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Hello! Welcome to Our Room

Hi! We would like to welcome you to the "Bumble Bee" Preschool Room! We are very excited to have you join us! In our room there are 3 educators with the children from Monday through to Friday. The Lead Educator is Samantha who holds an ECT Degree and two Assistant Educators – Clarissa who holds a Diploma qualification and Patricia who holds a Cert 3 qualification. The three of us have over 10 years combined experience working with children! We have been working at this centre for 3 years. We really enjoy working with the children and it's our pleasure to have you join the "Bumble Bee" Preschool Room. We all work Mon - Fri, so your child will always be welcomed by a familiar face. We will always be available to discuss any matters and feel free to have a chat with us in you have any concerns!



Lead Educator

Samantha – Hi I'm Samantha! I have worked with many different children here and in other countries as well! I love dancing and also play the violin which I use during group times! My favorite colour is red and on the weekends I love to go horse riding. My family has a farm and we have a range of different animals from cows, chickens, horses and goats. Since music is a special interest of mine, we will have lots of fun doing music and movement!



Assistant Educator

Clarissa - Hi! Clarissa here! I have been at the centre for the past 3 years and I really enjoy my time here. I'm a fitness fanatic and before and after work I enjoy a run. I even run marathons (if i get the time to train). I love to get your child involved in physical exercise and I'm in charge of organizing the outdoor program. We will have so much fun during outdoor play as we move, run, walk, balance and jump our way through the different games and activities I provide!



Assistant Educator

Patricia - Hi! I'm Patricia! On the weekend I love to paint! I have a weekend art studio where children come and I teach them different art activities. I also implement and plan alot of the art activities that your child will be participating in. Art is an important method of a different type of form of how your child can express themselves and I will support and assist your child with their artistic side! I also enjoy messy are so make sure you bring a spare change of clothes!



Our Room Routine

Consistent, predictable routines help your child to understand the room environment and feel safe and secure. A regular routine enables your child to reduce anxiety by knowing what is coming next. A well-planned routine will also help encourage positive behaviour by meeting their basic needs for eating, sleeping, indoor and outdoor play, individual play and time with other children.

Time: 7am to 9am **What We Do:** Breakfast, Indoor Play

Time: 9am to 9:30am **What We Do:** Group Time

Time: 9:30to 10:30am **What We Do:** Morning Tea, Outdoor Play

Time: 10:30 to 12:00 **What We Do:** Indoor Play

Time: 12:00pm to 1:00pm **What We Do:** Lunch Time

Time: 1:00pm to 2:00pm **What We Do:** Rest, Quiet Acitivities

Time: 2:00pm to 3:00pm **What We Do:** Indoor Play, Group Time

Time: 3:00pm to 3:30pm **What We Do:** Afternoon Tea

Time: 3:30 pm - 5:00pm **What We Do:** Outdoor Play, Home



Your Child's Day

Indoor Play – We have a variety of experiences for your child to engage in. These experiences are changed throughout the week, depending on the current interests and spontaneous learning that may emerge on a day to day basis. We also have interest areas set up. These areas have specific resources and tools and equipment that your child can use to explore and discover.

Outdoor Play – Your child will develop their gross motor skills and explore the natural environment through our outdoor area. We provide a playground which provides your child an opportunity to climb, and run and we also have a sandpit for exploration.

Group Time – Group time is a scheduled (or unscheduled) time when we all come together as a community of learners. To share thoughts and ideas, listen and converse to each other, participate in new learning experiences, introduce new concepts, read together, sing together and collaborate with one another.

Your Child's Learning

During your child's time with us, we use different documentation methods to build an understanding of your child's skills, interests and abilities. Using this documentation we plan individual experiences that will focus on your child's learning and overall development. The documentation we use are observations, learning stories and individual portfolios. You are more than welcome to view this documentation of your child to see their progress and we will be happy to discuss your child progress with you, throughout the year.

Portfolios are located: Above the Sign In/Out on the shelf.

Your Child's Observation Cycle: Week 3 Of Every Month

Parent Meetings Held On: Jun and November (dates will be confirmed)



Birthday Celebrations

We understand that Birthdays and other special occasions are important to your child and family. Celebrating your child's birthday here with us is special since they can share this special day here with friends.

You are welcome to bring a cake to share. Please make sure that the cake is in its original packaging and includes a list of ingredients (no NUTS please) and the used by date. The children will sing "Happy Birthday" to your child during afternoon tea and the cake will be served along with a fruit platter. We will also take photos of your child on their special day!

Get Involved

You as the parent, is your child's first teacher and you know your child better than anyone! It's so important that you share with us information which we could use and include into your child's individual learning plans. Information could include:

- Going to the beach or park over the weekend
- Having extended family coming to visit or staying with you
- Going on a holiday
- Your child's current interests at home (cooking, gardening).

Throughout the year we will have special days such as "Mother's Day Morning Tea", "Grandparents Day", "Father's Day BBQ" etc. Being part of our centre community, it will be great for your child if you attend.

During the year we may need parent volunteers so if you can lend a hand in anyway, let us know! Our centre also has an open door policy so this means you can pop in whenever you would like during the day to spend time with your child. We also invite you to be part of our class. Reading stories, singing songs, cooking activities, art and craft, anything that you would like to be included in, we would love to have you join us!



Getting To Know You

We would love to get to know your child and your family. The information you provide will enable us to incorporate your responses within our program. Please return this to us, by: Monday 18th January

Child's Interests & Strengths:

Megan interests include: outdoor play, playing at the beach, insects and fairies. She is also able to count to 20, count backwards from 10, spell her name and identify letters.

Child's Likes & Dislikes:

Megan likes pretty much everything and isn't hesitant to try new things!

Megan doesn't like sudden changes and needs to be told in advance when something is going to happen such as when it's time to eat, pack away etc.

Siblings and Pets:

Siblings:

Stacy - 7

Rebecca - 6

Thomas - 8 months

Pets:

Oscar the Dog

Family Traditions & Customs:

We celebrate Australia Day, Anzac Day, Easter and Christmas with family and friends. We usually have a BBQ at our place and gather friends and family. The kids enjoy spending time with their cousins and we are a tight knit family. On the weekend we usually have the cousins around at our place.

Would you like to receive our daily communication by email? Yes No

Email: McIntosh_Julie@yahoo.com.au

Family Photo

Having you join our group, makes you part of our centre family and we would really appreciate it, if you could share a family photo with us. The family photo is displayed in our room and supports your child's sense of belonging and makes you part of our centre's inclusion as we share many diverse families within our service.

Please return this to us by: Monday 18th January 2016



Thank You!

We are very excited to support your child in their development and learning in the year ahead and we look forward in sharing your child's journey with you!