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Occasional Care Newsletter End of Term 1

15th March, 2010.

Dear Parents,

As this is my first newsletter, I would like to introduce myself to our families. My name is Kathryn and I have been appointed to the position as the Early Childhood Co-Ordinator for this centre. I look forward to meeting all of the children and families using our Early Childhood Service. I will mostly be working with the Occasional Care and Playgroup families; however, I may also be involved with the Outside School Hours Program.

I would like to introduce you to our newest staff member Renee who has joined our Occasional Care team. Renee has a Diploma in Children's Services and lots of early childhood experience. She will be working in Occasional Care on Thursday and Friday morning.

Occasional Care and Playgroup do not operate during the school holidays. The final session for this term will be Friday 26th March and we will be returning on Monday 12th April. We hope all families enjoy their Easter break.

I would like to remind all families to check with Erin at the Reception desk to confirm their Occasional Care bookings for Term 2. We do have a number of families on our waiting lists we would like to place.

I have been very impressed with the programs the staff are running for the children and the very caring approach all staff have for the children in their care.

At the AGM on Wednesday night it was announced the childcare room will be named in Kim's honour. The room will be known as the **Kim Kauhausen – Crump Children's Services Room**, in memory of Kim for her commitment to the children's services for many years.

A couple of reminders

- Please ensure you write the correct time & sign the attendance sheet on arrival and departure
- Ensure the two doors leading out into the childcare room are both closed.
- A healthy snack and drink that is labelled clearly with your child's name on it.

Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre has a Sun Smart policy, which requires all children to wear a Sunsmart hat.

This needs to be one that protects their face, neck and ears during outside play, from September to April. For added protection we advise parents to apply a SPF30+ or higher to your child/ren at home before attending the session.

Please feel free to speak with me if you have any concerns regarding any aspects of our Early Childhood Programs. I will be in the Centre for all Occasional Care sessions and some of the playgroup sessions.

Kathryn Bellis

Early Childhood Co-Ordinator.