

## Glenfield Early Learning Centre Newsletter, term 1, 2016

**A big welcome to our new children;** Hunter, Marco, Alia, Ella, Christine, Grayson, Diana, Aya, Melody, Micah and Alessandra. We are enjoying getting to know you and your families.

**We are also very proud to welcome our newest addition to the teaching team, Almira.** You will have noticed Almira as she worked at GELC during her practicum and then as a reliever towards the end of 2015. We congratulate her on her new position as a qualified teacher at GELC and feel very lucky to have her as a part of the team.

**OUR 2015 CHRISTMAS PARTY:** This was a great time for us to say 'thank you' to our families for all their support over the year. We really appreciate all you do to help us make GELC a better place for all the children. We were also able to thank local businesses **Ray White Real Estate** and **The Warehouse** who have supported us with generous donations throughout 2015. We were able to keep this event free due to the generosity of our families in supporting the



Christmas raffle – thank you.



**OUR ERO REPORT:** Late last year, the Education Review Office came for their scheduled visit. They came, they saw and they went. Now we are waiting for their confirmed report, which we will display in the lobby for you to read. We were very pleased to hear that they have judged GELC to be **“Well placed to promote positive learning outcomes for children”** and that they will come back in another three years for their next review. A gold star for the GELC team!

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Thank you to the parents who call and let us know when their child is absent. It means it is easier for us to comply with ministry regulations, and if someone needs a casual session it won't go to waste.
- Remember you are able to book in a chat with a teacher to talk about your child's progress or any questions or concerns you may have. Just see Stacey or Paula to arrange.
- Please take care and watch your children in and around the carpark. This is a tricky area for drivers and they may not see children.



The teaching team: Paula, Stacey, Joanne, Vee, Almira and Jessie 444 0818

### TERM DATES

**Fruit week  
begins Monday  
29 February.**

**Working Bee is  
Tuesday 12  
April 2.30pm  
till 5pm.**

**Public holidays  
are Good  
Friday**

**24/3/16 and  
Easter Monday  
28/3/16.**

**Last day of  
term 1 is  
Friday 15 April  
and first day  
of term 2 is  
Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
of May.**



- We would love to recycle your supermarket plastic bags, old towels and any resources we can use for arts and crafts.
- If you would like to help please let us know. We can always find something to clean, dress-ups to mend etc.
- If you have changed address, phone numbers, or who can pick up your child etc., please let us know.
- If you are looking to change session times please let Paula know and she will get back to you as soon as your desired session comes available

**EASTER RAFFLE:** In March we will run an Easter Raffle. We ask all families to donate a small luxury that you would like to win, and tickets will be on sale from 14 March at \$2 each or \$5 for 3. Please see Stacey or Paula to buy. We are also hoping to have some donations from local businesses included in the raffle as well. Please note that all profit from the raffle goes directly into resources for the children so it is a win-win situation.



**TEACHER'S BREAK TIMES:** Please respect that the teaching team work really hard and need their peace and quiet in their breaks. They only get half an hour for lunch so please ensure children are picked up and families have left the GELC and lounge (teacher's lunch room) before their break starts at 11.30am. The teachers appreciate the afternoon children waiting outside till their session starts at midday.

**FRUIT WEEK:** To encourage a positive attitude to fruits and vegetables we will have a 'fruit week'. We ask families of children who will be staying for the afternoon session (all-day and afternoon children) to donate 2 pieces of fruit or vegetables over the week so the children can eat a healthy snack together before tucking into their lunchboxes. We will be talking about what healthy foods are and how they benefit the body and playing some fun games and trying new activities based around healthy foods.



**WORKING BEE:** You may have noticed that the GELC and the Community Centre have had a bit of a 'spruce up' over the holidays. This is because our Centre Manager Nigel spent his time fixing, weeding, pruning, painting and generally improving the grounds. In the GELC Nigel has done the garden, started painting the most urgent areas, attached a GELC sign to the outside of the concrete wall, and painted and fixed a blackboard to the fence for the children to use. To continue his great work we will have a working bee starting at 2.30pm on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of April and work together till 5pm. We would love it if any handy parents would come and give us a hand. If you think you can help the team, please see Paula or Stacey and let us know. If the weather chooses not to co-operate we will postpone to a later date and let you know ASAP.

**A QUICK QUESTION:** We really want you to read the newsletters, and wonder which way is best for you to receive them, email or printed on paper? Please let Paula and Stacey know your preference.

