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Community Newsletter

Minnie Me - Development Application Proposed expansion next door to our centre

We will have a parent petition letter outside each unit at drop-off and pick-up times this week if you would like to support our concerns about the development application to expand the daycare facility next door to our center. We are greatly concerned about the impact major building works will have on our center. Whilst we will have our petition letter available to sign, it would be fantastic if you could send a letter to council addressing your concerns and supporting ours. We need as many letters as possible to be sent by parents. Please post your support letter directly to: **Development Assessment West, Brisbane City Council, GPO Box 1434, Brisbane 4001.** Please put the title on

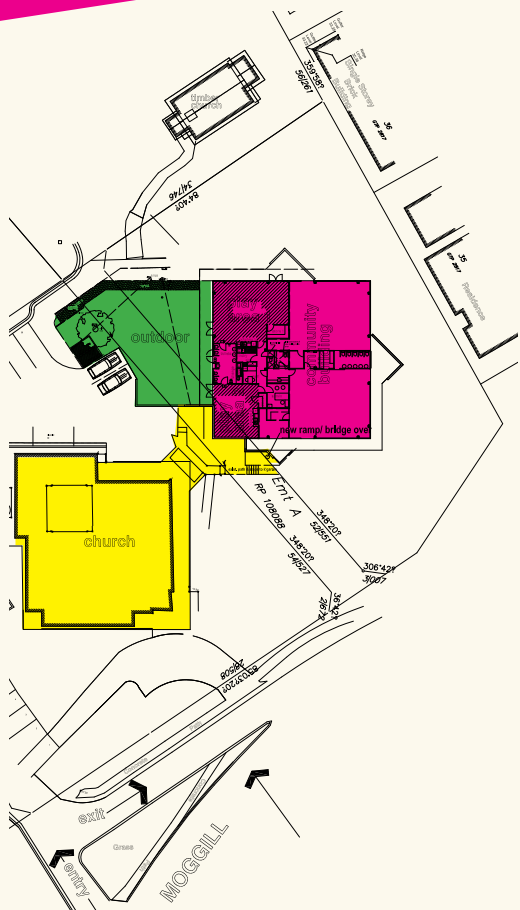
the letter as '**Application A003205011 Material Change of Use - Extension of Childcare Facility**'.

Please bear in mind the closing date for submissions is Thursday 9 February 2012.

Here is the link to the development proposal currently sitting with council:

<https://sde.brisbane.qld.gov.au/services/startDASubmission.do?direct=true&daNumber=A003205011&sdeprop=982>
MOGGILL RD KENMORE QLD 4069

Your Group Rep will be available to discuss this issue with you at drop-off and pick-up. Fiona Guthrie in Unit 1 is also available to answer any questions you may have.



2 DIRECTOR'S WELCOME
A warm welcome to you all
from Pam Bentson (Director)

3 TEDDY BEARS PICNIC
Saturday 18th February
4.00pm till 6.00pm

4 YOUR KPPK 2012
MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

Welcome to Kenmore Park Preschool and Kindergarten!

The early childhood years are recognised as providing the foundations for lifelong growth and learning. We acknowledge that each of the children coming into our groups is a special and unique individual. Our educational programs are developed to enhance children's individuality and unique learning styles. Children learn through observation, interaction, real-life experiences and play. At Kenmore Park we work with your child, in each of these ways.

Play is an essential element in the learning process, so we ensure that it is a central part of our curriculum. Play allows children to make sense of their world and enhances their all-round development. At Kenmore Park we are very lucky to have a wide range of excellent, high quality educational books, games and resources that promote learning through fun. Our stimulating classrooms and carefully landscaped playgrounds offer attractive, safe and exciting learning environments.

For many children enrolment at kindergarten/pre-prep, constitutes their first venture outside the family and into the wider community. Our role is to support them and to ease the transition from home. Our process for gradually introducing children into their groups has been carefully planned to minimise distress and

to help all children feel secure. All staff-members and committee members at Kenmore Park look forward to working in partnership with you during 2012 as we provide rich learning environments where children feel happy, safe, secure, respected, supported and valued.

It is with great regret however that I will be finishing my time as Director and Teacher at the end of February 2012. For personal reasons I have decided to retire after 27 wonderful and rewarding years. I hope the many children and families have enjoyed the association with Kenmore Park Preschool and Kindergarten over this time as much as I have.

The committee will be filling the position of Unit 1 Teacher and Director in the coming weeks. All parents will be informed of my replacement and introduced to the new person as soon as possible. I thank you in advance for your patience and understanding whilst this process is finalized. I look forward to speaking with as many families as possible at the Teddy Bear's Picnic on Saturday 18 February 2012.

