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Centre Newsletter

September 2010

Hello and Welcome to all families,
It has been a great month and just a few things;

Fund Raising

The Centre has just completed **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle** and had a over all profit of \$1300.00

This has been fantastic. This profit will be spent on Children's toys and play equipment.

Staff Recognition and Rewards Program

The committee has decided to bring our staff recognition program back. Please ensure your forms are completed and returned in the boxes provided either in the foyer or in the staff room.

AGM

Our **annual general meeting** will be held on **28th October 2010 at 7.00 pm** at the centre. We need our families to attend this meeting to ensure the centre has a future and will continue to progress. Most importantly we need our parents to join in our committee. If you have any question about joining the committee please see Wendy or Sarbari as soon as possible.

Fees

Just a reminder that our fee policy states that fees need to be two weeks in advance. Not all families adhere to this and we would appreciate if you could get your accounts up to date ASAP. We are a non-profit organisation and 85% of the fees go towards staffing costs, so it is very important that you pay on time.

Staffing

We have 3 new staff members who have commenced at MPCC over the last few weeks. I would like to introduce Josephine in the Waterlily Room as a second qualified staff member, Jenny another second qualified staff member in the Wattle Room and Sawsan, a qualified assistant in our permanent reliever list. We welcome them to our wonderful team of carers and hope they enjoy their time here at MPCC for a long time to come.

Thank you,

Sarbari and Wendy





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Room 1:

Hello to Banksia Room families.

Well here we are almost October, not long till we finish up for another year.

On Wednesday 22nd of September we had in music Tarryn came in and did some singing and dancing with us. It was lots of fun. On Friday 24th of September we all came dressed in our footy colours to celebrate the AFL Grand Final. Kim made us yummy sausages. Who would have guessed the end result?

Recently we have begun to encourage the children to use their independent skills through hand washing at the tap and encouraging to feed themselves at lunch. Everybody is doing a great job.

Now we are into September we begin to follow our sun smart policy, so please ensure your child has a suitable hat to wear while outdoors. Hopefully we will begin to get some warmer weather.

Thank you,



Sophie, Mellisa and Jade.

Room 3

Hello to all the families at MPCC from the Wattle room!

Firstly we would welcome Jenny, our new permanent qualified assistant to the Wattle room.

Since Jenny has started we have noticed that room has become a lot calmer and consistent and we are seeing great changes in the children and the staff. Jenny has lot to offer to MPCC and we can't wait to see all of the new things she has to help the Wattle room grow!

Thank you to all of the relievers that worked in the Wattle room since Jessica left, you were all fantastic!



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We would also like to welcome all of the new families into the Wattle room as well. Ethan, Tyson, Jude and James are all settling in quiet well and showing that they are getting used to some new faces and are starting to develop new friendships with the children in the Wattle room. We would also like to say congratulations to some more families in the Wattle room as they have recently had some beautiful babies! This is definitely the year for babies!!

Just a few reminders to all the families in the Wattle room it is now SUN SMART season and as we are a Sun Smart centre we ask that all parents bring in a sun hat for their child as soon as possible.

Another reminder, if parents could regularly check their child's bag and refill them with spare clothes that would be great. We don't always have enough spare clothes available (donations welcome), especially to those parents that children are starting to toilet train. Please be mindful to bring in extra pants and underwear in case of accidents! But the children have been doing a FANTASTIC job with the toilet training! Well- done Wattle room!

And finally the last reminder to parents, if we could please **not** bring any toys from home unless it is a sleep items as they often get lost and we can't be responsible for them.

We have a great program in the room and it is changed every fortnight and we have plenty of toys and activities in the room for the children to play with.

A Big thank you to Kylie, Maxx's mum for being so kind as to donate a CD to the Wattle room, we love it and listen to it every day!

Lastly we would like to say thank you to all of the families for being so patient during the time that Jessica's position wasn't filled, and for everything else, you have all been fantastic this year!

We would also like to thank Jenny for starting the big job of sorting out the store room it will take some time but as Jenny goes on she is finding we may need some more storage boxes. So if anyone has any plastic boxes that they would like to donate that would be much appreciated!

Love from the Wattle room staff.





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Room:4

Hello and welcome to the Spring Newsletter of the **Waterlily room**.

Firstly, a huge welcome to our new permanent qualified staff member of the Waterlily room Josephine. Hope you have a fun time with us at Montgomery Park.

We would like to wish Samuel, Blakely and Paisley a very happy birthday for the month of September.

In the past 4 weeks the Waterlily room is becoming Junior Master Chiefs with their fabulous cooking skills in the room by making Mini Pizzas, Double Choco Chip Muffins and their very own sandwiches. Next on the list is Honey Joys.

