

Pedder Patter Chatter

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“The beauty of an early childhood setting is that the educators who enhance the children’s learning & care are able to be flexible and are able to work in any context within that setting”.

Pedder Patter is venturing into a new after school care facility this year. We are happy to inform that Pedder will be opening a second after school care programme at Youngtown Primary School starting from 16th February 2011.

Our coordinators for this new venture are Ike Sulzberger & Sam Jones.

REALLY GREAT CARE FOR REALLY GREAT KIDS!

For some of you she is known as a room carer from the Dolphin Room. She has worked at Pedder Patter for 4 years, and graduated from UTAS with a Teacher’s Degree in 2009. Together with her management skills, Jacqui Gartrell has stepped into the Director’s position with ease!



We stop serving breakfast at 8.30 am

ALL IN A DAYS WORK...

Our holiday programme is ending for this summer... thank you to all the staff that did an extraordinary job with providing a fun filled programme. We look forward to providing more exciting and wonderful programmes to the children who use our holiday programme.

News from the Director

Welcome to all new families and the old... a few are leaving Pedder after being with us for nearly four to five years... We wish all the best to the families and the children in their future endeavors. Thank you for all the children for giving us the opportunity to be a part of your initial learning stage of your lives.

A reminder to all families; Nat, Jacqui and Preeni are always available to assist you with any issues or information regarding care or bookings.

News from Starfish Room

Welcome to all children and parents. It has been a great start to 2011 in the Starfish room.

There are lots of new faces and all the children have been settling into the room well and are forming new relationships with the carer and the other children.

Just a reminder, to the parents about naming all the belongings of the children such as clothing, medication, bottles. It will be appreciated if you could supply a sun hat and sunscreen for children if they are unable to use the centre's sunscreen for occasions when we venture outside.

We have a great display of photos in the room of the children while at Pedder please feel welcome to take your time to look at them. The photos will be updated regularly.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask.

Keisha ☺

News from Rainbow Fish Room

Hello and welcome to all, from the Rainbow fish room carers Leah and Preeni.

Most of our Rainbow Fishes have settled in to the programme with a lot of cheek and mischief. Our programme is a very flexible one to suit each child within the room.

Both Leah and I will work with the families to support and assist with the children's learning through play. We seem to have a very active group of children this year and some of them have figured many things within the room such as:

- if Megan from the kitchen happens to visit the room, it must be food time

- if Kristal or Jen walks in the room, that is the time that they can have so much fun because Leah and Preeni will be leaving the room soon...

We are so glad that the munchkins can't read the time yet... we still can tell them when they get upset that "mum and dad will be back soon!" However, the other routines they seem to have figured out very quickly.

Our display on "class of 2011" will be an on going one where we will be displaying photos of the children participating within the programme and for you to have a glimpse into your child's life when he or she is with us in the Rainbow fish room.

Please, feel free to ask any questions regarding the programme and or any other issues, as we will try to do our best to assist you.

Looking forward to a fun filled year.

Preeni & Leah ☺

News from the Seahorse Room

Hello and welcome to the Seahorse Room 2011. It has been a great start to the year with the children settling in well with the carers and within their new environment.

The children have been experiencing a variety of art experiences, which they all seemed to enjoy, and exploring their new outdoor environment, especially the big sandpit and the playground.

So far, we have celebrated Australia Day and Valentine's Day.

Our upcoming event for March is St.Patrick's Day, which we will be celebrating by asking children to dress in something green for Thursday 17th March; notices will go out to all families closer to the event.

As some of us already know, Liz is expecting her first child in May and will be leaving us for maternity leave in mid April.

If parents have any concerns please do not hesitate to speak to one of the room carers.

Liz, Lynne, Clarissa & Jen ☺

News from the Dolphin Room

We would like to welcome all the families and children into the Dolphin room. We have had a great time getting to know each one of you. We look forward to an exciting year ahead filled with lots of learning through play, building friendships, amongst the Dolphin group and we hope to learn a little bit about each of the families at Pedder through our Show and Tell times and our room mascot, "Gypsy the Dolphin" sharing a little family time at your home. So far, this year we have already celebrated Australia Day and Valentine's Day, which we hope you have been able to take some time to check out the children's artwork.

We would like to ask parents to ensure your child is wearing a T-Shirt that covers the shoulders for outdoor play as Pedder adheres to the "Sun Smart Policy" so that children are protected from the UV rays during play in the sun. We would also like to ask that "croc's" or thongs are not worn at Pedder as they provide no support to children's feet whilst climbing on outdoor equipment or running. These recommendations can be found in the Dolphin room handbook and the Pedder Patter Centre Policy folder.

Thank you

Alanna, Joy & Lynice ☺