**WARM WISHES FOR A
WONDERFUL 2012 TO YOU ALL ,
from Pam Bentson (Director).**



2012 Queensland Term Dates

Term 1

Monday 23 January - Friday 30 March

Term 2

Monday 16 April - Friday 22 June

Term 3

Monday 9 July - Friday 21 September

Term 4

Monday 8 October - Friday 14 December

2012 Queensland Public Holidays

Fri, 06 Apr 2012 - Good Friday

Sat, 07 Apr 2012 - Easter Saturday

Mon, 09 Apr 2012 - Easter Monday

Wed, 25 Apr 2012 - Anzac Day

Mon, 07 May 2012 - Labour Day

Mon, 11 Jun 2012 - Queen's Birthday

Wed, 08 Aug 2012 - Royal Queensland Show

Tue, 25 Dec 2012 - Christmas Day

Wed, 26 Dec 2012 - Boxing Day

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday

Routines

Familiarity with routines, help children to feel comfortable and secure in their new surroundings as they understand what is expected and what comes next. Parents are asked to assist children with the following arrival routines each morning:

- Remove shoes and socks and store in lockers.
- Store lunch boxes and sheets in appropriate baskets.
- Place other named belongings in lockers.
- Sign attendance record and apply child's own sunscreen.
- Help your child to greet staff and join the group for group time.

When departing in the afternoon please advise staff that you are leaving and help your child to collect his / her art work and belongings and farewell staff.



Teddy Bears Picnic

It's time for our first social function!

Saturday 18th February - 4.00pm till 6.00pm - Unit 1 Playground.
BYO teddy and a picnic rug.

Parents are welcome to bring their own wine, cheese, etc.

Available for sale: sausages in bread (\$2), soft drinks (\$1.50)
& poppers (\$1).

Activities: teddy bear necklaces, face painting, teddy bear headbands, teddy bear puppets.

There are volunteer sheets at the sign-in desks if you can help on the day. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Please RSVP by Sat 11 Feb to Lou Rae (Mon/Tues groups)
0408 199 690 or Inez Forkgen (Wed/Thurs groups)
0414 532 974.

Saying Goodbye

Separating from parents and saying good-bye can be difficult for some children especially in their first days at kindergarten, when everything is new and possibly uncertain. These hints have proven to be helpful:

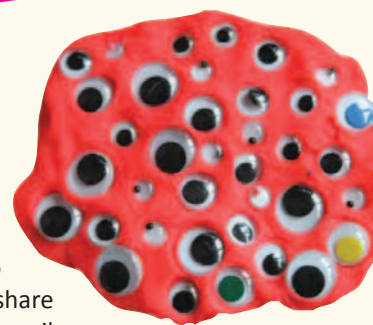
- Keep goodbyes short to limit upset and stress.
- If you expect that your child will be distressed please advise staff who will provide additional assistance and support.
- Advise your child that you are going, giving him / her a kiss and cuddle and leave quickly.
- Later, if you are worried about how your child has settled please phone our centre on 33784469 for an update...most tears and upset at separation last only a few minutes, if that!

Remember: A quick goodbye is better for children than a long drawn out one, which only causes stress and upset. We are here to help you if your child has difficulty separating from you. Please talk to us.

Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Play Dough Recipe

Play Dough is fun for all ages and it is also a fun activity to have at a home. You can buy Play Dough already made, but it is even more fun to let the kids create their own. We would like to share with you a great Play Dough Recipe that can be easily created with simple ingredients you may all ready have in your home.



Set up your table with fun tools such as Cookie Cutters, Plastic Utensils, Toothpicks and any other items that the kids can use to shape and make designs in their Dough. Also consider using a disposable tablecloth or messy mat on the table and/or on the floor (especially if you are doing this activity where there is carpet).

Other Tips:

Make sure kids have washed their hands prior to playing.
If Play Dough becomes too dry you can always add in a drop of water.
If Play Dough becomes too sticky add in some flour.
Use food colouring to colour your doughs different colours.
Store Play Dough in either an air-tight container or a ziploc baggie.

Put on some music and let the kids have lots of free play as they create their little dough masterpieces. You can even create different categories like Most Creative, Funniest, Best Play Dough Pet etc...

Have fun with this great recipe!!!

Coloured Play Dough Recipe

1 Cup Flour
1 Tbsp Vegetable Oil
1 Cup Water
1/2 Cup Salt
2 Tsp Cream of Tarter
Natural Food Colouring



ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Do you, your family or friends have a business or an event you'd like to promote in our newsletter?

It is a great way to reach dozens of families each month.

Contact Christopher Ryan at
ryansonthemove@gmail.com
for further details.



Community 'Whats On' February 2012

Tuesday 7 February, 9:00 am

Unit 1, Jan's group social catch-up
Cafe Fiori, Kenmore Village

Wednesday 8 February, 9:30 - 10:00 am

Toddler Time
Kenmore Public Library

Tuesdays in February, 2 sessions 10:00 - 10:45 am & 11:00 - 11:45 am

Gallery of Modern Art - Toddler Tuesday
Bookings required, Ph: 3840 7255

Daily in February, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

State Library of Queensland
Kid's Activities in The Corner
Join library staff and volunteers each
day for story telling, singing and free
play time.

KPPK 2012 Management Committee

The 2012 KPPK Management Committee was elected last November at the AGM.

Below are the Committee's contact details. Please contact them should you have any queries or wish to volunteer.

| POSITION | NAME | GROUP | EMAIL |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| President | Peta Oelkers | Unit 1 W/T/F | peta_sutherland@yahoo.com |
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Your Details - Do they need updating?

Parents if you have changed your details since filling out enrolment forms last year, please let Lois in the office know. As well as needing up-to-date phone numbers in case of an emergency, we also regularly send out information via email, including the monthly the newsletter.

Contact Details

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