



Lighthouse Learning Centre Newsletter

August – October 2014

The year is slowly coming to an end and Summer is creeping closer. We are all very excited about the warmer weather! Outside play will become part of our daily fun again – no more rainy, wet days to keep us inside. On this note – please remember to put Sunscreen on every morning before school and to bring those beautiful sun hats along again.

Here is an update on what we have been up to at Lighthouse over the past three months – a lot has happened and there is much to look forward to. ☺

Events:

Father's night treat

We often hear the children talk about how strong their daddies are and how they play with them, and during September we were able to show them just how much they mean to us and how much we love them. To celebrate Father's Night we invited our daddies to Lighthouse to enjoy some fun activities with us – a train set, marble run, play dough, carpentry, and blocks to build with. The children each made a very special card for their daddies that they received on the night as well.



Holiday Fun

While some of our friends were on holiday with their siblings, the rest of us had some holiday program fun at Lighthouse. The children thoroughly enjoyed everything we had planned for them: Toy Sharing, Teddy Bears Picnic, Fairy-tales and Puppets, Wheels and Wheels, Baking Fun, and much more.



My healthy body

Over the past few months we have been talking about healthy food and how to keep our bodies healthy and strong. The older children were given the opportunity to do some Yoga to show how breathing is good for the lungs, stretching for the



bones and exercise for strengthening the muscles. On our backdoors you will also see the result of children tracing their friends' bodies and collaging it. They learned more about their different body parts, the bones inside their bodies and their five senses through many different art activities and games.



Welcome back Michelle



Michelle is back after spending a few special months with her little girl. We are happy to see that both her and Katherine are healthy and strong. We will all enjoy watching her grow into a beautiful

young lady! ☺



Special thanks

We thank Sophie Roose for stepping in while Michelle was on leave. The children each made a special picture that we put together in a card to show our appreciation.

Learning Focus:

Appreciation and thankfulness

Over the past few months the children learned a lot about what it is to appreciate people who take care of us.

Before Father's Nights we spoke about our daddies and what we love the most about them. The children made special cards to show just how much they love their dads and to thank them for all the wonderful things they do for and with them.

Before Sophie Roose left, we spoke about how she contributed to their learning and play, and each child was asked what they want to thank her for and drew a picture to show their appreciation.

Both these opportunities were good for the children to make them aware of the unique ways in which people contribute to their lives.

Holiday Fun.

While having fun during our Holiday Program, the children were learning social skills and good qualities like sharing, taking turns, consideration and working as a team.

My healthy body

The children had fun learning about their bodies and how to take care of it. They should now be able to make more responsible choices about what they eat, how they play and in taking care of themselves and others around them.

Upcoming Events

The year is slowly coming to an end and it is almost time for our Lighthouse Annual Concert. Please keep **Friday, 12th December 2014**, open in your calendars. In only 6 weeks our special Lighthouse stars will be singing proudly for their families and we want you to enjoy this day with them. ☺

Christmas Holiday Bookings

Lighthouse will be open between 22nd and 31st December 2014. There will be no charge if you take these two weeks as holiday.

If you decide to send your child/children during these two weeks, charges will be as below:

Under 3 years - \$50 per day

Over 3 years - \$35 per day

The centre will be closed for Public Holidays during those two weeks, i.e. 25th & 26th December 2014 and 1st & 2nd January 2015.

To help with our teacher roster planning, if you wish to have your child attend over the Christmas and New Year holidays, please let the staff know your plans. We will have shortened hours over this time.

Please talk to Michelle if you have any questions.

