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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

I would like to welcome all our new parents and children. It is great to hear that we have an excellent name in the community with new parents coming into the centre to see the quality care that we provide.

Centre Licence

As of the 1st of October we will be changing to one license instead of three. This change will only affect our administration, making things a lot easier for both us and you as parents. You will no longer need to fill in new enrolment forms every time your child moves rooms. If you have recently been given an enrolment form please fill

Staff News

We had a beautiful leaving ceremony for Normi and it was great to see so many parents attend to farewell Normi. We wish Normi all



the best in Melbourne with her family.

Erwin's last day will be the 29th of September at 12.00pm, where we will be

this in promptly to ensure your child is enrolled in their current room. Remember this will be the last time you will have to do this.

Portfolios

We have had our new computer system for four months now and fortunately it has been a relatively smooth transition apart from a few account problems.

The Head Teachers recently attended an introduction session that will enable them to place learning stories and children's photos in our new system where you as parents will be able to access your own child's portfolios on-line. You will also be able to view your account. We plan to have this up and running by November. You will receive a letter with a password shortly.

having a shared lunch.

Thank you to all the 4 year old parents who attended the parent meeting on the 8th of September. A lot of questions were answered and parents were well informed as to the running of the Senior Owls. It is a great pleasure to have Maria as Head Teacher

Car park

Please **Slow down** driving through the car park and adhere to the 10kph speed limit as stated on the speed limit signs.

SLOW DOWN!!!

The car park can get congested at peak times, please be patient and ensure you do not block in other cars. Be mindful of the cars next to you when opening your car doors. Take extra care when backing out, one parent recently backed into another parents car and drove away. We do not condone this sort of behaviour!

There has been a few verbal exchanges between parents at the back entrance, we ask that as parents you are courteous and polite to one another.

Please ensure the gates are closed behind you and there is absolutely no propping the gate open. Our children's safety comes first!

Our car park is a smoke free zone and we ask that you respect this

of both the Junior and Senior Owls, her knowledge and wisdom is supported by her colleagues here at Bright Sparks

Teachers in our Centre:

Shellee - Centre Manager

E.C.E Teacher

Kristie - Administration

E.C.E Teacher

Polly - Chef

Kane - Active movement

Butterflies

Ollye - Head Teacher

E.C.E Teacher

Mili

E.C.E Teacher

Pele

Primary Teacher

Bumblebees

Val - Assistant Manager

E.C.E Teacher

Tasha

E.C.E Teacher

Phyllis

E.C.E Teacher

Karen

Certificate in Professional childcare

Louise

In training

Pritika

Permanent reliever

Tui Tots

Katrina - Head Teacher

E.C.E Teacher

Anita

In Training

Rui

In Training

Philomena

In Training

Junior Owls

Maria - Head Teacher

E.C.E Teacher

Aman

E.C.E Teacher

Desley

In Training

Pritika

Permanent Reliever

Tise

E.C.E Teacher

Ruihatea

Reliever

Senior Owls

Maria - Head Teacher

E.C.E Teacher

Ake

E.C.E Teacher

Pemita

Primary Teacher

Sam

Maternity leave as of 21 October

Ameilia

Permanent reliever

Relievers

Ruihatea

Reshmi

Pritika

Tammy

Lynn

Jasmine

Linda

Upcoming events

- Rugby World cup celebrations for the next four weeks
- Butterfly Creek excursion for our under 3's on the 30th September
- Polkadots musical at the Telstra Events centre on the 5th of October for the over 3's
- Zoo trip for the whole centre on the 2nd of December. The centre will pay for this trip in celebration of our children's year at Bright Sparks Childcare Centre. Any adults coming on the trip will need to pay for themselves.

Reminders

Sun

Children must have named sunhats at the centre at all times. We will apply sunblock throughout the day. NO



HAT NO OUTSIDE PLAY!

Lost property

Please check the lost property in your child's room, items that remain unclaimed for several weeks will be donated to our local church.

Christmas

Our Christmas party will be held on Friday the 16th of December throughout the day. We will be having a BBQ with our children and some bouncy castles. Santa will attend to do a lolly scramble. This year our children will receive a year book with all their precious moments at the centre for 2011.

FEES

All fees must be paid in full up to date as stated on your child's enrolment form and in the centre information booklet. Fees that are overdue and remain unpaid will result in the termination of your enrolment. We currently have a waiting list of children waiting to come to the centre.

Signing in and Out

Only adults may sign their children in or out. Children under the age of sixteen are not permitted to sign children in or out, this is a Ministry requirement.

Children need models more than they need critics.

Thank You

I would like to thank Faith Milan's parents in the Bumblebees for donating the seesaw for our children as our seesaw was stolen from the playground. Thank you so much, the children are loving it.

I would also like to thank Tipello's parents, Jackie and Casper who are new parents from another centre for their positive observations about our centre. Also thank you Jackie for all the classroom supplies you donated.

Thanks to Kingston, Paige and Liam's grandmother Nana Terri for her constant supply of paper for our children and her positive feedback about our teachers.

Thanks also goes to Rocco's mum Mel Hampstead and Lincoln and Paige Samuels parents Larry and Helen for your support to the centre. You both have been with the centre a long time and you always give positive, valid and factual feedback, which is always appreciated.



Thank you to our All Black; Kevin Mealamu (Tise's son) for attending the centre and talking with our children and signing their

footballs etc...

I apologise if I have forgotten anybody, as we do have very good support from all our parents here at Bright Sparks Childcare.

Go ALL BLACKS!!!



Our Bumblebees