Dear Families

NEXT WEEK – Save the date!!!
Families – Transition to School Parent Forum
Tuesday 18th August 3.15pm – 4.00pm in the Preschool.

The focus of the meeting is to get your ideas and requests for what you’d like to see happen to support transition to school. We can answer some questions about how it works and what the best start test is all about. It is also to provide some information about how we can help your child together feel ‘ready’ for the next step in their educational journey.

Hot topic: Sharing news! Some children have been very excited and keen to share news every day. We have found it very hard to say no – after all it brings much joy. We have a situation though, with such a busy program that we just don’t have time to show everyone’s news effectively to meet the desired outcomes of it, which are to promote language skills. Specifically, we are supporting children’s speaking to learn to extend their vocabulary, communicate in complete sentences and to project their voice confidently to an audience. For the audience, the focus is to support the building of listening skills and questioning skills. This is vital for later learning in a formal schooling environment. From next week, when Mrs Walker returns from leave, we will have a new ‘NEWS’ system. We ask for your help in this matter by trying to keep items at home, unless it is your child’s designated news day.

Quality Improvement Plan update – Week 5
Focus: Quality Area 4: Staffing arrangements.
The focus here is on ensuring our staffing arrangements enhance children’s learning and development and ensure their safety and wellbeing. A goal we have set ourselves in this area is to continue to extend collaborative planning processes with all staff who work regularly in the program. We welcome all family contributions and suggestions as to how we can continue to deliver a high level of Early Years Education and Care. Any ideas of areas you’d like us to continue to improve in are very welcome. Please talk to Lyndal or Andrea or add feedback to your home-school journals for us to follow up on. See http://www.acecqa.gov.au/national-quality-framework/the-national-quality-standard for more information.

We wish you all a fantastic weekend. Lyndal and Andrea