UWS Early Learning Campbelltown

November / December 2014

Important information:

Just a reminder to all families with children finishing at the service this year, in order to be eligible for CCB or CCR payments you must attend your last day. If your child is absent on their last day you will be charged full fees from the last attendance date.

We wish all our children going to ‘big school’ the best of luck!!!!

Fees for 2015:

0-3 years - $77 per day (General community)
0-3 years - $74 per day (Staff and Students)
3-5 years - $73 per day (General community)
3-5 years - $70 per day (Staff and Students)

*please note that this is full fees and does not take into consideration CCB or CCR deductions.

December:

Children’s Christmas party – 5.30 -7.30pm (please be aware that we can only supervise children until 6pm. After this a parent or guardian must be here to supervise)

End of year closing dates:

We will be closing for 2 weeks at Christmas. The last day for children will be the 18th December and we reopen on the 6th January. Fees are not charged over the closing period.

Staffing for 2015:

Bilbies: Sandra, Renee and Katelyn
Joeys: Denise, Nancy with Simran
Gumnuts: Saira and Gemma

Monique will continue with us as a contacted casual.

Directors Report

Hello families,

Last month was a busy month with the completion of our soft fall and purchase of new furniture to improve our indoor play spaces.

I have now been here for a year! It’s hard to believe as the time has gone so quickly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work and support throughout the year. I have enjoyed getting to know all the children and their families and look forward to continuing relationships next year.

All our school leavers should have received their ‘ready for school packs’ and Sandra has completed the ‘transition to school statements for your child’s school’. Our returning families have been re-enrolled and you will receive your re-enrolment packs.
which include t-shirt, hat and sheet set with a draw string bag. This will be given to you on your first day back next year.

In staffing news Saira has returned for her holiday in Fiji and will be working fulltime. Monique and Simran continue to work as contracted casuals. As most of you know Katelyn welcomed her baby boy “Logan” into the world on October 29th, he weighed a healthy 3.6 kilos and was 53cm long. We wish her and her husband Clayton all the best for their new family!

Our new hand dryers have been installed, I realise that some of the children may have fears surrounding them and we are transitioning with paper rolls available as well as the hand dryers. This change will have a significant impact on our paper wastage and reduce our environmental footprint. We are working hard to increase sustainable practices within the service.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year!

Sarah McAllan

**Bilby Room news:**

The Bilbies have been enjoying all there new furniture in the room. They have particularly enjoyed the home corner equipment engaging in lots of dramatic role play. They have also been extending on their building skill with the new block selection. They have been building tall houses, zoos, and houses.

We have started on our Christmas craft and practicing our singing for the end of year concert. We are also welcoming some new friends into the bilbies as they transition from the joeys room.

With the warmer weather can you please ensure you have applied sunscreen to your child prior to coming outside.

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We hope to see you all at our end of year party! Merry Christmas and a happy new year!!

Regards,

Gemma and Sandra

**Joey Room News:**

The joeys have had a great time doing Halloween craft, making pumpkins, ghosts and bats out of recyclable materials. Some of the children dressed up and Nancy painted their faces. As Christmas is only 7 weeks away we will be starting Christmas craft soon. We will be also learning some Christmas songs. We had a great time celebrating Diwali. Vijaya and Simran made a beautiful rangoli pattern and did henna art on the children’s hands.

It’s also been great to see how well the Joeys are going with their toilet training. We have a few joeys transitioning into the bilbies room next year so we will be making visits over the next few weeks.

The Joey’s have also enjoyed watering the plants and watching them grow. They picked some zucchini’s.

AS the weather is now warmer please remember to pack a change of clothes as we will be having some water play outside.

Regards, Renee and Denise

**Gumnut room news:**

Welcome back Saira! We are very happy to have you back and glad that you had a fantastic time visiting your family. We would like to welcome Paige to our Gumnut’s family and hope she enjoys her time with us.

This month the older Gumnut’s have had more opportunities to play out in the big yard. Ben, James, Nathaniel, have enjoyed cooking in the sandpit, using the spades and pans and even getting to ride the bikes. Ella
and Ivy have really loved jumping on the trampoline.

Bubble play is also a favourite with all the Gumnut’s, they love watching the bubbles float in the air and reach up to try and pop or catch the bubbles

We have also been focusing on whole body movements by doing some simple yoga moves to encourage gross motor development. It’s great to see the Gumnut’s focus and mirror the action we show them.

It is also great to see that the Gumnut’s are now able to use gestures, cues and some verbal skills to ask for particular songs. At the moment they are really enjoying the Sleeping Bunnies” song. They all lay on the floor and then jump up and begin hopping. We continue this by changing the animal each time we go back to sleep.
Playing this develops listening skills, body movements and animal recognition.

We are also getting ready for Christmas, decorating our room with lots of the Gumnut’s beautiful art works. We look forward to see you all at our Christmas party.

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Saira, Nancy, Simran and Monique