



Newsletter February 2010

Crazy Hair Day

On 12 March 2010, Smartie Pants will be raising money for The Leukaemia Foundation's World's



Greatest Shave by holding a Crazy Hair Day. Show your support for this great cause by sending your child to care with a crazy hair style. Gold coin donations will be collected all

day for those who wish to participate. We will also have coloured hair spray for the day, so if your child would like their hair sprayed please send an extra gold coin and tell the staff that you give the ok. A collection for donations will also be available on the front desk.

Parent Social Group

This year we will be starting a Parent Social Group. This will be a group run by the parents of Smartie Pants children that will organise social events/outings for the families in care. The social group will not only organise family events but also nights out just for the adults. This is a fantastic way to meet the families that attend Smartie Pants with your children. Smartie Pants staff will help out with the meetings and also provide a link to the centre. Please register your interest by emailing Emma. First meeting will be organised very soon.

Family Involvement

Smartie Pants prides itself on being a very family oriented centre. This year we will be providing even more ways for families to become involved in the centre.

- Working Bees, these will be held once every 6 months. Smartie Pants is set in a beautiful natural bush setting but this can provide somewhat difficult to maintain. Working Bees are a great way for families to help the staff keep our yards looking natural and well kept.
- Parent Social Group
- Policy and Procedure input. Smartie Pants is constantly renewing and updating our policies.

We always welcome parent input during this procedure. Please let staff know if you are interested in giving feedback on our policies, otherwise please use the link provided <http://www.smartiepants.com.au/pinboard.html>

- Parent Feedback, we are always looking for ways to better and improve the centre. Please feel free to email your feedback.
- If you have something special that you can do or something interesting you can teach, please feel free to let the team know. The children love having visitors come in and show/teach them new things. In the past we have held very successful career days where parents can come in and talk to the older children about your career.



Email If you would like to

receive newsletters and updates from Smartie Pants via email, please send your email address to enquiries@smartiepants.com.au

Happy Valentine's Day! Feb 14

On Valentine's Day, we think about
The people who are dear,
How much they add to life's delight
Whenever they are near.

TOP TALES BOOKS

When you see the top tales notice on the door, the books are located in the foyer in a blue box for you browse. With every purchase this benefits the centre and enables us to receive books for the children. Please note the books are at a reduced costs and there are some fantastic titles. If you wish to place an order there is a form located in the box please place your child's name on the order.

Hug A Bubs Room Report

Room Leader- Jean, Assistants- Catherine and Alisha

We have had a fantastic start to the New Year. Our new children have settled in so well and are enjoying all the activities and playing with the other children. The children love the new art corner and have already produced some great pieces of artwork. It's great to see all our crawlers now beginning to walk and all the children's language skills have improved dramatically. We have managed to get outside for some much needed fresh air and outdoor activities this year. Let's hope the lovely weather continues throughout February! In February we will be programming some water play activities as well as some finger painting and group time activities. Lots of fun to be had this month!

Hug a Bubs Team

Pip Squeaks Room Report

Room Leader- Janine, Assistants- TJ and Sam

A warm welcome to all the children and parents in Pip Squeaks for 2010.

With so many new children to the room we are focusing on getting to know each other and making new friends. New staff in the room (Janine and Sam) but not new to the centre are enjoying working with a different group of children . T.J. is still in the room and familiar with children from last year which has been a big help.

Our room has been freshly painted and looks great. We can now start to put up art work to decorate our room.

Mini Minors Room Report

Room Leader – Jenna, Assistants- Kayla, Tabitha and Rachael

The weather has been getting warmer, which means we haven't been able to play outside much in the afternoon, but we have been able to

eat icy poles and do water play inside! We use the magnetic fish and rods to go fishing! We also have real fish in our room. We are going to start decorating some place mats so we can put them out at our meal times and start making a gigantic family tree on our wall

Little Geniuses Room Report

Room Leader- Kerri, Kinder Teacher- Brad, Assistants- Jackie and Sandra

Hello from the kinder room. By now you should have all received the welcome letter that came home with your children. To our new friends welcome you have settled well. To our old friends we are glad to have you return and hope you continue to enjoy your experience.

We have started our year with a program that is "getting to know you" Your children have been asked questions about themselves and will continue with them painting a portrait of themselves. We will also be asking for family photos so as we can put faces to names.

SUNHATS We are still in warmer weather and some children haven't been bringing their hats which means that we have limited spare hats to go around. we wash our spare hats daily but would encourage your child's Please also we have had quite a few cases of head lice and would prefer your child has their own labelled hat .Please if you have a daughter with long hair could we encourage you tie it up. We also encourage drink bottles that can be left in your child's locker, where they can access it all day. Please make sure these are labelled.

HOME TOYS Please discourage your child from bringing in toys from home. We will be starting Show and Tell and would love to have their toys etc saved for then.

COMMUNICATION As in the welcome letter you were given contact details please feel free to use this service as you need.

Once again we have a great year planned.