

Catch-up

Welcome to Koninderie
Community Based Preschool
Catch-up Newsletter

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What's on

30/01/17 First day of school year

14/02/17 Valentines Day

March Bandage Bear Month

07/04/17 Last day of Term 1

From the Educators.....

Welcome back to all our returning families and a big welcome to all the new families who have joined the Koninderie community in 2017. We hope you all had an enjoyable holiday break and are excited about the new school year of 2017.

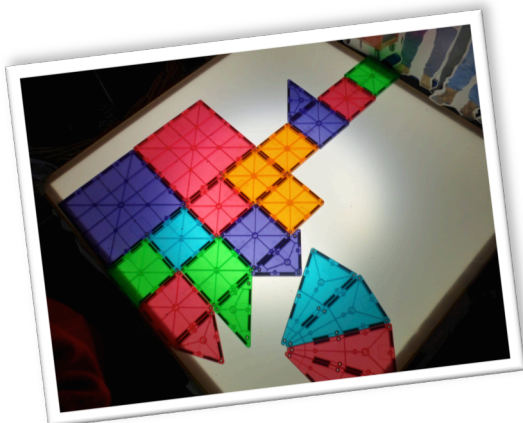
Koninderie are happy to announce the appointment of Sanndra Perkins as the Early Childhood Teacher and Shenay Riza as our Certificate III Trainee. Shenay has started with us from the beginning of the term and Sanndra will join us from week 4 (24/02/17). Please say Hi! to them and make them feel welcome. Both Sanndra and Shenay will be here every day of the week.

Anne has taken on the Director's role for 2017 (working Mon, Tues & Thurs) and all other staff are Diploma trained and their days are: Tarryn – Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri / Debbie – Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs / Amanda – Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri / Jayde – Mon, Tues & Wed / Ashlyn – Thurs & Fri.

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Week 1 Term 1

The children have settled happily this week and the educators have enjoyed getting to know them and forming attachments with them.

Communication Diaries

These diaries are to be brought to preschool each day your child attends. Please place them in the basket on the lockers labeled **Communication Diaries**. These diaries are for parents and staff to share information relevant to your child or events happening at home or preschool. If you have any concerns or joys please let us know. Communication is the first step to a healthy relationship.

Library Borrowing

At Koninderie Preschool we promote the love of stories and reading by offering a number of our books for families to borrow and read at home. Please provide a **Library Bag** for your child to carry the books in. Your child may borrow a book each week. This service is dependent on a **Parent Helper** volunteering each day as this is one of the tasks assigned to that position.

Parent Helper Roster

Each day we ask for 1 volunteer parent helper to assist with processing library books and any other tasks the educators may need assistance with. There is a **Parent Helper Roster** on the notice board at the front door to place your name on. Helping the preschool in this way will qualify for your Maintenance levy to be credited to you at the end of the year.

Please remember to label everything

Please write your child's name on everything they bring to preschool.

We ask that the children don't bring their own toys to preschool as some may become upset if they are lost or broken, Koninderie has a large range of equipment for the children to choose from and enjoy.

Show and Tell

Each child has a turn of Show and Tell and when it is their turn they will be given a special bag with the day of the week written on it that your child may bring to preschool and item of interest to show their preschool friends. There will be a sheet of paper in the bag for your to assist with some information about the item for the educators to use as



a prompt for the children to share with their peers. We include this in the program to assist with developing your child's confidence and self esteem.

Promoting Healthy Eating

At Koninderie Preschool we promote Healthy eating and encourage the children to have healthy choices in their lunch boxes.

Please remember Koninderie Preschool is a Nut-Free environment
No Nutella, nuts or bars containing nuts



Koninderie Preschool Hours

Drop off time is from 8.15am to 9.30am. Please ensure your child is at preschool by 9.30am to enable them to enjoy their free-play time with their peers.

Pick up time is from 2.45pm to 3.45pm. Please ensure your child is collected by 3.45pm as the staff finish at 4pm and need time to prepare for the following day.

If your child will be staying at preschool after 3pm please provide a piece of fruit or a vegetable they can share for afternoon tea. These items may be placed in the basket on the table where the children sign in and apply sunscreen.

