



Babies Room Newsletter 2012



January Issue

Firstly a warm welcome to our new families and a warm welcome *back* to our old families. Hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and a good start to the New Year.

Newsletters are available on our website each month www.geelongchildrenscentre.com.au. In our newsletters we will try to give you information that may be of some interest to you and assist with topics that may be relevant to your child and their stage of development. If you would like information on any topics please let us know.

Staff in the room for this year will be:

Susan.T (Qualified Diploma Care Teacher)
Ali (Care Teacher)- Currently studying Cert III
Susan.H(Care Teacher)- Certificate III
Hannah(Qualified Care Teacher covering Susan.T)- Degree in Early Childhood Teaching

Tegan (Qualified Diploma Care Teacher)
Chris (Care Teacher) - Certificate III
Geri (Care Teacher)-Certificate III

Susan.T is currently on leave and will be returning on the 6th Feb, Hannah will be working in her absents. Hannah has vast knowledge and experience from working in previously in the babies room.

We care for 16 babies each on M T W and 15 on Th F & provide a program that caters for all children's individuals' needs & interests. We base our program on observations that we take on your child's physical, cognitive, language & social development. The program is displayed in the room on the notice board, we would love to hear about your child's interests & abilities or any suggestions or feedback you have about the program or room in general.



We practice Primary Care giving which means your child will have one staff member that will primarily care for him/her & get to know you & your family. All staff members will spend time, interacting & caring for your child. It is essential that children form an attachment & settle into their new environment with one carer rather than with several carers.

We are looking forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year, these are a few things we ask of you to get the year started well.

- Appropriate clothing suited to the weather, eg: sun hat or winter jacket. 2 sets of clean clothes in their bags. PLEASE label **all** of your child's clothing.

-Please remember that it is our policy that children wear closed toe shoes and sleeves on clothing, no singlet tops or sun dresses or overalls, defiantly No jeans. Trackpants are the preferred option.

-A disposable nappy each day for going home

-Provide a hat for your child that can stay here at day care, it makes it easier for all. Hats need to be bucket style with a wide brim or legionnaires

- It is centre policy that toys are not to be brought into the centre. You can bring in a comforter or soft toy, blankets for sleep times and to be clearly named.

- Please make sure that there are no items of food or drink or medications in your child's bag. We do provide all snacks and meals. We aim to provide a safe environment to those children who have life threatening allergies

- If your child is to have medication while at the centre you need to fill out an authorization form so that staff are authorized to administer it. Staff will hand you a copy of the form

-Due to health and hygiene Issues please bring in a separate hair brush for each of your children as we are not permitted to share brushes

-If there is any change to your child's routine e.g sleep routine, bottles and formula etc. please inform the staff as even small changes can make a difference to your child's day at care

-On arrival please ensure your child's hands are washed with a clean washer provided near the sign in / out book shelf

-We will sunscreen your child throughout the day, if your child is sensitive or is unable to use our cream please bring in a named sunscreen for your child

**Upon arrival into the room please sign your child in and put their bag into a locker then using the texta provided place their name on that lockers tag. Staff will be happy to help you if you have any problems.*

**Read all the information we give you! There will always be notices left beside the sign in book to alert you of any upcoming events or other information you need to know or might be interested in.*

It is crucial that communication channels between parents and care teachers are openly maintained. Please ensure on arrival and departure you discuss with staff about your child's day or how they have been the previous night or since last visit. This is essential in ensuring your child is receiving the best possible care.

When you pick up your child at the end of the day we will try and give you information on your child's day, this will also be written in your child's communication book. You may notice at times on arrival or pick up that the room is noisy. All babies are still "orientating" into the room and some cope better than others. We absolutely insist that you and your child have a proper extensive orientation process. Failure to undertake this process results in babies crying a lot due to separation anxiety, resulting in a very unsettled room.

The major aim of staff working in the babies room is to care for and extend your child's learning. We do this by being on the floor or on the ground out-side, at the child's level; reading, singing, clapping, blowing bubbles, comforting and so forth. Over the next few months you will see rapid growth and development in your child. We aim to be a contributor to this with intentional teaching of all children.

If you have any complaints or concerns, please do not "sit" on them and think I don't want to upset anyone. Please talk to us. We cannot change things if we don't know about them. We are always working towards improvement to all aspects of the care and learning environment.

Please speak to Tegan or Hannah or staff, If you have any concerns or ideas as we are always looking at ways of improving our service to you.

Thank-you, Babies Room staff



Attached to this news letter is some information about Separation Anxiety.