



Bear Park St Clair

October 2011

We warmly welcome all of our new families who have recently joined Bear Park St Clair. We hope you feel welcome and are settling in well. Please, if you are unsure of anything, do not hesitate to ask staff.



We are thrilled to welcome Jan Campbell to the Infant and Toddler Room. Jan has just completed her Bachelor of Education Teaching Early Childhood Education.

Next week we say goodbye to

Emma Frew as she is off on a placement to complete her first year of studies and then off to Zimbabwe to get married! We wish Emma and Elmo all the very best and look forward to having her back at Bear Park in the New Year, along with lots of photos of the big occasion.



Congratulations to our Centre Supervisor Marijke and Greg, who are expecting a baby boy in the New Year.

Tell me and I'll forget
Show me and I may remember
Involve me and I'll understand

Chinese Proverb

The Programme



Fantails & Moreporks

Jan and Sam are working with the Moreporks and have now formulated a question for their Clay Investigation exploring "How do children use their bodies to explore clay?" The Moreporks will be given plenty of time and space to explore this medium.

Wendy and the Fantails are busy exploring Heuristic materials. They too have formulated a question and intent, "The exploration of round objects and their motion" giving them a variety of objects to explore, using lots of sensory exploration and a trial and error approach.

Tuis & Keas

Kylie, Marijke, Sandra and the preschool children are still investigating 'The Presence of Birds.' The Keas have taken this investigation to the next phase looking at "What do birds eat?," whereas the Tuis are looking at "Where can birds live?" Both groups are having fun exploring all areas of the curriculum, from early literacy to the sciences. They are questioning and coming up with their own theories as they discuss and debate their thoughts and ideas.



Fish and Chip Evening

With over 35 families now enrolled at Bear Park we would like an opportunity to have a casual family get together. Hence, we warmly invite you and your family to join us for a Fish'n'Chip Evening from 5.30 onwards on Tuesday 8th November. Please bring along your family and a fish and chip, or picnic tea. Postponement date will be the following night.



Centre vision

As a new Centre and Team we saw it fit to compile a Centre Vision, unique to our Centre here in St Clair. This is currently published in the Entrance Way –in draft form, We'd love your feedback on this draft and if there is something your family sees as important please feel free to add to the Centre Vision.



Fees

Invoices for October are available at the Sign In area. If you have any queries speak to Tony (Centre Director). Fees are invoiced monthly and are due at the end of the second week of the month.

Please remember to sign your child both In and Out of the Centre each day. Also, if your child should be absent, please phone staff, or leave a message on the phone after hours to inform them. Please also ensure your child is only attending the hours they are enrolled for staffing and enrolments are based on an 8.30-3.30 session and a 7.30-6.00 session, your child is more than welcome to attend a different session However, a Change of Session Form needs to be completed to allow for ratios to be met.

Summer Month

With the warmer weather comes sunblock and sun hats. Please ensure your child has a named sun hat at Bear Park. If you wish to supply your own sunblock please inform staff,

otherwise we use a sensitive sunblock.

At least one change of named clothes is also recommended. It is important children wear suitable clothing for both the Outdoors and the Arts –No Sunday Bests at this stage!



Christmas Break

Attached is a Holiday Form Bear Park is closing at 12.00pm on Friday the 23rd of December and re-opening Wednesday 4th January 2012 with shorter hours of 8.00-4.30pm for that week. We would appreciate completion and return of the holiday form to enable us to staff appropriately for the beginning of the New Year.

Labour Day

Bear Park will be closed this Monday 25th of October for Labour Day, we hope you have a lovely long weekend.

-Bear Park St Clair Team