

Newsletter

May 2010

Bambino's Harrington Park



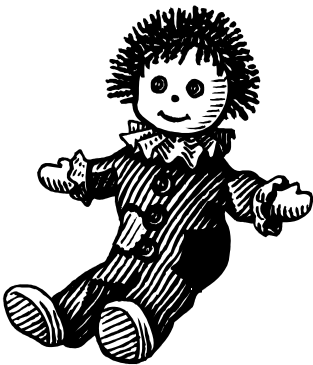
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HP2, Extending it's family

As you have all heard by now, HP2 and HPN will be joining together to form one centre. This in turn will give the schoolies a place to call home. This will impact on the children of both HPN and HP2, but in a positive way.

For most of the children currently at HP2, there will be no change, apart from having lots more friends to play with. For others, there will be change.

During the next 2 weeks, the staff will be talking to the children about these changes and asking them for their ideas about what they would like in their new rooms.

We can now provide a learning environment, structured to target specific age groups and developmental levels. This will see some children transition to a new room.

In their new room, they will have one of their current teachers and a new teacher from HPN.

There will be lots of new faces, but ALL the original faces will still be here to provide security and consistency.

The rooms will be structured to include the Butterflies, 2-3 year olds, the Turtles, 3-4 year olds, and the Dragonflies, 4-5 year olds.

The Ladybugs will remain the same, apart from having some new neighbours move in to the unoccupied nursery next door.

Letters have gone home to let you know if your child will be transitioning to a new room, where we can provide a program that will see your child dive into new activities, challenges and group times.

We would love to have your feedback if your child is transitioning to a new room. Let us know your thoughts and suggestions.

New Parent Pigeon Holes

New parent pigeon holes have been installed in the foyer. These will be in alphabetical order under the Mothers surname.

When you retrieve information from your pigeon hole, you will be taking items from UNDERNEATH YOUR NAME.

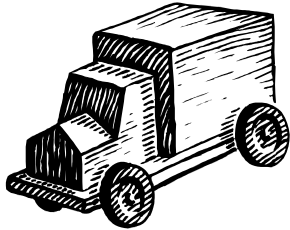
As this is different from the pockets you currently have, Please remember to check the information you are taking is yours. If you accidently take the wrong items, just pop them on the desk in the office and we will post it in the right pigeon hole.

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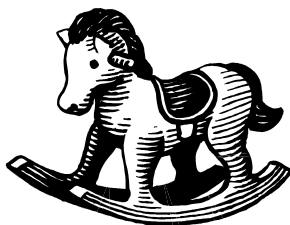


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*Don't forget
Your sun hat and beanie.
Sun cream still needs to
be applied during winter!*



Schoolies are moving out

From May 17th, the before and after school care children and the vacation care children moved into their own centre, specifically designed to meet the needs of the ever growing group that arrive each morning and afternoon.

**The address of their new centre is: 53 Glenrowan Drive, Harrington Park.
The contact number is: Ph: 46478932 Fax: 46470936.**

For those parents that have siblings in a long day care position at HP1 and HP2, we will be doing a 5.30pm drop off at HP2 centre for the schoolies. The reason for this is that those of you that travel home later will not need to go to two different locations to pick up your children. This is for parents who currently pick up between 5.30pm – 6.00pm. We will be chatting with those parents this week to confirm travel arrangements.

Kimberlee, Belinda and Zorica will be moving with the schoolies to their new location.

The route taken from school to the centre is attached.

This route has the safety of the pedestrian crossing at the front of the school and crosses 3 streets, 2 of which are minimum traffic cul-de-sac residential streets. Walking time from school to the centre is 10-15 minutes, depending on how active the kids have been at school during the

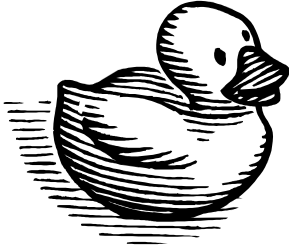
School to centre route

(See map insert on original document)

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Policy Review

This month we will be reviewing 4 centre policies.

These policies will be on display in the foyer, with a parent comments and feedback form.

We value your input and comments on our centre policies and always look to improve or amend when the need is evident.

Please write your comments on the form provided and we will address all feedback at our next staff meeting.

Policies under review this month are:

- **Dental**
- **Electronic media**
- **Emergency procedure**
- **Exclusion guidelines**

Please remember the policy folder is readily available for all parents to peruse at any time.

We also have a large range of information on various topics in the parent library located on the wall outside the office. Feel free to help yourself to any topic that takes your interest.

If there is an area of interest that we don't have any information on, just let us know and we will see what we can chase up for you.

Centre breakfast time

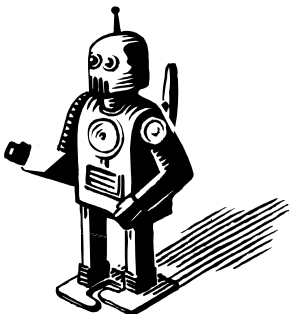
We would like to remind all parents and carers that breakfast time at the centre is 7.00am - 7.30am.

Please ensure your child is here prior to 7.30 if you require them to have breakfast with us.

Alternatively, they can have breakfast at home before arriving at the centre or bring their breakfast with them.

Breakfast is an important meal for the start of your child's day, so please ensure they do have something. If they don't like cereal or toast, why not try a piece of fresh fruit or some yoghurt.

Thankyou for your support with this





What to bring to kindy

For your child to have a comfortable day at kindy, they will need to bring a school bag containing the following items:

A change of cool and warm clothing. All children

A sun hat, (and a beanie for the colder mornings if they wish). All children

A sheet for rest time. All children

A water bottle. 3-5 year old children

All of these items will need to be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Centre driveways

Just a reminder that there is an ENTRY and EXIT driveway. The entry driveway is the first driveway you approach on your left at centre number 1. This leads you to centre 2's carpark.

HPN enter using the driveway closest to the letter box and exit using the driveway nearest the playground.

Please ensure you use the correct driveway to avoid collisions.

Focus Group Meetings

All parents are invited to attend the next scheduled focus group meetings. They will be held at HP2 centre on:

Tuesday May 25th at 11.00am

Wednesday June 2nd at 6.30pm

This gives all parents the opportunity to discuss centre events, input into your child's program and upcoming event.

We would value your input and suggestions towards what you would like your child to achieve now that the children are split into more defined developmentally age appropriate grouping.

Nutrition and your child

.As a parent or carer, you are responsible for WHAT, WHEN and WHERE they eat. Your toddler, however, has an inborn ability to determine whether they are hungry and hence they should decide HOW MUCH or WHETHER they eat at all! Toddlers can regulate their energy intake over a day, so even if they don't eat much at one meal, they will usually make up for it in another meal. Research has shown that children who are forced to eat lose their ability to know when they are full, which is a risk for the development of obesity later in life. As long as you provide them with nutritious options, your job is done!

- Develop an eating routine consisting of 3 meals per day and if time permits around sleeps, a snack between meals. Remember, if they don't want to eat as they are not hungry, don't force them. Meals and snacks should be quick (5-30mins max) and try to take away distractions at these times such as television and toys.
- Offer a good balance of foods. All foods are ok, but some only in small amounts (moderation).
- Offer a good balance of drinks.

