

PUTNEY PLAYGROUNDS KINDERGARTEN

JUNE 2016 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 3rd Edition of the Putney Playgrounds Kindergarten News. Here we are in June and we are already half way through the year. The children are continuing to thrive and learn through the wonderful learning opportunities and experiences all the extremely talented educators are providing them. As we head into the next half of the year we have various things happening at Putney Playgrounds with the children and educators are excited about. If you have any questions regarding this newsletter please see me.

PARENTS SURVEY UPDATE

This month, parents were asked to complete a survey that covered all learning outcomes such as educators, programming, children, WH &S and management. I would like to thank all the families that returned their surveys. All suggestions by families will be discussed at the next Parent/Friends committee meeting and will be taken into consideration. Please remember that families are encouraged to come and speak to myself at any time regarding the centres running and to discuss their child's progress at any time with the educators.

Some of the comments made included:

-I have been to 4 different pre-schools over the past 8 years never before have I seen such professional/beautiful staff members/director. Your service is second to none and my daughter is so happy. I would highly recommended you to friends in the future - **Natalie Wahbe**

-What an amazing centre run by such an amazing, passionate and dedicated person. Miss Samar we can't fault you or the centre and love how easy you make it for us to trust you with our daughters. Thank you - **Kristy Filewood**

-Our children love coming to Putney Playgrounds. The staff are always friendly, helpful and kind towards the children. Well done Samar on a great bunch of girls you have employed - **Gemma Moule**

- We've felt so welcomed this year. Being our first year of any preschool, I've been very pleased with the information we receive about Tom on a daily basis, the class information via kinderloop, weekly emails from Samar and meeting/upcoming events. Whenever we arrive or leave we are always greeted with lovely smiles and chats by all staff present. Carina's activities are amazing and show a lot of thought and planning. Tom really enjoys his days and loves the range of choice he has. - **Simon and Rebecca Walter**

-What a wonderful warm and friendly centre PPK is! We loved joining this year and have enjoyed being a part of such a great community the educators and extended staff are all terrific, always willing to assist or provide information. Looking forward to continuing to be part of PPK for so many years to come. - **Merin Palmer**

-The centre is really well run and the staff are excellent. Isobel loves her time at kindy and I am very confident in leaving her in PPK'S care. Any issues that have come up they have been dealt with very well and very quickly. PPK is an amazing preschool. - **Joanne Gartside**

- We are absolutely blown away with the level of care, education and support that all the teachers provide our beautiful son. We don't have any feedback other than to keep up the amazing work, we are very happy parents and feel like we can discuss any concerns openly. Thank you for such an amazing group of educators, we are so thankful. - **Stephanie Adams**

-Thanks for being such a great centre, team and educators. You are doing such a great job looking after all the children. Leo loves coming to kindergarten! - **The Azzi family**

-We are very pleased with how our son is developing at PPK. All staff acknowledge his needs and accommodate for them. He has enjoyed his time at PPK and we have enjoyed watching him develop and mature over the past two years. A big thanks to Samar and the staff for creating an engaging centre that children look forward to going to each day. - **Melissa Rutter**

-PPK is a fantastic centre and it is a pleasure to send my child there. All the educators are warm and welcoming. - **Alana Jurd**

- We love PPK and all the staff!!! Keep doing what you're doing - an amazing job with our little people. - **Julie Burke**

-PPK has been part of our family for almost 9 years! The love and care the staff show to the children is heart-warming. I know when I drop my son at the centre in the morning, he has a fun filled day ahead of him with caring staff around him. I love how the centre adapts over the year, the changes made are always a benefit to the children. The regular incursions are educational and so much fun. My only suggestion is that the centre is open a little longer to accommodate early drop offs and late pickups but apart from that I wouldn't change a thing. Thank you wonderful stars for looking after my children over the years - **Michelle Beaumont.**

-Maya thoroughly enjoys her time in the Wombats room. She adores her focus teachers and still loves the other educators who have helped her settle in over the past three years. When I drop Maya off in the morning, I feel great comfort knowing that she is loved (especially when Miss Alaa showers her with cuddles). She is learning a lot and challenge under the guidance of Miss Li-EN. And always, Miss Samar runs a very efficient, tidy loving centre and always greets us with huge enthusiasm and a gorgeous smile. - **Amisha Bhana**

2017 ENROLMENT INFORMATION

The year is passing by so quickly and already time is nearly upon us to begin thinking about enrolments 2016. On Monday 1ST August 2016, placement letters will be handed out to all families attending the centre. This letter will be your chance in reserving your child's days for 2017. This includes any siblings who will be starting in 2017; please remember there is a 'Two day a week minimum' policy. It is important to note that the placement letter must be returned to the centre by Friday 19TH August 2016, once that has been returned a confirmation letter will be sent back with your child's position confirmed and a request for topping up your bond if needed.

Parents need to be advised that if you return this form and your position has been confirmed but then you choose to withdraw your child's enrolment for 2017, you will lose your child's bond that is currently held by Putney Playgrounds Kindergarten.

CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

Over the last few weeks all children have been assessed in various learning outcome areas to determine what stage they are currently at and what areas may need assistance or to be challenged. The educators have put together checklists which they have worked off to assess your child and their individual needs. This checklist has provided information on various skills which you may not receive on a day to day basis. Your child's checklist is confidential and will only be available to the parents of the child. The checklist has been sealed in an envelope and was placed in your children's pigeon holes next week. Please remember that it is important to be provided with individual information throughout the year however be reassured those educators are constantly reviewing your child's progress and if we have any concerns arise we will address it with you immediately. If you would like to have an interview to further discuss your child's report please contact me so we can arrange this. For further information regarding these reports please feel free to see your child's focus teacher or Miss Samar.

QIP BOARD

The centres Quality Improvement plan is available for all families to view at any time in the centre's office. It is important for professionals in any field to have a way of regularly assessing their practices, recognising their strengths and identifying areas that can be improved. A consistent process of reflection and evaluation enables Putney Playgrounds to gain an informed picture of current practices and the quality of education and care experienced by children and families. If you have any questions regarding the QIP please feel free to ask Miss Samar or one of the educators.

Your Child Can Still

Join the Digital Literacy Class

Missed out on enrolling at the start of the year? If you're aiming for school readiness then consider that Digital Literacy is an essential part of learning today. This means using technology in a variety of settings for effective education rather than entertainment. As you can see this is a fun way to learn about literacy and numeracy.

According to Dr Kate Highfield, Institute of Early Childhood, Macquarie University quality screen time should engage, enrich and extend your child's learning. The TechKnowKids specialist program provides new challenges each week. Find out why Principals, Teachers and University Academics recommend and choose TechKnowKids for their children.

If you need more information email us or call us on 98748552.
You can book online today for Tuesday class.

JUST A FEW REMINDERS;

- Please ensure you fill in term 2 feedback sheets from your child's portfolios and term 1 evaluations.
- Parents need to ensure children are not bringing toys to pre-school and the only items that are brought from home are the ones for news.
- Reminder that parents are not to leave the centre before 8am when dropping their children off and must arrive to pick up their children before 5pm.
- Fees are to be kept at least two weeks in advance. A \$70.00 late fee may apply if you fees are regularly unpaid. If you are having difficulties paying your fees please see Miss Samar and arrangements can be made.

- Educators are still finding children's items are not labelled and items such as water bottles, clothing and nappies are still not being brought with your children. Please remember to pack all needed items for the day.
- Just a reminded that we are **NUT and EGG free** which means that no food that your children brings to pre-school should contain either products. This includes Birthday Cakes that are brought in for your child. If you are having difficulties finding a cake please see one of the educators and we will suggest several options. Please ensure that consuming Egg or Nut prior arriving to the service can be harmful to children whom are anaphylaxis.
- Junk food is not accepted as a healthy meal for your child at our centre. Therefore we ask you to make sure you are packing foods that are healthy and are in the five healthy food groups. (Please find attached a fact sheet on Young children and fruit & vegetables
- Thank you to all the families who continue to complete the Weekend forms. The educators continue to use this important information to extend on the children's learning.
- Don't forget to watch out for the monthly policies that are up for review on the National Quality Frameworks board near the main entrance to the classroom. Remember all parents input are taken into consideration.
- Don't forget to sign your child in and out each day they attend pre-school so to ensure you receive CCR and CCB.
- Educators and parents have mentioned several times that the fronts gates have been left open which is a safety risk for all the children. Please make sure you close the gate behind you each time you arrive or depart the centre.
- Please make sure you are not parking in front of any neighbour's driveways.
- Please be sure to bring your child's hats to school each time they are here and to be taken home after each day.
- Just a reminder to be considerate when putting any treats into other children's pigeon holes to ensure they are in bags that the treat cannot be see and sealed up so parents can make that decision of giving it to their child.

Samar Khalaf - Director, Owner and Nominated Supervisor and

From the staff at Putney we must say

How much we enjoy our time with your children every day!!