Important Dates for your diary, calendar, phone, tablet, computer...or even fridge!

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You are braver than you believe,
stronger than you seem,
and smarter than you think.

‘Christopher Robin’ (A.A. Milne)

A ratings visit
Next week we will be having an assessment visit by the Education and Early Childhood Services and Registration Standards Board (EECSRSB). Rebecca Hillson, an authorised officer will be here all day on Wednesday 19th August to observe the way we work with children, families, each other and the wider community and gather relevant information about our centre to assist in giving us a Quality Rating in each of the 7 quality areas (see the picture to the right) as well as an overall rating. The possible ratings are shown in the image below. If you would like more information about the quality areas or any aspect of the rating procedure please speak to Jacqui or Victoria and also have a look at www.acecqa.gov.au
We have sent our Quality Improvement Plan for 2015 (updated at the end of Term 2) to Rebecca as part of the ratings process and will provide more information on her visit. Rebecca then writes a report and considers the appropriate rating which is sent to us in a draft report that we can then provide further feedback on. This may take a few weeks so we will let you know about the process as it progresses.

Don’t forget that there is always a copy of our Quality Improvement Plan on our website (the latest update will be uploaded by our IT services in the next week and in the Parent Library (just by the office)).

A note about Learning Stories
We have just added the following note to each child’s learning folder for children.

Learning stories are a creative and engaging way of documenting children’s learning. They aim to capture significant aspects of a child’s learning throughout their time at Kindergarten and show their development in relation to the Early Years Learning Framework.

Each staff member records and documents these stories are then made available for children and families to look at throughout the year.

Involving each family in their child’s learning journey provides an opportunity for children to share their experiences at Kindergarten and gives families an opportunity to provide written feedback about their child’s learning in these specific areas.

We invite you, or another family member, to make a comment about the learning stories in your child’s learning folder. Their learning folder will then be given to your child at the end of their time at Wattle Park Kindergarten.

Working Bee
Our annual working bee is coming up on Saturday August 22nd (from 10am to 12noon) and all families are invited to join in!

We will be putting a list of some of the jobs out so that parents can nominate what they would like to do and bring the appropriate tools.

There will be plenty of weeding (Thankyou rain!) and jobs that children can help with so they are welcome to come along with their parents.

If you are unable to attend we ask that you spend some time during a session to help with the garden jobs or choose a donation from our Working Bee donation list to help keep the garden growing!

We thank you for your support.

Obstacle-a-thon
We need helpers on the day to cook the barbecue and help with general setting up and packing away. If you are free on Tuesday 15th September from 9am-1.30pm

Woolworth Earn and Learn…Thanks for your support…we are slowly building up stickers but would love some more!
The promotion runs until 8th September. All you need to do is collect your ‘earn and learn’ stickers from the checkout…don’t forget to ask for them if the operator forgets to remind you… and bring them into the kindergarten. Tell your Woolworths shopping friends and relatives to collect for us too! Being a small site we do struggle so any support you can give us through this promotion is greatly appreciated.

Thanks
Jacqui, Danusha, Jo and Victoria