May 2014

Thank you all so much for donating to our recycling drive! We now have enough materials for our creative pursuits. So for now we will not need any further donations.

Important information:

From this month we will be operating our winter program. This will mean we will be spending time in the outdoors in the middle of the day which is consistent with the sun smart centre guidelines.

As the weather is getting colder please remember to pack a warm jacket for your child to wear in the outdoors.

Dates for the Diary:

May 9th - Mother's Day Afternoon Tea 2.30 pm

May 19th - Street Sense (Road safety awareness)

May 26th - National Sorry Day

9th - Queens Birthday (Centre Closed)

23rd - 27th - Pyjama week (wear your pj's)

29th - Ramadan starts – ends 27th July

REMINDER:
If you have not brought your ezi-debit forms can you please get them in ASAP. If you require another form please see Sarah or Alayn.

Directors Report

Hello families,

In the last month we have been busy developing our philosophy. We have taken the suggestions from the philosophy tree and combined educator input along with the national quality framework quality areas. I will be writing the philosophy based on this input. The philosophy will be presented as a visual display with pictures accompanying belief statements. This will be displayed in the foyer.

The PALS program will commence this month and I am looking forward to delivering the program to your children. I am just waiting on a few permission notes to come back so that I can start the program.

In other news, we finally have our fibre optic cable installed! This will mean we will have wireless access to the university network and will open up numerous learning opportunities for the children.

I have also put in an application for funding under sustainability. If successful we will be purchasing a new washing machine and dryer plus dyson hand dryers for our bathrooms. This will reduce the amount of water and paper we use in the service.

The children will be going for walk around the university to view all of the sculpture. This has been organised by the art director of the university. It is great to be a part of these university events.

I also had the parent advisory group meeting on the 5th of May. Despite only a couple of families being able to attend we had good discussion about what is happening at the
service. The parents were also given the ‘educational program and practice’ policy to read and review. This follows on from quality area 1 which focuses on educational program and practice. We are now moving onto quality area 2 which is ‘children’s health and safety’. Again the improvement plan will be in the foyer and your comments or suggestions are welcome.

Kind regards,

Sarah McAllan

Bilby Room news:

The Bilbies have now built their own airport and even their own suitcases to travel the world. This box construction has been very popular. The children have been exploring the world globe further as they begin to explore more countries.

We have also been interested in animals and their habitats. Gemma our UWS student is keen to further this interest.

Our recycling bottles and bits and pieces have been put to good use as bilbies have used their imagination to create animals, buildings and some unique creations.

We are also encouraging the children to participate in number activities in order to extend mathematical knowledge.

Thanks,

Gemma and Sandra

Joey Room News:

Over the last month the Joeys have been experimenting with lots of different sensory textures. We have had coloured goop, shaving cream, sand play, ice cubes and water.

Katelyn went on a course extending her knowledge on ‘what is a quality toddler program’. She came back with lots of new ideas which she is bringing to the room. WE have brought some of the outdoor play indoors, and have set up a tent inside. This has extended the joeys play as they have been bringing sand to the home corner area and used it with the cooking equipment.

The Joeys are really engaged in craft activities especially painting which is very popular! We certainly do have a lot of creative joeys!

They have also shown a lot of interest in the construction vehicles around the University. They have been listening to all the different sounds that the equipment has been making outside and have noticed how the road is now in a different place. They have also noticed all the fences that have been put up and this has sparked many different discussions in the group. Please take the time to have a look at our new learning stories on the wall.

Regards,

Katelyn and Denise

Gumnut news:

Our Gumnuts are settling in to our daily routines and seem very happy to be with their fellow Gumnuts and staff. Lots of giggles can be heard throughout the day as we sing our favorite songs together and learn through our play activities.

It’s great to see how much our Gumnuts are growing with James and Ben now walking and becoming even more independent. It is also lovely to see how affectionate our Gumnuts are as they welcome baby Hayden into the group.

During the last few weeks our Gumnut’s have been learning all about “faces”. We love pointing to our eyes and nose and then, pointing to our friends eyes and nose. Some
of our Gumnuts are even able to verbally label some of our body parts and are taking note of our picture on the wall pointing to all the parts of a face.

We also enjoyed the road that Saira and Kate made for us to drive along with our cars. This activity helps us develop our fine motor and coordination skills.

Thank you to the families who have brought in photos for our family tree and don’t forget it’s not too late to bring one if you haven’t.

Talk to you next time

Love Saira, Renee’ and Nancy

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That’s all for now 😊

The Unique Kids team 😊