A reminder that Spring has arrived and the weather is slowly starting to warm up. Parents can you please start bringing your children's sun hats back in the next couple of weeks if you haven't done so. Thanks.

As this year has gone fast new toilet trainers have started using the toilet and out of nappies. It's such an exciting experience to see the children so happy when they need to use the toilet and coming more and more independent with their self help skills. The children are more keen and confident in taking their own shoes and clothes off for sleep time and also having the confidence to dress themselves. The children aren't even afraid to ask for help if they get stuck. Well done keep up the fantastic job.

To welcome the season of Spring Waterlily children will be turning into little gardeners by planting their own little plant in a pot and watching it grow over a couple of weeks and also watering the plant. Once the plant has grown they will be able to take the plant home.

Photos have been a success with all the children gleamed up and strutting their style for Photo Week. All the children co-operated very well which made the group and portrait photos look wonderful. Can not wait to see the outcome!



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This year a lot of friendship groups have been made with the children playing happily with one another in their groups. When a friend walks through the floor the children will jump up and give them a nice warm welcome. It's been a wonderful experience watching the different groups been made and how the children play and interact with each other. The children have bonded very well.

The children have been having a wonderful time with Art. The children have enjoyed marble painting to painting with brushes with mixed coloured paint. The children had a wonderful time making Kelly Fishes out of paper cups and streamers. The children also have enjoyed some pasting.

The children have been enjoying a range of home corner activities, cars, trucks, camping and picnic area. The children have also enjoyed more challenging activities such as puzzles and problem solving and also been enjoying story time books at group time with a CD. The children love books that they will sit on the couch with a story book in front of them and even read stories to each other.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to approach us.

Thanks,
Amanda, Rebeka, Joanna, Josephine





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Room 2

Boronia Room

Dear Parents

Hope everyone is having a good time in our room. I would like to welcome our new children Oliver and Aiden and Thomas and Jude hope you have a great time in our room.

I would like to remind parents to check their children's bags and make sure that the bag has suitable change of clothes for the changing seasons and that a summer hat is always available if you would like to supply a sunscreen for your child then please feel free to bring in the sunscreen with your child's name on it.

It will be a busy few months leading up to Christmas with lots of different activities for your children to enjoy.

We also welcome Kim back from her holidays it will be nice to hear all her travel stories from her. Here in Boronia room we have an open door policy so if you have any worries or question about your child's development then please speak to myself Or Dora if you would like to make appointment to speak to myself then please let me know.

Thank you
Kaye, Dora, Kim



Room 5

Dear Wararah Parents,

Term 3 has just flown and in a blink of the eye its Term 4 now. We all had a very busy Term 3 doing lots of special things.



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First and foremost, thank you to all the dads who came to our Father's Day night in Kinder. It was awesome that you could come and join us for the evening and spend some time with your children in their kinder room.

The children in the Waratah room have been crazy about Master Chef during the 3rd Term and for that the children had their own master chef class in the room on a Thursday morning. We made pizzas with the children, children chose which ingredients that they wanted to put it on their pizzas and we baked the pizzas for lunch. All the children enjoyed the experience very much.

In July we went to the Melbourne Aquarium with some of the children. It was truly such an experience for the children to walk around the aquarium and having some time to role play in the room with the early childhood educator from the aquarium. We saw lots of different species of sea creatures and we also had the chance to touch some of the sea creatures in the rock pool discovery area. The last part of the excursion, we went to the sharks alive exhibition which the children loved. There were sharks, sting rays, different varieties of fishes, shell fishes, seaweed that was living inside this big tank walkway. Children wow-ed!! As they walk past the gallery and some of the sea creatures were even bigger than the teachers.

Lastly but not least, we celebrated footy day with lots of face painting, icing the footy biscuits and also decorating the footy cake. We had a combined day in the morning with the Waterlily Children and the children absolutely took care of the smaller children in our yard.

Term 4 would be very busy and full of activities outside. The teachers in the Waratah room would be bringing indoor to outdoor this term enjoying the last term with the children outside before they go to school. Some house keeping for all parents,

1. Please remember to bring in sunhats for your children as we are a sun smart policy centre and all children would need to have their sun hats on for now.
2. We are on the last term of the school year, we are cutting down sleeps and rest time to half an hour each day, please speak to Chun or Natalie if you would like your child to have a longer sleep time. Our intentions are to give the children books and also their pillows and blankets for rest time while the teachers clean up the room and do up the diary for the day and we would bring the children out once we are finished with the routine.
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Children who attend kinder here at Montgomery Park Children's Centre would have received a form now in regards to Transitional to School and the forms would need to be filled out and in early November, Chun would schedule a meeting to meet up parents individually to read through the reports before sending them off to school.

Bye for now,

Chun, Sarbari ,Natalie, and Jennifer

