

THE Pied Piper Paper

Pied Piper News

March 2014

Thank You for being egg-free!!

A big thank you to everybody....we are so impressed by the thoughtfulness you have shown in keeping our centre egg-free.....we are all learning to read labels carefully and there have been some real surprises.

One of these has been Tiny Teddies....while these are not recommended for preschool as they are sweet biscuits, unfortunately many children bring them. One brand contains eggs and another doesn't!

Anyway, thank you again. We know it's been a lot to get your heads around (and ours!) but our friend Jordan is safe and happy at preschool and able to enjoy all the things that every other child does without danger.



Some of our children have been working with Cheryl – our Sustainability Teacher – in exploring seeds. Here, they open a range of fruits and vegetables and find out what is inside.

Check out Cheryl's review of what she does with the children each week in the foyer – hanging in the Big Room window.

Preschool is a **no hat no play zone**, so if your child does not have a hat, you will need to pop home and pick one up. We are phasing out our spares as we are finding that some children regularly don't bring a hat and are relying on spares. We lose many spares when they go home and don't come back as well. Big room hats can now stay at preschool in the hat pockets, and as soon as the Little Room hat pockets are hung, these hats can stay at preschool too.



Easter and Mother's Day raffles coming up



Look out for our Mother's day Raffle too....there will be lots of lovely prizes.

We hope you will be able to help by selling raffle tickets for these raffles.



We're working to raise \$370 to buy gumboots for the digging patch and a giant sand mill for the sandpit.

We have a basket in the foyer if you are able to donate an egg for our Easter raffle. Thank you if you can help!

Next parent and committee meeting

Our next parent and Committee Meeting will be held on **Monday 31st March**. We would love to have some new faces come along.

We can offer you:

- Free childcare
- A cuppa
- A chance to find out how your preschool runs
- An opportunity to your say about policies if you want to
- An opportunity to meet other parents

- An outlet for your creative fundraising ideas!
- The satisfaction of knowing you've contributed to and supported a community organisation

There's no pressure to join the committee...just come along and join in the chat or just listen. It's not an AGM!

We might see you at 4 pm on Monday 31st!

Lithgow Nanna's Touch

Nanna's Touch is a new support group in Lithgow for parents and carers of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders or other additional needs. Their first Coffee, Chat and Get Together will be held at:

Lithgow Library

Tuesday 11th March (first Tuesday of every month) 10 am – 12 pm

Gold coin donation appreciated to cover costs

Contact: Sue Murdoch on 0409765601

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Fire Safety

Your children may have told you that we are practising evacuating the building in case of a fire.

We are practising get down low and go, go, go, learning to call out in a big voice when we hear our names, and learning to follow instructions.

Do you have a Fire Plan at your home? NSW Fire and Rescue has a fact Sheet on [Home Escape](#) Plans if you need some information! Remember to check your smoke detectors regularly!



Quality Improvement Plan

We've been working on Quality Area 2: Children's health and safety. Here are some of the things we are aiming to do to improve what we are doing in this important area:

- ☺ Develop a procedure for sleeping children
- ☺ Check the Medical Conditions Plans
- ☺ Review all our hygiene procedures
- ☺ Continue to promote healthy eating
- ☺ Include lots of planned physical activity (Donna and Cathy A have just been to **Munch and Move** training and have lots of ideas for us here!)
- ☺ Develop a tobacco, drug and alcohol free policy
- ☺ Practice safety scenarios at our staff meetings

If you have any ideas or feedback on any of these areas, we'd love to hear from you.



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Working Bee

We're having a Working Bee on **Sunday 6th April from 9 – 1 pm** (or less if we get the work done!) The jobs we want to do are:

- Weeding the mulched beds
- Spreading new mulch
- General garden and playground tidyup

Please let Trudy know if you are able to come. If you are coming along, you might be able to bring:

- Rake
- Shovel
- Wheel barrow
- Weeding tools