

Playgroup Term 2 Newsletter 2017

Welcome

A very warm welcome to all our families. We hope that you continue to enjoy our exciting program in Term 2.

Coming Events

National Families Week & Neighbourhood Centre Week

Please join us for a free Community Morning of Fun celebrating National Families Week & Neighbourhood Centre Week.

- When: Wednesday 10th May 2017
- Where: Peninsula Community Centre's main hall.
- Time: 10am – 12noon Cost: FREE

All welcome. Come enjoy a cuppa and a chat. Do some craft with the kids, swap, and shuffle and share your unwanted goods. Have an introductory lesson on knitting, crocheting or card making from our seniors ladies craft group or chat with the speech therapist from "All Area's Speech". Information on how to budget from a financial Counsellor or help with your mobile device will also be available. Health & Fitness demonstrations will take place, along with loads of other information

Biggest Morning Tea

Coast Community Connections will be hosting their annual Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday 25 May. Get your friends together and bring the kids along to this fabulous event

Our children have been invited to perform for the guests. We will send out permission notes closer to the day.



Peninsula Occasional Care

Vacancies available for children

- 0-5 years
- Operating Hours 8.30am-4.30pm
- Permanent and Casual Positions
- Cost \$8.00 per hour.

Community Centre Events

Fussy Eaters Seminar

Thursday 25th May 10-11am
Peninsula Community Centre
Cost \$10 per person Phone 0407 492 278

Kindermusik Classes

Wednesdays at Peninsula Community Centre
Phone 0401 566 728

Kindy Gym

Kindy gym runs on Friday Morning
\$8 per child per week or \$70 per child per term.

What is Sensory Play?

Sensory Play or Messy Play is play that allows children to be fully engaged with their senses. Children use their 5 senses to discover and explore when involved with sensory play. Their sense of sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste. By providing opportunities for sensory play children have the opportunity to not only develop their senses but they also develop holistically. Children will develop their cognitive, physical, creative, literacy & numeracy, oral language and creativity skills. Sensory Play is fun, messy, creative and necessary!

Messy play can help children to:

- relax - it is a very soothing activity
- Experiment with and explore the properties of the solutions e.g. does it hold its shape or pour or run?
- What happens when substances combine?
- Learn about colour mixing, patterns, design, texture and rhythm
- Develop hand-eye coordination and practise pouring, measuring, mixing, scooping and beating skills

Sensory Play is very important for children as it helps them to integrate all their senses. Sensory play helps children process all the information the brain receives from touching, smelling, tasting, hearing and seeing.

Making Goop

- Slowly add one cup of cold water to two cups of cornflour in a bowl. Stir until the water is absorbed by the cornflour. Add colour if you like. Put the goop in ice-cream or large containers with spoons, cups and other utensils.
- Great just with fingers on a flat surface.

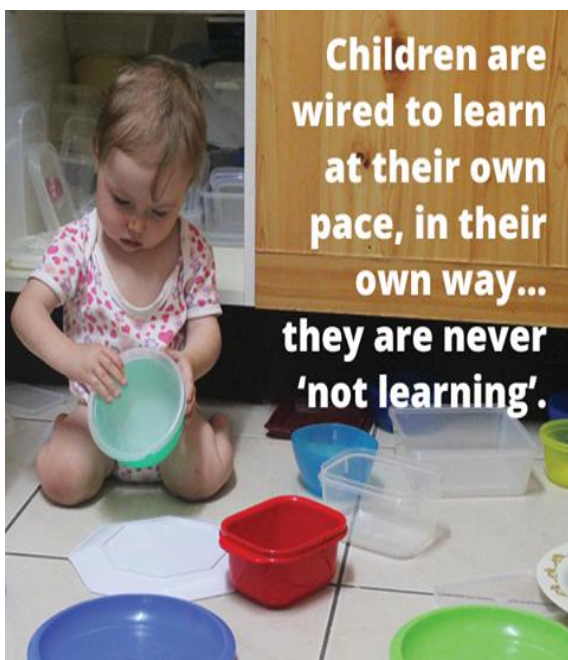


Photo Wall

We have a photo wall of our play group families please see Lynne to have your photo taken with your child to add to the wall

Tea and coffee

Each week we have tea and coffee available in the kitchen. Please make gold coin donations and for safety use the travel cups provided

Swap Shuffle Share

Please bring in your unwanted children's clothing, toys, books and accessories on the last Tuesday of each month all families are invited to take the items without obligation.

Suggestions

If you have any suggestions to enhance our playgroup program, please speak to Lynne, we would love parent input into our program.

We hope you and your child continue to enjoy you playgroup experience.

Lynne and Julie