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PEARL STREET CHILD CARE CENTRE

Pearl Street 2010

New Management

Pearl Street Child Care Centre is pleased to announce that in 2010 the centre has been placed with a management company to oversee the daily running of the centre. Elisabeth still owns the centre and remains the licensee. Other than administrative changes there should be very little visible change to the centre for parents, staff or children and Pearl street will continue to offer the same quality care it has over its long history. There will be a parent information evening in February and invitations for this event will be sent to all parents informing of the date.

Enrolment Details

Parents have been issued with new enrolment forms and EziDebit forms for payment of fees. Please return these before your child next attends to ensure we have current enrolment and payment details from the settlement of the centre. An introduction letter to Guardian has also been included in your packs.

Thank you,
 Sarah Tullberg
 Regional Manager

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Centre Availability

We have days available in most of the rooms throughout the centre. If you would like to pick up an extra permanent day these days will be available as of the 1st February 2010.

Room/ Days	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Babies	PM	PM		PM	
Toddler	*	*	*	*	*
Junior	*	*	*	*	*
Kinder	*	*	*	*	*

* Indicates availability on that day
 Please Note: These vacancies may change daily.



Philosophy, Broad Goals and Policy

Reviews

The centre will be implementing new policies in line with the new management. Sections of these policies are reviewed each month and are available in the centre foyer. In February we be focussing on

- ◆ Enrolment Policies

Feedback forms are available in the centre foyer and we encourage parents to provide feedback to the centre manager on any policy at any time.



REMINDERS TO PARENTS

Hats

As the weather is still quite warm, we ask that you ensure that there is a sun smart hat in your child's bag every day they come to Pearl Street. At the centre we have a policy of '**NO HAT, PLAY IN THE SHADE**'; this means that if your child doesn't have a hat then they will not be able to participate in all the outdoor activities. Please remember to apply sunscreen before you arrive in the morning and to provide the centre with sunscreen to use during the day.

Children's Holidays

Centre policy states that each family is entitled to 50% discount for 1 week of fees every financial year. In order for this to be approved families must have their accounts up to date (2 weeks in front), be on direct debit and has provided adequate notice. If you require a form please see the holiday application folder in the foyer.

DEEWR Requirement

All families are required to be linked to DEEWR. If you have not supplied us with yours and your child's CRN (customer reference numbers) and dates of birth please do so ASAP. This is a requirement for any child in care. Please contact your local Family Assistance office or centrelink for more information.

Thankyou in advance ☺



Important event coming up:

February 2010

Date to be advised- Parent information evening



Nursery Room News



Toddler Room News

Welcome to the February edition of the Toddler Room newsletter. Since we re-opened the Toddler's favourite activity has been the train table. We played with cars, trucks, trains and buses and enjoyed pushing these toys along the tracks. We also sang Wheels on the bus and read Thomas the tank engine to reflect on this.

The Toddler enjoyed modelling with play dough. We have used different shaped cutters and we used rolling pins to make different objects. We made a birthday cake out of the play dough and sang Happy Birthday. Play dough is a great sensory activity and also develops cognitive and social skills, as we share the equipment.

The children are settling well into their new room and we look forward to getting to know the new families and children who have started with us this year. If you should have any questions relating to the programs or running of the room, please speak with us.
Jacinta and Derya.



Junior Room News

Welcome all new and existing families to the Junior Room. Over the next couple of weeks we will be concentrating on settling into the room. The children will help decorate the room with their artwork and interests of play.

This year the children will be discussing and learning letter. Recognising their names and eventually writing their names. You may have seen our group project that we have been working on together. The children have been helping to make and paint our robot. Once he has been completely painted he will be dressed as a policeman and take prided place in our room. If you have any queries, please feel free to speak with me.
Jacqueline.



Preschool Room News

Welcome to the Kinder Room for 2010. The children have spent last week settling into the room. They are becoming familiar with their new caregivers, peers and new routines. The children are settling very well and very quickly.

We will be spending the remainder of the month looking at colours and shapes. The children will learn to recognise individual colours as well as several colours. They will have the opportunity to practise their cutting skills as well as experience several forms of messy play i.e. string painting, finger painting and blob painting, etc.

Please note that all kinder children require a hat, sunscreen and bag. No hat or sunscreen, no outdoor play. If you have any questions/concerns/comments, please feel free to speak with either myself (Melissa) or Kristy.

We look forward to working with you during the year.
Melissa & Kristy

Staffing update

As you may be aware Stella resigned from her position as Centre Manager at the end of 2009. She is due to be married shortly and will enjoy a long round the world tour on her Honeymoon. We wish her all the best in her new married life and future career.

We will shortly have a new Centre Manager commencing at the centre. Christine Gandolfo will commence with us on Monday 8th February and is very excited to be joining the team at Pearl Street Child Care Centre. Christine has many years of experience in a large centre and looking forward to getting to meet you all.

