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Welcome to another addition here at Little Peanuts!

Hello and welcome to another addition of Little Peanuts Newsletter. In this newsletter we will touch base on upcoming events, healthy snacks you can create at home, account information as well as an introduction into each of our rooms for the year.

First off I would like to welcome three new team members to the Little Peanuts Team. Miss Veronica, Miss Diane and our new centre cook Miss Amanda. Be sure to say hello to them when you see them around.

Important information in regards to accounts:

Please be aware that it is your responsibility to ensure your child's CCS is always up to date and correct. A few reasons things can change is if your child is due for vaccinations or your activity test needs to be updated or is incorrect. It is your responsibility as their parent to ensure all details stay correct to ensure you are getting the correct CCS for your child.

As of the 7th March if you have more than ONE child in care under the age of 5 and you earn less than \$354 305 you will be entitled to a higher CCS rate for your younger children. Eligible higher rate children will receive a 30% higher subsidy, up to a maximum 95%. Families will continue to receive their income tested CCS rate for all children. Children eligible for the higher rate will have the increase automatically included in their CCS percentage reported to services.

We currently have very limited vacancies in every room. If you require an extra day or are wanting to swap days please see us as soon as possible where we will try to accommodate your request to the best of our ability. If you know 2 weeks in advance that your child will be on holidays please send a request through the app or let an educator know as you will be entitled to the subsidised rate of care for your holiday period.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Valentines Day: 14th February

Pancake Day: 1st March

Public Events:

Nanango Markets – 1st Saturday of Every month

Kingaroy Friendship markets – 3rd Saturday of Every month

Wondai Markets – 4th Saturday of Every month

Burrandowan Campdraft – 19th February

Proston Show - 4 & 5th March

Yarraman Horse Ride – 5th March

A Little Bit About Our Rooms

Baby Blue Birds

Age group – 6 weeks old to 2 years

Here in our baby blue birds room we tailor our routines to each individual child. Using their daily routines is very important in providing a consistency for each child. We strive to provide age appropriate experiences to help further their individual development and meet all emotional needs.

Children start to learn to interact with their peers and start forming those very important social bonds with Educators and their peers.

Yellow Bumblebees

Age group – 18 months – 2 years

In our Bumblebee Room we continue to support children forming relationships with their peers and securing bonds with their Educators. We strive for continuity of care, so that children are familiar with their room Educators resulting in them being more settled to engage in their play based learning. Our main focus is encouraging self help skills and providing interesting activities to develop fine motor skills and early cognitive learning.

Pink Periwinkles

Age group – 2 years – 3 years

In our Room we continue to support children with building relationships with their peer and Educators. We provide more challenging cognitive, fine motor and physical activities to reach developmental milestones for this age group. Fairness, co-operation and group activities are explored to introduce children to the benefits of shared learning experiences

Green Treefrogs

Age group – 2 ½ years – 4 years

In our room we continue to embed fairness, co-operation and explore problem solving skills at our experiences. We focus on Cognitive, Social, Emotional and Physical wellbeing, so that children can participate and gain independence in solitary, small and whole group scenarios, as they learn through their play. We encourage them to explore and guide their own learning so they become more confident in the communicating and sharing of their ideas with others.

Purple Possums

Age group – 3 ½ years – 5 years

In our room, we encourage children's Communication, Literacy and Community skills to be able to explore and actively participate in their environment. We build on self confidence, collaboration and co-operation in group experiences and explore higher thinking skills to encourage problem solving in their learning. We also focus on preparing our children for integration into School Life at Prep year level.

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN – Puffed Rice & Seed Bars



Ingredients

- 1/3 cup unhulled tahini
- 1/4 cup rice malt syrup
- 1 tsp vanilla bean paste
- 2 cups puffed rice
- 1 cup Macro seed mix with pepitas & sunflower seeds
- 1/2 cup currants
- 3/4 cup black & white chia seeds

Method

Step 1 of 4

Grease a 20cm (5cm deep) square cake pan. Line base and sides with baking paper.

Step 2 of 4

Place tahini, syrup, vanilla and 1/4 cup water in a large saucepan. Whisk well to combine. Bring to the boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to medium and simmer, uncovered, for 3 minutes or until thickened. Remove pan from heat.

Step 3 of 4

Add puffed rice, seed mix, currants and chia seeds, then stir until combined. Press mixture over base of pan to compact. Freeze for 1 hour or until set.

Step 4 of 4

Cut into 12 bars and serve.

ACCOUNTS - Important information!!

It is important to make sure your childcare fees are paid up to date. This means that your account is to be paid **IN FULL** by the end of the week that we are currently in and is to be 1 week in advance.

If your account is in arrears please make payment immediately or contact Louise or Amber to discuss options.

****As we have very limited vacancies, could you please call at the earliest time to advise of changes to bookings****

***Ezi-Debit, Centrepay and Direct deposit are the preferred payment methods.**

ARE YOUR CHILDREN SIGNED IN AND OUT CORRECTLY?

Safety of the children is paramount here at Little Peanuts. We take great care in ensuring that the environment is safe for you child. We need your help to ensure this by making sure that you shut all doors and as you arrive and pick up your child/ren.

**** Please advise an Educator or Louise/Amber that your child is arriving/leaving and you require them to be signed in or out for you ****

It is absolutely vital that ALL CHILDREN are signed in and out of the Centre and sighted by an Educator. Also please note... children can only be signed out as you are leaving the Centre for safety reasons.

Quality Improvement Plan

A Quality Improvement plan is a document that supports the Centre in delivering quality education and care and to plan future improvements.

Continuous improvement is very important to us here at Little Peanuts and we would really love for families to become involved in this process.

The Centre's QIP is located in parent's corner. The QIP has 7 quality areas.

- QA1: Educational Program and Practice
- QA2: Children's Health and Safety
- QA3: Physical Environment
- QA4: Staff arrangements
- QA5: Relationships with children
- QA6: Collaborative partnerships with families and communities
- QA7: Governance and Leadership



