



Event Calendar Sept/October

26-30 Sep- Footy Dress Up week

30 Sep- Grand Final Inspired
Lunch(Friday children)

13 Oct- Pyjama Day (come to SP in your fav PJ's)

23 Oct- Play Gym 10am-12pm (open for booking soon)

Policy reminder: Dec/Jan Leave

The normal notice required for annual leave is two weeks except for leave taken over Dec/Jan. We require all leave being taken in Dec/Jan to be submitted via email/letter to Emma by **Nov 1**. This allows us to have adequate time to organise our program and staffing that will be used during this time. In the past we have not been at capacity over this time therefore a holiday program is set in place. In 2012 families will accrue 1 week of their booking as leave in Jan and then again in July. All leave submitted after this point will not be eligible for leave discount. To see how much leave discount you have accrued please speak to Emma.

2012 Booking & Room Changes

Thank you everyone for submitting your enrolment choices for next year. I am happy to say that we are able to accept every one's requests for extra booking days and day changes. At this point those changes, along with room movements, will occur on the **30th January**. If you need your booking changes to start earlier than this date please let us know otherwise your current booking will continue till the 30th. **Bond for increasing your booked days will be debited from your accounts on the 1st December.**

As your children get older and develop their skills they transition into the next age group. Most of these transitions occur at the start of each year. We are always looking at ways to improve these transitions so next year we will be holding them off until the end of Jan. We feel that this will create a smoother transition as most staff will be back from holidays and the rooms will no longer be running on holiday program. You will be given notice in the coming months as to whether your child will transition in Jan or at another date throughout the year. Transitions held at a later date by no means is a reflection on a developmental delay or progress issue. Often we move the oldest children showing they are ready for the transition first. Once these children

have settled in we reassess space and development as to who may be ready to progress next. Your child will have many weeks of orientation in their new room before making their transition in Jan. This is all completed within your child's booking so no action is required by the parents. Parents are welcome and encouraged to organise time to meet with their new team. The rooms for 2012 will also be accommodating older age groups. At SP our rooms are not locked to specific age groups so we are very flexible to be able to change and modify our rooms/programs to reflect the current developmental level within.

Off to school 2012

We are both sad and excited to see our 2011 Kinder group head off to school next year. We will be informing parents over the next month or so as to when we will be holding our kinder graduation night.

We have also had a number of families enquiring as to what day we hold kinder bookings till. All 2011 kinder children will be able to continue with their booking until **27th January**. If you require occasional care days during school transition please let us know. Please be aware that this option is based on the 2012 programs availability.



The warm weather is back...sort of?

The warm weather is slowly starting to come back but the UV index is already reaching levels of 3 or higher. This means sun protection is required for all outdoor play. We are now asking parents to put sun cream on their children before entering care. Sun cream takes 20 min to become effective so by doing this at home your child is able to go straight outside for play when they arrive at SP. Alternatively we have sun cream available near the sign in books in MM of a morning so that you may sun cream your child here. Please be aware that if your child is not sun creamed they will not be able to go outside for morning play. There is a column on our sign in sheets where you can note down the time you applied sun cream to your child.

Along with sun cream, we are now required to wear a sun smart hat (wide brim or legionnaires) and a t-shirt that covers the shoulders. Please make sure your child has an appropriate name hat that can be kept at SP or in their bag. Please note that if your child has exposed shoulders or an inappropriate hat they will not be able to play outside. We will endeavour to use centre spares where available.

Cookie Dough is back!

Cookie dough is back and better than ever.....with muffins!! We will be sending order forms out within the next couple of weeks. Families will only have two weeks to submit their orders and a set pick up date and time will be allocated. More information to come.

Toy Fundraiser Catalogue

Could everyone wanting to place an order through Educational Experience please return your forms to Emma by the end of September. We will be sending them off early to ensure the orders arrive for Xmas. This years fundraiser catalogue has so many great deals for toys for all ages. If you would like a catalogue they are in the foyer.

Kinder Class 2012

If your child is attending our Kinder Program in 2012 you will soon be receiving your official letter of offer. This letter will state the days your child has been accepted into the kinder program and other important details. If you have not yet had a chance to meet the Kinder team please feel free to pop your head into the LG room to say hello.

The Animal Farm Came to SP!

This Wednesday the Animal Farm came to Smartie Pants. We had so many fluffy little chickens and roosters running around the Mini Minors yard. We also had the cutest calf called Sweet Heart (she had an amazing love heart patch of white fur on her head) that managed to sleep through the 2 hours of noisy children and oinking pigs. The pigs had a ball running at full speed back and forth in the play yard and it was so funny to see their tiny little tails wagging as they bolted past us. Other animals that came along were 2 sheep, some ducks, guinea pigs, rabbits and the biggest goose I have ever seen. The children had such a great time!



Room Reports

Hug A Bubs

Jenna- Room Leader, Kayla- Assistant, Kerry- Assistant (Thu)

In hug-a-bubs we have been busy putting up new decorations for the room and creating our Father's day presents!

We have had great weather so we have been able to go outside lots in the past few weeks. We have been able to play in the sandpit, on the tricycles and slides.

Inside we have been having tea parties in our home corner, playing with the dress ups and taking care of the baby dolls, putting them to sleep and feeding them.

We love when Jump 4 joys comes for a visit. We do dancing, singing, make music with instruments, dance with ribbons and last week we got to catch bubbles! Very soon we have some of our older children moving up to Pip Squeaks! We hope they have lots of fun!

Pip Squeaks

Janine- Room Leader, Roxanne- Assistant, Megan- Assistant, Rachel- Assistant (Fri)

In the last few months the pip squeaks room has had a few changes with a lot of our children moving up to the older room. We have also had a lot of move ups from the babies room and welcome them into our room.

Pip squeaks have been going outside more often now that the weather is starting to warm up as outdoor play is very important for their development. We advise parents to please remember to bring in named hats and jackets for your children as the weather still is mild in the mornings.

A friendly reminder to all parents that there is to be strictly no food or drinks brought into the centre due to our children at risk of allergy and anaphylaxis. We cannot stress enough how important this is for the safety and well being of all the children at Smartie Pants.

We would also like to remind parents to please sign up for LIFT if you have not yet done so as it is a great way to get involved in your child's development and have an input into the program.

The pip squeaks children over the past few weeks have been very busy making beautiful cards and presents for their daddy's and were very excited to take them home.

Mini Minors

Sam- Room Leader, Jackie- Assistant, Rhiannon- Assistant, Tabitha –Assistant (t,w,t) Kerry- Assistant (Fri)

We've seen many new faces to the Mini Minors Room the past few months. We'd like to officially welcome Rhiannon who is Mini Minors newest Assistant and is turning out to be a great asset full of enthusiasm, smiles and happy energy. We've also had a few room move-ups from Pip Squeaks and fresh new faces to the centre. It's great to see the room filling up and to all the new parents please do not hesitate to ask the Minis team any question's you may have..

Were starting to get back into the sunny weather and we have all been taking advantage of getting the children outside. Just a reminder to bring in named sun hats. The UV is starting to get higher which requires us to take full sun smart precautions.. Could parents also insure hats still fit from last summer.

LIFT is really starting to take off and a new camera has been bought for the team to start taking photos of all the children for their individual observational records. So please remember to let us know if you authorise our taking of photos, (this needs to be submitted in email to Emma). All the girls and I are on a quest to enter as many observations as possible to give you up to date information on your children's daily activities.

