

The Lily Pad

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LITTLE GREEN FROGS PRE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Re-enrolments for 2013

If your child is returning for care in 2013, you need to return the re-enrolment form along with the \$25 enrolment fee, or \$40 for siblings. Your child's position is not secure until this money is paid. Positions are filling up fast, and you don't want to miss out on the days of care that you require. Positions will be offered to the community at the end of September, so you need to return the form and money ASAP.

Staff News

As you are aware Donna has now taken over the fees duties in the office. If you have any fee enquiries her office hours are 9-5pm, Thursday and Friday. As always if you have any enquiries regarding enrolments, please see Kylie or Rachel.

We have also introduced Miss Katrina as a casual Staff member. Katrina will be working in all 3 Rooms.

Toys

Please do not allow your child to bring toys from home to the Centre. They can become lost or broken, and can also cause arguments amongst the children. Items for news can be given to Staff until it is time for news. We have enough toys at the Centre for all of the children.

Label, label, label

This seems to come up in every newsletter, and is very important.

Please ensure all of your child's belongings are labelled with their name. This includes dummies, bottles, clothes, sheets, hats, and even shoes and socks. . Many children's items become lost, or get left behind at the end of each day, many without names.

Please don't assume the Staff will remember which items belong to each child. We have 56 children come through the Centre each day, and are unable to keep track of everyone's belongings. A great way to prevent your child's belongings from becoming lost is to attach the sticky labels. They will last till your child heads off to Big School, and won't rub off like texta can. If you do use texta, please check regularly that it hasn't worn off.

Big School

Have you let Miss Lauren know if your child is heading off to School next year?

Please let us know when your child is having their orientation at school, so we can incorporate this into our program.

Our Pre-School graduation for 2012, will be held on Tuesday 11th December.

More details to follow soon.

Medication

Little Green Frogs Staff are only required to administer prescribed medication to your children. If your child requires medication whilst at Pre-School, you will need to fill out a medication form and sign it. Please hand all medication to a teacher, do not leave it in your child's bag. Medication will only be administered if it is in it's original packaging, and with your child's name on it. Staff will only administer the recommended dosage on the bottle.

Sheets

Please ensure your child has a top and bottom sheet every day they attend.

Sheets must be in a pillow case or material bag, so we can store them here.

Sheets will be sent home fortnightly to be washed, and need to be brought back on your child's next day of care. You may be charged a washing fee if you do not supply sheets for your child.

Family Houses

Thankyou to the families who have brought back the houses, they all look fantastic. It has been great to see all the wonderful and unique families that make up Little Green Frogs. The children all love to look at their own house as they are displayed in the foyer.

There are still a lot of houses that need to come back, so bring them in asap.

Dressing for Pre-School

As the weather is warming up, we ask that you dress your child appropriately. Please put t-shirts under jumpers, rather than long sleeves, as it is quite warm and also time consuming when changing a whole class.

Also we are a Sun Smart Centre, and promote Sun Safety, so please be advised we do not allow singlet tops to be worn to the Centre. Sun cream is applied to the children throughout the day, but we need to protect your child's delicate skin, in every way.

Please make sure your child has a broad rimmed hat each day they attend. For the babies a hat with a strap is best, as they tend to pull their hats straight off their heads!

Sickness in Childcare

This is unfortunately a harsh reality in Child care. We have experienced a few different contagious illnesses over the last couple of months. If your child is diagnosed with a contagious illness, we ask that you call the Centre ASAP, so we can inform our other families of any signs and symptoms to look out for. You will need to obtain a medical certificate stating that your child is no longer contagious before they return to Pre-School. Please note that fees are still payable, if your child is away sick.

If your child presents with a rash or spots of any kind, you will be called to come and collect your child, to get it seen by a doctor.

Good Luck

Miss Kylie will be going on maternity leave in October. We wish Miss Kylie and her husband Sam all the best on the upcoming birth of their new baby.

Miss Natalie will be returning to Little Green Frogs in October, to take over while Miss Kylie is away. We look forward to welcoming Miss Natalie back to the team.

Kitchen News

We will be moving into our summer menu in the next couple of weeks. This will include lots of fresh summer dishes. Please provide a fresh piece of fruit each day your child attends. It seems to be the same children bringing fruit in each day, while all the children enjoy the fresh fruit for afternoon tea.

DRAGONFLIES NEWS (2-3 YRS)

The second half of the year has been an exciting time in the Dragonflies Room. It's great to see friendships forming and lots of interactions happening throughout the day. We have been involved in watching the change of the Seasons. What fun we had raking and throwing around the Autumn leaves. Now that the weather is getting warmer, sand and water play have been at the top of the favorite activity list. Thank you to the families that have brought back their family houses, this started lots of discussions about our families. The children drew portraits of themselves, which showed off their ability to control their pencils.

Music time has been a great chance for the children to practice listening skills, and all the children have shown progress in their ability to follow instructions. There has been great participation in Ring a Rosie, Sleeping Cows Song, Row your Boat (with a friend) musical chairs, and musical statues. We look forward to the last few months of the year, it's going to be so much fun! Rachel, Erin and Nicole xxx

News from The Tadpoles

The Tadpoles have been practicing lots of self help skills. This has included washing our own hands at the sink, (which we all love to do!) and choosing our own drink bottles from the basket.

As the weather has been warming up, The Tadpoles have been loving playing outside on the climbing equipment. We have lots of little ones, who are just starting to walk and are exploring their gross motor skills and their confidence on the climbing equipment.

Remember to fill out a weekend journal, if you do anything exciting on the weekend, so we can incorporate this into our weekly programs. We have had some great ones this year, and it is great for all the families to get involved.

NEWS FROM THE TREE FROGS- (3-5 YRS)

The Tree Frogs have been very busy with the school readiness program in full force. We have been doing lots of name recognition exercises, cutting and pasting, and lots of writing. Keep on bringing in your items from home that start with the letter of the week. The children enjoy sharing their items with the rest of the group. If you have anything to add to our school readiness, feel free to speak to Miss Lauren. Recently we have been learning how to use sign language. We have been practicing to sign, The Rainbow song, and Kookaburra sits in the Old Gum tree. We will show how good we are at the End of year Party.

The Tree Frogs have also been exploring all things, "Under the Sea". We have taken an interest in the sea creatures, and submarines. We will continue to explore further, and learn about all the wonders of the sea. Our sea wall is a work in progress, so keep a look out for what we add next!

Donations

If anyone has any paper or cardboard they could donate to us, we would greatly appreciate it. Also any old telephones, handbags, or purses, can always be used.

Food

Please do not allow your children to come to Pre-School with any food. We have many children with different allergies, and wouldn't want any reactions to happen caused by food brought from home. Morning tea is served at 9:30am.