

Hello,

My name is **Tabitha** and I am your new Room leader for the Mini Minors room.

For those of you who do not know me I have been at the centre since it opened almost five years ago and I have worked in all the rooms in different capacities (including 2IC and Room Leader Mini Minors in 2007 before having my third child and room leader for the kinder room). I was thrilled to be asked to be the room leader for the Mini Minors again as I really enjoyed this group and the children in it.

Please note that as I have school age children my hours are restricted to 9:15-3:15 and this may be challenging to facilitate effective daily one to one communication, however, our team hopes to overcome this by working more effectively together to share the daily communication roles with families as well as focusing more strongly on other forms of daily communication including use of the phone and email. Our goal is to ensure that we can touch base at least once per day on how your child's day is going and to have regular mini catch ups about your child's progress.

I will be taking over the programming for the Minors (older) group and I would be very interested in anything you child may be interested in or anything you would like me to program for. Janine will continue to program for the Minis and she also encourages you to touch base with her regularly about progress at home, in particular with regard to language and pre-writing skills which are rapidly improving in children of this age group.

I would also like to welcome Kayla who to our three year old 'Minor' program and who has been working in the Pipsqueaks room for many months, has been with the service also for many years and knows many of the children in Minis and Minors groups very well. Please note that Jackie will continue assisting in the Minors program and Sam and Janine in the Minis group and we hope their continued presence will facilitate a smooth transition following Belinda's very sad departure.

Another improvement to our programs includes Sandra (from the kinder room) programming a new outdoor program in one of our many playgrounds. This will be an intensive and improved program with art and craft and gross and fine motor skills all catered for.

This means that at around 3o'clock (after afternoon tea) we would like the children in this room to be able to take advantage of this improved outdoor program and along with a carer from our room be able to go across and enjoy playing with the kinder children so they can get use to being part of that room with when they move later on during the year.

Team contacts are:

- Tabitha (Room Leader and Program leader for the Minors Program) – Tabitha.cretchley@smartiepants.com.au
- Janine (Program Leader for the Minis Program) – Janine.ritchie@smartiepants.com.au
- Sandra (Program Leader for outdoor program from 3pm onwards) – Sandra.byron@smartiepants.com.au

Thank you for your time and I look forward to meeting you and getting to know your children.

Please feel free to contact me or to chat to any of the girls in the room if you have any questions.

Tabitha.