

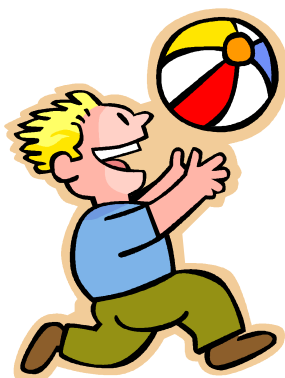
# Mini Minors Newsletter

June 2010

## Mid year update!

We are already half way through the year!! I thought a midyear update would be a good way to let all the families know what we have been up to and our upcoming events! We have said goodbye to some of our older children, who moved up into the Kinder room, we have had some familiar faces from the Pip Squeaks move up into our room and we have also had some new children to Smartie Pants join our room!

We have been busy decorating our room with lots of art work! We created rainbow fish to link with the story we



are reading "The Rainbow Fish" We have created dream catchers and participated in VERY messy table finger painting! We love doing collage pastings, where we can just pick out bits and pieces of everything and paste them onto paper. We have had some visits from the Kinder room's animals including the chicks and their new rabbit, Cuggly. We have been playing in the kinders playground regularly and the children are loving a new environment to explore! Recently we did some baking. We made Smarty Cookies!



The children really enjoyed this experience (see our photos on the hallway wall) We hope to continue incorporating some more cooking experiences in our programs. We would love to hear of any simple recipes you think the children would enjoy making!

## Program

We are also looking for family input into our programs. It is really important our programs are developed from our observations as well as ideas from families. It helps provide a link from home to the centre and also gives us further information on the child's interests and development.

## Family tree

Our family tree is looking a bit bare! We would love if families could bring in some of their child's favourite photos of them with family, friends, pets etc from home to put on the tree. They love looking at their photos on the wall and showing the other children and carers.





## **Fundraising**

Don't forget Billy G's Cookie Dough orders are due this Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June!

All funds raised will go towards new equipment. We have a brand new home corner area we would LOVE to purchase and hopefully funds raised from this fundraiser will help us! And the cookies are very yummy!!!

## **New Early Years learning Framework**

The Early Years Learning Framework describes the principles, practice and outcomes essential to support and enhance young children's learning from birth to five years of age, as well as their transition to school. The Framework has a strong emphasis on play-based learning as play is the best vehicle for young children's learning providing the most appropriate stimulus for brain development. The Framework also recognises the importance of communication and language (including early literacy and numeracy) and social and emotional development

***(Australian Government Website)***

The Early Years Learning Framework describes childhood as a time of belonging, being and becoming

- Belonging is the basis for living a fulfilling life. Children feel they belong because of the relationships they have with their family, community, culture and place.
- Being is about living here and now. Childhood is a special time in life and children need time to just 'be'—time to play, try new things and have fun.
- Becoming is about the learning and development that young children experience. Children start to form their sense of identity from an early age, which shapes the type of adult they will become.

Please visit the following website for further information on the new framework

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/EarlyChildhood/Policy\\_Agenda/Quality/Pages/EarlyYearsLearningFramework.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/EarlyChildhood/Policy_Agenda/Quality/Pages/EarlyYearsLearningFramework.aspx)

## **New staff**

We would like to welcome Rachael and Ryan to our team. Rachael will be working casually in our room to cover RDO's and programming and training time.

Ryan will be in our room between 3.45-6.45pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday.