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## JULY 2010 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to all the new children and families that have recently commenced care at our centre.

### Loan approval

We have been successful in obtaining a loan from the West Tamar Council for the refurbishment of the bus shed. This work is due to commence in August with a completion date late October. This is such a fantastic achievement and a long awaited room specifically for the After school care children and Vacation care groups.

### Grants

We have also been successful in being granted \$5,000 from the West Tamar Council's Community Grant 2010/2011 and a further \$5,000 from the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) to assist in the preparation of the grounds behind the bus shed and also in developing a quality outside playground area.

### Parent Statements

Please let Wendy or Vicki know if you are having difficulties receiving your statements by email. If you are on our email list and did not receive May's statement in June please advise the office (statements were emailed last Thursday), hopefully this will save some time and cost in producing the statements. If you would like your name added to our email list for correspondence please notify Vicki or Wendy. If you haven't collected your statements from the office for a while please do so as it is a compliance requirement from DEEWR that you receive these statements

### Thankyou

Thankyou to all families that have called the centre to cancel their children from care that have been unwell. It is the time of year when there are many coughs and colds lingering around. It is very difficult to find relief staff if they become unwell as well

### AGM

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 7.00pm. If you are interested in joining our committee please speak with Vicki. Meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at 7.00pm at the Centre and usually take one hour. Our Committee is made up of Community, Staff, Parent and Exeter Primary School representatives. If you do not wish to join the Committee but would like to attend the AGM you will be most welcome.

### Gym Art work box

Parents are now able to collect their child's art work from the box in the foyer of the gym. Please take some time looking at this work as children have spent considerable time completing tasks.

### Clothing and footwear

As the weather is very cold at the moment would families please ensure that children are dressed accordingly to the conditions. Staff will take appropriate opportunities to take the children out doors even in the cold to gain some fresh air.

## **Staff Training**

Sheryn has now updated her Senior Work Place 2 first aid certificate

## **Students**

Emaly Marshall from Launceston College is completing Certificate 2 in Community Services. Emaly will be here on Prac Placement in the Harmony Room on a Monday and Thursday until August.

## **Speech Therapy information Session**

Tara Brady from St Giles Speech Pathology visited the centre for a parent/staff information session last Wednesday evening. It was great to see families participate in this session having the opportunity to ask questions relating to their child/children. Tara was able to reiterate the importance of early speech assessments. If you are at all concerned about your child's language development you are encouraged to phone reception to make an appointment **(6343 0218)**.

## **St Giles Therapy Services**

A parent can self refer their child to St Giles Therapy Services. St Giles assists children from birth to 17 years of age. With the exception of Speech Pathology which provides services to preschool children only.

## **St Giles Therapy Services offer**

Occupational Therapy

Physiotherapy

Speech Pathology

Family Support Unit.

If you would like further information regarding the services that St Giles Therapy Services offer please ask a carer in your child's room or Vicki

## **Head Lice Prevention**

500ml Spray bottle, 15ml lavender essential oil, 15ml tea tree essential oil, 50ml dishwashing liquid (earth friendly as you will spray it on the head. This liquid helps to emulsify the oils with the water)

### **Method**

Blend the oils and dishwashing liquid together first. Fill 500ml spray bottle with water, leaving enough room for the oil mixture, pour oil mixture into spray bottle and shake to blend. Spray on each day to prevent those little critters. Refill bottle before it runs out as the oils can clog the sprayer.

### **It works**