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## Occasional Care Newsletter

Start of Term I 2011

Dear Parents,

Welcome to all families for the start of 2011. A special welcome to the new families who are attending our service for the first time. We hope it is a happy time for yourselves and your children.

Our staff for this term is:

- Monday – Sandra, Renee and Tracee
- Tuesday – Shelley, Queenie and Rosemary
- Thursday – Shelley, Renee and Tracee
- Friday – Shelley, Renee and Rosemary

Michelle will be returning from Maternity leave in Term II. Reigan will be filling in as required this term.

The five hour sessions have been very popular with many families. The children have coped very well with the extra time and some of the younger children are having a sleep after lunch. If your child does attend for 5 hours please ensure you do have 3 nappies in their bags, as we will change their nappy twice and it is always handy to have a spare. Please also send a change of clothes for all children.

For the safety of the children's feet, please send the children in shoes with enclosed toes and heels. Little toes can be very easily stubbed whilst climbing or running.

We now have a pocket holder for the children's hats. Please place their **named hat** in the pocket (hanging near the outside doors) and then take it home as you leave. All of the children do need a hat for outdoor play.

Have you looked at our photo program? At the end of each session, the team print some of the photos of the children's activities during the day. We are starting to set up individual books for the children with photos, artworks and learning stories. We will be asking for parental input to support the children's interests and needs. Please speak to us if you would like any information.

I have noticed we have a large number of families who have not returned their 2011 enrolment form. It is very important to have the family information updated each year, as phone numbers etc do change from time to time. Please check you have returned the blue updated form to us. I have a list of families I need to follow up.

We hope you all have a great year at Merinda Park Occasional Care. Please speak to myself or the room staff if you have any concerns with any part of our programs.

Kathryn and the Occasional Care Staff