Morning Sunscreen

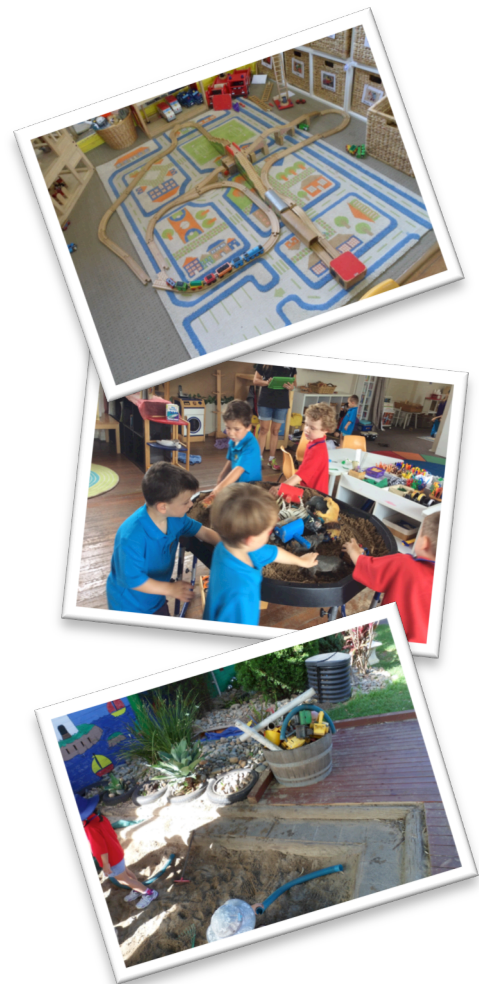
Upon arrival at the preschool please apply sunscreen to your child (if you haven't already done so at home) as they have a choice of indoor and outdoor play to start the day. After applying sunscreen place a stamp next to your child's name on their sign-in sheet and on their hand to notify educators that they have had sunscreen applied.

Journal Friends

Part of the preschool Literacy program includes the use of a Journal Friends activity. Families are given the opportunity to share a week with the Journal Friend and record something about the activities your child was involved in during that time (it could be a family celebration, outing or just a weekend at home). This journal is then read to the children as a way of share each others culture and family experiences.

Portfolios

Each child enrolled at Koninderie has their own developmental portfolio in which educators place observations, documentations and samples of your child's learning while at preschool. Parents are welcome to view your own child's portfolio but please respect the privacy of others and not compare your child's to others.



Evacuation Drill will be practiced Week 2

Sign-in and Sign-out

It is a requirement of the Education and Care Services National Regulations that all children attending need to be signed in and out of the service. Please ensure you write your name and sign the Attendance sheets located on the Pigeon holes in the foyer of the preschool each time your bring and pickup your child.

Daily Friends

Your child has the opportunity to develop their name recognition and pencil grip by participating in the children's 'sign-in' table near the lockers in the preschool room. This activity is meant to be an enjoyable one and is not a stressful experience. It is a time to practice the correct pencil grip and attempting to write letters.



First day at Preschool can be a very traumatic time for some children. Do not feel despair if your child is going through separation anxiety. Here are a few suggestions to help you and your child to overcome the preschool blues.

1. Give encouragement to your child, try not to say negative comments in front of the child as this can cause even more stress to them, be positive about the

Parent Management Committee

Koninderie Preschool is a community preschool and is therefore operated by a parent management committee elected by the association members (parents of children enrolled at Koninderie) at the Associations Annual General Meeting usually held in the month of March each year. If you are interested in being involved in the management of the service please speak to committee member or Anne.

Fund Raising

As a not-for-profit service there a number of fundraisers held each year. This term our main fundraiser is the chocolate drive. We ask each family to sell one box of chocolates to help make this event successful. The chocolates should be arriving this week.

Incursions / Excursion

Koninderie preschool encourages community involvement and we enjoy getting out in the community to share in various events and activities. The local nursing home has invited us to visit again and we are hoping to organize this for later this term. We also have visits from local performances and educational interests. Parent will be notified of any events organized.

Accidents & Illnesses

Parents will be notified by an educator if your child has an accident at preschool. You will be asked to sign the accident report to show that you have been notified of any accident or incident at the service.

To avoid the risk of spreading illness and disease if your child is felling ill the morning they are to attend preschool please do not bring them to preschool.

Preschool Blues

experience.

2. Only do 1 activity with your child so that he/she has other activities to do with an educator.
3. Say goodbye as you leave as this reassures your child you will be coming back.
4. Do not over talk about preschool at home as this can cause anxiety and stress.
5. Call the preschool as often as you like to see how your child is coping.

We know this can be very stressful for the parent as well, but we are here to make the transition as smooth as possible. "HANG IN THERE!"

To make things easier for your child:

1. Label everything, ensure your child can open their bag, lunch box and drink bottle.
2. Pack a spare set of clothing