 2 beautiful children—Emma and Matthew—who are 9 and 7 years old.

This is my second year at Roseberry House ELC and am thoroughly enjoying the opportunity of working in such a professional and well run centre who's main focus is the genuine well being of the children in their care.

Message from Jen in the Kitchen



Hello again to all from the Kitchen,

I hope you have been enjoying this summer season with all the flavours and colours it brings. And of course welcome to all our new families, please feel free to visit the kitchen anytime with enquiries regarding the menu. This month I would like to include one of our most popular recipes for you to enjoy at home. This is a good summer meal, which is very healthy and offers a variety of tastes and textures for all ages in the family.

Recipe of the Month - Zucchini Slice (Egg Free)

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup of chopped leeks/chives/spring onion
- 1/2 cup of chopped parsley
- 1/2 cup of grated tasty cheese
- 1 cup of corn kernels
- 1 cup of grated carrot
- 2 cups of grated zucchini
- 1/4 cup of melted butter (butter is a more natural product, dairy free substitute can be used)
- 1/2 cup of milk (soy milk may be used as an alternative)
- 2 cups of self-raising flour
- 1/2 cup of tasty cheese (for sprinkling over the top)

Method

In a large mixing bowl place all ingredients in order of listing mix well and press into a medium greased dish. Sprinkle the top with tasty cheese. Place in a moderate oven (180°) and cook for approx. 30 minutes or until lightly browned on top.

Can be eaten hot or cold and served with a tossed garden salad.

Dates to Remember

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
Fri 2nd Feb	February Fees Due
Wed 14th Feb	Valentine's Day
Sat 17th Feb	Chinese New Years Eve
Wed 21st Feb	Bilby Traffic School Excursion—leaving 9:30am
Fri 23rd Feb	Sunnies For Sight Day—Bring sunglasses & gold coin
Fri 2nd March	March Fees Due
Fri 2nd March	Clean up Australia Day
Mon 5th March	Purim Dress Up Day
Mon 12th March	Labour Day Public Holiday—Centre Closed
Wed 14th March	Roseberry House Parent Information Night 7:30pm
Wed 21st March	Bilby Responsible Pet Incursion—9:50am
Fri 16th March	St Patrick's Day—Wear Green!
Wed 21st March	Harmony Day—Wear Orange!

Can you help us???

Do you have a passion for food and cooking?

We are looking for a cook for our Glenhuntly centre.

The hours are 8:00am—1:30pm, Monday through to Friday.

Food handlers certificate is essential and Child Care or Aged Care experience preferred

Start date will be as soon as possible, as Leiha is leaving on Maternity leave.

Please call Sharon or Miriam at Glenhuntly on 9572-3677 or see us



Are you crafty?

We are in the process of resourcing Graduation hats for the Bilbies.

If you can help us make some new ones (possibly from felt) we would greatly appreciate it. We have a model one to copy from.

Please see us at front reception if you are interested or can help in any way.



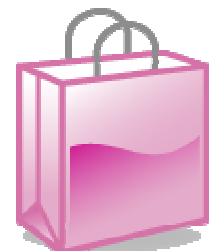
We are looking for

Plastic carry bags (from Safeway, Coles etc.)

A4 paper

Computer paper

Coloured cardboard cut offs/pieces



Please see your team leader or reception if you have anything to drop off.

Did your child leave Roseberry House in 2006?

If your child left Roseberry House in 2006 and you would like their observation book, please see reception.



We also have many hats that have not been collected. Any hats uncollected by end of March will be donated.

Please visit us at our website:

www.roseberryhouse.com.au

You can always email us at:

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Do you have any feedback for us?

Please add your comments, suggestions or positive feedback about any aspect of Roseberry House. Eg. Programs, staff, menu etc.

You can place these in the suggestion box or hand them to reception. Thank you