

Reynella Community Children's Centre Inc.

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Newsletter—May 2018

Directors News

Hi Families,

Our Centre has been very busy over the past month. We have planned our Annual General Meeting for Monday 21st of May. We will be providing pizza for dinner, drinks and crèche for your children. All families are welcome - please let us know if you are able to attend. During our AGM, parents and staff will be asked to vote on the amended Rules of Association (they are the rules governing our business). If you would like a copy of the Rules of Association prior to the AGM, please let me know. Thank you Selina for volunteering many hours of her time to work on our Rules of Association.

Our Centre experienced many problems with our current child care software, including billing issues, bookings problems and incorrect vacancy reports. Kylee and I appreciate your patience while we have worked through these issues. We have decided to change our software provider. From Monday 28th May, Kidsoft will be our new software provider and you should receive your new invoices from Kidsoft from Monday 4th June. If you have any concerns or questions, or believe your account balance may be incorrect, please contact our office staff.

Recently we had a fire truck visit from Morphett Vale CFS. The children enjoyed climbing in the truck and hearing the siren. Thank you to Morphett Vale CFS for organising this visit with us. Our babies have visited the park two times and enjoyed the flying fox, swings and see saws.

On Friday, 18th May we will be having a dress up day and Monday 4th June will be our first Pyjama Day of the year. We are looking forward **to dressing up and being warm in our PJ's.**

Our Centre is currently full every day of the week. If you require changes to your bookings please see office staff, however you may need to go on our waiting list. Thank you to all of the families who have recommended our centre to other families. We appreciate your ongoing support.

If you have any suggestions for our Centre, please let us know.

Thanks,
Simone

Diary Dates

May

Mon 7th:
CFS Fire Truck visit
Sun 13th:
Mother's Day
Fri 18th:
Dress Up Day

June

Mon 4th:
Pyjama Day
Tues 5th:
World Environment Day
Wed 20th:
Pyjama Day

Our Centre will be closed on June 11th for the **Queen's Birthday** Public Holiday

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If your child will be absent from care, please phone or email the centre to advise.

Baby Room

Hello Families,

This month we have experienced many art and craft activities. This has included more body painting which the children seem to really enjoy, with the sensory experience of getting paint from head to toe. We have also made play dough with Angie, where we didn't use a recipe but guessed the right amount of ingredients we needed and it turned out great. We also helped Angie to make our Jungle Snake, which is hung up in our jungle in the sleep room.

We hope all of our Mummies had a great Mother's Day and liked their child's artwork as much as we enjoyed making them.

We have had the opportunity to take a few small groups of babies to the park next to the Centre for a play. They have shown great listening skills and co-operation with each other, as they hold hands and walk down the path. Hopefully we will get the chance for a few more visits before the weather gets too cold and wet.

On Monday 7th May, the CFS visited our Centre. We were excited to watch the fire fighters and the truck from the safety of our sandpit. They put on the lights and sirens which were very loud.

Each month, our Babies Room Educators write an observation on **your child's learning activities. Sara, Angie and I have a group of children each for who we complete written observations during their time in child care. These observations are collated and used to extend on your children's learning journey, through our room's program.** While Group 1 program is on the wall, we are observing Group 2 for the next program and visa versa. You should see your **child's name on either Group 1 or Group 2's program. Please feel free to come and see us if you would like to discuss the program further or if there is an area of learning you would like us to assist your child with.**

If you have any questions or feedback regarding your child's time at child care, please come and have a chat with us.

Thank you,

Caitlin, Sara and Angie



Toddler Room



Hello Families,

The weeks have flown by and we have been very busy in our Toddler room. We have been involved in various arts & crafts, incorporating **Mother's Day, and our 'working with more natural resources'** sustainability goal for the room.



Using our fine and sensory motor skills we have experienced water and acrylic painting with rollers (big and small), brushes, corks, leaves, our fingers, hands and in some cases arms. We have made our own play dough together, moulding different shapes and making patterns with it along with exploring gloop, plus a special gloop which had the added texture of vegetable oil. Thank you to our student educator, Alison, for bringing along the special gloop, along with some wonderful discovery bottles with different things floating in the water. The children enjoyed coloured foam play which they added sand to. This changed the feel of the foam from smooth to rough.



We have used recycled cereal boxes to paint and make houses with for **our room theme 'families'**. **The children enjoyed putting the little people and animals inside before the houses "fell down" when some of the children sat on them - we discovered that the boxes didn't make very good chairs!**



As we are getting in to the colder weather, I would like to ask families **if they could please name all of their children's belongings. Labelling** clothing will ensure that they can be returned to the right owner.



