

Top Ryde Early Learning May Newsletter



Welcome to the first official newsletter for Top Ryde Early Learning!

It has been just over a week since we took over management of the centre and we hope that you can already see some fantastic changes. The paint that had graced the walls for well over 10 years has been replaced with colours that, we are sure you will agree, really brighten up the rooms and foyer. We have also changed the décor in the foyer slightly and we have moved the sign in and sign out sheets there.

We are planning a number of other improvements around the centre, so if you have any ideas, please feel free to chat to any of the team.

Dates for the diary



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| 5 th June | World Environment Day |
| 8 th June | Queen's Birthday – centre closed |
| 13 th June | Red Nose day |
| 25 th June | Pyjama Day – come dressed in your PJ's |
| 9 th October | Trivia Night |



New website

Our exciting new website should be up and running by the end of the week, so on the weekend, check out

www.toprydeearlylearning.com.au

and take a look around. Be sure to let us know any of your suggestions or feedback.



Staffing

Unfortunately Alison has decided not to continue working at the centre. She made this decision last Friday and also felt that she was unable to work out any notice period. In the coming weeks we will be trying out some new staff to fill the position.

Refer your friends...

Be sure to tell your family and friends about the centre and if you refer a family that enrolls, you will receive a day of **free** childcare.

News from the Kitchen

We are about to change our menu to include some delicious new recipes. Please let us know if you have any yummy family favourites that you can recommend.



Vacancies

We currently have vacancies at the centre, so if you are thinking of increasing your child's enrolled days, please speak to Shoushan or your child's teacher to organise additional days.

Open Door Policy

Our centre is always open to parents and families. If you would like to come and spend some time at the centre, feel free to drop by at any time, or if you would like to participate in the program, please have a chat to your child's teacher. Participating in the program can include sharing your special skills, so if you are great at reading stories, a whizz at cooking with children or have any other particular interests, we would love you to come and share your time with the children.

Playdough Recipe

1 cup salt
2 cups flour
4 teaspoons cream of tartar
2 tablespoons cooking oil
2 cups water
Powder paint or food colouring
Saucepan

Method

Place all the dry ingredients into a bowl. Boil kettle and add coloured water when boiling. Knead with hands until nice consistency, add flour if too sticky. Store in airtight container in refrigerator. (Additionally colour may be worked into dough. Essential Oils/Glitter can also be added for that little bit of extra sensory excitement).

What are the benefits of playdough?

- Strengthens and develops the small muscles
- Provides a sensory experience/exploration of texture
- Encourages creative thinking and imagination
- Allows children to represent ideas through dough in their own way
- Encourages mathematical thinking such as – part /whole; big /small, together / apart

Turn Rainy Days into Happy Days...

- ❖ Make some muffins / cookies
- ❖ Build a cubby house out of chairs, towels and sheets- have a picnic inside
- ❖ Pull out all of your glamour clothes and play dress ups
- ❖ Put on your wet weather gear and find some puddles (you have to jump in them too!).
- ❖ Use shaving cream and a plastic mat (a garbage bag stuck down with masking tape) to do some finger painting
- ❖ Put on some relaxing music and do some yoga stretches together
- ❖ Read every single one of the books on your shelf
- ❖ Have a party with your toys – invite everyone in the house, prepare and decorate and then have a great time
- ❖ Grab your old nail polish and paint everyone's fingers and toes
- ❖ Write a shopping list together and go shopping, take as much time as you need to make it fun and relaxing (make sure everyone has a big snack before they go!).
- ❖ Write a book together about your rainy day – include photos and drawings, and read it together that night

