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A Country Cottage Pre School

An Early Learning Centre



Welcome to our April newsletter

Photos are being taken from 8am on Tuesday 8th April, Wed 9th April and Thur 10th April. If your child does not attend on these days, please see staff to organise an alternate Photo Day.

We are using a pre-paid system this year. Please complete a photo envelope and sign the payment in the Fees Book for the day you wish your child to be photographed.

Payments are to be cash or cheque only.



We have been enjoying **Kids Gourmet Food** lunches, morning and afternoon tea for 3 months and would appreciate your comments and suggestions. A short survey will be following this newsletter.

Please remember to supply details of new **immunisation** so that we can keep your children's files up to date. Immunisation information is available on the pamphlet stand near the office.

This is particularly important for those in the Butterfly Room who are turning, or have recently turned 4.



The staff and children enjoyed an 'egg hunt' each day before **Easter** and had lots of fun chasing the bunny prints.

Any parents who are not claiming **Child Care Benefit** and **DO NOT** have a CRN, are required to sign a **NOT CLAIMING CCB** form. We will be providing these to all parents who have not provided us with their CRN.



Copies of our **Inclusion Policy** are attached to sign on sheets for your comments. If you would prefer to take one home to read they are available from the fees desk. Any policy not covered in our Parent Information Booklet is available in the office.

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Special points of interest:

- Photos
- Memory Joggers and Safety Notes
- Notes from the rooms
- Calendar notes for your diary
- Remember Vacation Care for next School Holidays.

Tadpole Tales



The Tadpoles love art & craft time, with painting and playdough being particularly popular.

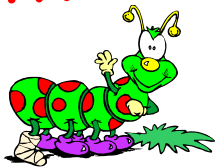
Singing and dancing is also a big favourite, especially when we play instruments as well.

We have all been learning to make new friends through a variety of social games.

The new trucks in the sandpit have been a hit, with lots of digging, dumping and driving.

The Monday and Friday Tadpoles have been spending the day with the Caterpillars. We know sign language! - Ask your child, you may be surprised by all the words they know.

From: *Jenny, Allison & Jacqui.*



Caterpillar Capers

The Caterpillars have been learning how to say 'Good Morning' in German as part of our Good Morning song. Can you help us with some other languages? We have learned a number of words in Auslan, your child can probably teach you we know them so well. If you know of any words you would like your child to learn, let us know. We have an Auslan dictionary to look it up.

Make sure you have a look in our Day Book when you pick up your child so you can talk with them about what they have been doing during the day. Feel free to write in the comments section on each page. If you can contribute an idea or skill to the programme, we would like you to share it with us.

Learning to be responsible for your own belongings is an important skill. There are some little things you can do to help. Hang your child's hat on the hook in their locker when you arrive in the morning. Put their water bottle in a side pocket or next to their bag. This means that things are easier for your child to find and look after.

Michelle & Georgina

Butterfly Flutterings



It is wonderful to see how happily the children settle into new rooms with new staff.

Quite a few of our routines are the same as in the Caterpillar Room. We have extra, and longer, group times including stories and games promoting school readiness. The Butterflies are learning to read and write their names and are having lots of practice with scissors.

Our room has had a furniture 'move-around' to accommodate the children's love of role play and to provide more room for floor play. The Role Play area is a hospital at the moment and the children are loving wrapping bandages, giving injections, (all the 4yr immunizations?!) listening to heartbeats and putting sick children to bed.

If you have any suggestions for our programme or any comments please see staff or write in our Day Book.

Mandy, Lauren, Danielle and Kari.