Our Educators observe and evaluate the development your child is achieving from play and learning experiences while in care. The children are placed into two groups and each fortnight one group will be included on our program while the other group participate in observations. The observations are then used to extend and plan learning experiences for the children on our program, which is linked to the Early Years Learning Framework. An observation begins by simply watching the children, noting what they like to do, how they interact with others and what skills they are using. We also appreciate communication with families regarding what their child current interests are and any areas they are developing at home. All of this information is collated and used to **program activities to develop your child's skills using resources of interest to them.**



As always, if you have any questions, concerns or ideas in regards to our program, your child or their Toddler room environments, please see myself (Kathryn), Karen or Kylie in the room or feel free to email us at admin@reynellacc.com.au

Thank you,
Kathryn, Karen & Kylie

Kindy Room



Hello families,

On Monday 7th May we had a visit from the CFS. We were able to look around the truck and some of us were able to spray water from the fire hose. Thank you to the CFS crew for coming to visit us and teach us about what to do in an emergency.



We also had a visit from SA Police on 20th April. The children were able to sit in the drivers seat and got to see the lights flashing and hear the sirens, with many of us choosing to cover our ears. We spoke about keeping safe and how the police are there to help us if we need it.



The children had the chance to participate in a Sensory Walk, where they stepped onto different textures to feel the different sensations with our feet. The items included fluffy material, cotton balls, sand, pebbles, paint onto paper and water to wash their feet. Thank you to our student educator, Laura, for setting up this fun experience.



We had a dress up day, which the Kindy Room children seemed to really enjoy and extended on with lots of role playing and taking **about their 'character'**. **We have another Dress Up Day scheduled** for the 18th May and Pyjama Days on Monday 4th June and Wednesday 20th June.



Our room's Program runs over 2 weeks. There is one program on display and during that time we are writing observations for the next group (that isn't on the wall). From the observations, we extend on learning ideas which becomes our program. The observations are shared between the Educators in the room so we all share input to the program each week. Our program is linked to the Early Years Learning Framework which is where some elements can be found on the program on the learning outcomes under each programmed experience.

Our new focus for this month are:

- Letters: I and J
- Numbers: 9 and 10
- Colour: Yellow
- Shape: Heart



Thank you,
Lucy, Brooke, Ashleigh and Amanda

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising Update

We recently received our new Trikes for the Toddler Room. These were purchased with funds raised by our Christmas raffle and fundraising.

We are in the process of gathering ideas for items to purchase with funds from our Easter fundraising.

We welcome all ideas from families regarding improvements to our Centre or ideas for future fundraising activities.

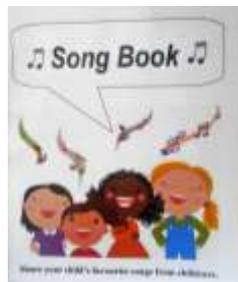


Song Books

Sing along with your little one with our Song Book, full of some of our

Centre's favourite songs.

Only \$5.00 each and available from our front office.



Kiddies Food Cutters



Kiddies Food Cutters are safety knives and peelers to allow your child to safely help out in the kitchen. Packs consist of 2 knives and a peeler and are \$20.00 per pack. Available from our front office.

Entertainment Books

Discover thousands of valuable 2-for-1 offers and Up to 50% OFF for many of the best restaurants, cafés, arts, attractions, hotels, travel, shopping and much more

Entertainment Books have arrived and are available to purchase from our front office.

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Cadbury Boxes

Our Cadbury Fundraising chocolate boxes are back. Choose from the Goody Box or the Freddo Box. These are a great addition to any workplace lunch room and no money is required up front. Please see our office staff if you can assist us by selling a box.



On Friday 20th April we were fortunate to have a visit from SA Police, who spoke to the Kindy Room children about keeping themselves safe and age appropriate laws, such as wearing helmets on their bikes and sitting in child restraints in cars. The children were clever and knew the correct number to call in an emergency is 000. They also discussed the things that are emergencies.

The children were given the chance to have a look at the police car and to hear the sirens blaring, many with covered ears.

Thank you SA Police for the visit.



On Monday 7th May, a crew from CFS Morphett Vale visited our Centre. The children had the chance to look over the fire truck and some were lucky enough to use the fire hose.

Thank you CFS for the visit.