Room staff for 2010

Nursery:

Group Leader – Amali Fernando
Assistant – Sue Pithe

Toddler Room:

Group Leader – TBA
Assistant – Jacinta Martin
Assistant – Derya Ukus

Junior Room:

Group Leader: Jacqui Snell
Assistant: TBA

Preschool Room:

Kinder Teacher – Melissa Mecuri
Assistant – Kristy Wilson

Breaks and floaters:

Nicole Knagge

Cook:

Guzin Kanber



FROM THE KITCHEN:

Banana Bread

Ingredients (serves 10)

- Melted low-fat dairy spread, to grease
- 265g (1 3/4 cups) self-raising flour
- 40g (1/4 cup) plain flour
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 140g (2/3 cup, firmly packed) brown sugar
- 125ml (1/2 cup) skim milk
- 2 eggs, lightly whisked
- 50g butter, melted, cooled
- 2 overripe medium bananas, mashed

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Brush an 11 x 21cm (base measurement) loaf pan with melted dairy spread to lightly grease. Line the base and 2 opposite sides with non-stick baking paper, allowing it to overhang.
2. Sift the combined flours and cinnamon into a large bowl. Stir in the sugar and make a well in the centre. Place the milk, eggs, melted butter and banana in a medium bowl, and stir until well combined. Add the banana mixture to the flour mixture and stir until just combined. Spoon the mixture into the prepared pan and smooth the surface.
3. Bake in preheated oven for 45-50 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Remove from oven and set aside in the pan for 5 minutes. Turn onto a wire rack to cool completely. Cut into slices to serve.

Notes & tips

- This banana bread will keep in an airtight container out of direct sunlight for up to 3 days. Alternatively, place in an airtight container, then label, date and freeze for up to 1 month. Place in the fridge overnight to thaw.

* **Please feel free to ask at the centre for any recipes that we cook at the centre, we will give you a copy. 😊**



RESOURCES

Please take time to look around the Centre foyer as we have a large range of resources available for you to look at.



- Direct Debit forms
- Song Books
- Family Resource Library
- Fact sheets
- Brochures
- Copies of the current newsletter
- Recipes
- Centre Menu
- Centre Events
- Holiday Forms



ENR1.2 Enrolment & Orientation Policy		ENROLMENT POLICY & PROCEDURE	
Reference:	State Specific Childcare Regulations & Act as per SCH1.1 State Based Regulations & Legislation Schedule	Issue Date:	January 2009
		Review Date:	January 2010
QIAS Principles:	1.4, 2.3, 7.1, 7.3		
Objective			
For all new families and children to have a comprehensive orientation when enrolling in the centre.			
Explanation			
Families and children need an opportunity to visit and interact within the centre prior to their commencement date. This will allow families to ask questions, meet staff and see the layout of the centre and allow children time to interact with other children, staff, participate in activities and familiarise themselves with the centre.			
Implementation			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Once a new family has accepted a position for their children at the centre, an Orientation Visit will be organised at a time that is agreeable to the family and the centre. 2. The Orientation session can be as long as the parent deems necessary, depending on the needs of the family and children. 3. The centre will organise an interpreter if required. 4. The new family will be given a tour of the centre and introduced to staff. 5. The parent/guardian will speak to the staff member in charge of his/her child's group about specific needs and the developmental level of their child. The staff member in charge will make written notes. 6. The staff member in charge will explain the communication methods, routine and programme for the child's group. 7. The Centre Manager will explain about signing in and out of the centre, the fee structure, Child Care Benefit funding, location of accounts, how to pay their fees and return of receipts. 8. A non refundable deposit is required to secure the child's position in the centre. This deposit is to be the equivalent of two weeks of booking per child enrolled. This must be received before a booking is confirmed, along with the enrolment forms for the child/ren and the completed ezidebit form for the ongoing payment of fees. 9. Complete ENR F1.10 Confirmation Bookings Template and forward to the family. 10. The Centre Manager will complete the Orientation Checklist for New Families and place this in the family's file. 11. The Centre Manager will ensure that the Enrolment Pack is received and entered into the centre based software. 12. Process the Ezidebit form in line with the ADM1.20 EziDebit Policy prior to the child's start date. 			
Associated Forms			
ENR F1.1 Enrolment Form ENR F1.4 Parent Handbook ENR F1.5 Orientation Checklist for New Families ENR F1.10 Confirmation Bookings Template			
Prepared By: GCA		Version: 1.2	
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Centre Information

Please fill in the below information and return to the office

Name:

Child's Name:

Email Address:

	Newsletters	Statements	Notices	Child Information
Emailed				
Printed				

Centre Events for 2010

Do you have any ideas or suggestions for our 2010 Calendar of Events?

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Suggestions:

Parent Input

Do you have any skills that you could offer our centre?

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Input:
