

PARENT FORUM MINUTES

Present: Catherine Chetcuti, Kierin Spoelder, Angela Humphries, Daniel McCartney, Kelly Hardy, John Ley

- The minutes of the last meeting were accepted and the follow-up discussion about the changes to the rooms, following Lisa's resignation, ensued. The Playful Possums will now have Sacha and Hayley as co leaders. Carlie will be in the Busy Bees room on Thursday and Friday and Elizabeth will be working 2 or 3 days per week.
- The timeline and process for accreditation was presented. We will still be assessed by NCAC as the new Early Learning Framework begins in 2011. The parent surveys are no longer part of the process and we will keep you informed on the timeline.
- A brief overview of the new child protection legislation and mandatory reporting was given and all our staff members were trained in this at our last staff meeting.
- The progress summary from each room was read and discussed. Some suggestions, from parents, for themes include food sensory or flavours for the Baby Bunyips room. Baby Bunyips will continue to work on fine motor skills, music and movement, imaginative play and books, sharing and turn taking, colours and numbers. The Playful Possums will concentrate on children's interactions, developing a new routine with Miss Hayley and Miss Sacha, and fine motor skills including shapes, colours etc. Busy Bees are focussing on pets including a visit from the RSPCA. There will be further music and dancing and emotions and behaviour especially towards each other. School readiness is continuing with many of the children.
- Examples of the reporting system from last year were handed out and discussed with many positive comments and feedback. It was decided to proceed with that same system in 2010 as it was very detailed in the children's achievements and skills. The language assessment tool will be conducted in July and August. The hearing screening for children attending school next year will be conducted on 8th September.
- The health and medication policies were reviewed by the group and accepted without change.
- The chocolate fundraising is now complete and we are investigating quotes for the cubby house. Thanks to all families that sold chocolates, 61 boxes was a great effort.
- Ryan's toy warehouse tickets are now on sale for \$5 and the process was explained by Catherine Chetcuti. Thanks to Catherine for her organisation with this.
- Portfolios were discussed with a number of positive comments made by parents. Parents liked the written aspects providing more feedback and it was acknowledged that the portfolios were very time consuming for the staff but the parents were very appreciative.
- No newsletter items were provided.
- General business included questions about photo day, the actual date is not set, and the Christmas celebrations, last years timing was good, which will be clarified next meeting.
- Meeting closed 7:30 16th June 2010.