Directors Message

Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year isn’t? Particularly when we get to celebrate it with our children. The wonder on their faces is just magical. One of my favourite things are all the decorations especially the lights. It’s great to take a drive around the suburbs and take a look at all the homes that have been lit up. It can be so easy to get caught up in the beauty of the lights that we might think that that is what Christmas is all about. But the lights aren’t Christmas; the lights are just reminders of the True Light that came to bring light into the world.

This Christmas, as we enjoy the beautiful Christmas lights, let’s remember that while they are beautiful, they are only reminders of the one true light - Jesus.

As the year ends we thank you for all your support over the past year. We have thoroughly enjoyed working with you and your children and look forward to another great year in 2015.

May you all enjoy this Christmas time and may you create memories that last a lifetime.

Rhiannon
What’s happening ...

Enrolments 2015

If you haven’t already, please return your Expression of Interest Forms to the office so we can finalize all enrolments for 2015. This includes those families whose children are going to school but who still require care in January 2015. Your fees MUST be paid IN FULL to be accepted for enrolment in 2015.

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Christmas Closure

We will be closing for Christmas Holidays from Tuesday 23rd December 6pm and re opening again on Monday 5th January 7am.

Christmas Party

Thursday 11 December

11am—1230pm

Cost $10 per child (Cash paid to Office)

This includes Food and Gift for each child. Parents do not have to provide lunch that day. If you child isn’t booked in they are still welcome to come but you will need to stay with them at the centre.

RSVP ASAP.
**Mars Bar Christmas Crackles Recipe**

**Ingredients**
- 200g Mars Bars—Chopped
- 2 tbsp. of pouring (thin) cream
- 2 tsp Cocoa Powder, sifted
- 3 cups Rice Bubbles
- Canola Spray
- 100g White chocolate
- 24 Red Smarties or M&M's

**Method**
1. Spray a little canola spray into 2 x 12 cup mini muffin trays
2. Melt the Mars bar, cream and cocoa in a glass bowl over simmering water. The bowl should not touch the water. Stir the mixture until smooth
3. Put the Rice Bubbles in a large separate bowl, pour in the chocolate mixture and stir until well mixed
4. Spoon the mixture into the muffin tray and press down gently
5. Refrigerate for 2 hours, then turn out on a tray to decorate
6. Melt the white chocolate in the microwave checking and stirring at 30second intervals. Pour it into a piping bag while warm and snip the tip off
7. Turn the crackles upside down and pipe the chocolate on. Finish with a red chocolate Smartie or M&M on top of each one.

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**Delicious Shortbread**

**Ingredients**
- 250g Western Star's Chefs Choice Premium Cultured unsalted Butter, Softened
- 2/3 Cup pure Icing Sugar
- 2 Cups Plain Flour
- 1 Cup Rice Flour
- 1 Teaspoon Caster Sugar, for sprinkling

**Method**
1. Process all ingredients, except caster sugar, together in a food processor until mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.
2. Press mixture together until it forms a dough. Divide dough into two.
3. Roll out dough between 2 sheets of baking paper until 5mm thick
4. Using a Star-shaped cutter, cut shapes from dough. Transfer to prepared trays. Sprinkle with caster sugar if desired. Bake at 160 degrees for 30 minutes or until dry and firm but still pale. Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Dust with Icing Sugar. Serve.

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**November Birthdays**
- Leah Jicu-Naumovski (4)
- Nikita Jicu-Naumovski (4)
- Lilly Eckland (4)
- Arthur Choi (5)

**December Birthdays**
- Hamish Ivers (3)
News from the Ducklings Room

Wow! Put your hand up if you can’t believe you are reading our last edition of Toddler Tales for 2014! Miss Eden and Miss Monica can’t believe it either and would appreciate it if anyone who knew where the year went, would please bring it back!

This month we welcomed Ruby to our ever expanding Ducklings family and have enjoyed getting to know her—she’s pretty cool!

In the last couple of months, we have been very busy creating beautiful pieces of art work and taking some pretty beautiful photos for you to view on our presentation day happening on the 22\textsuperscript{nd} of November! We look forward to showing off the pieces we have created and our top secret dance we have prepared!

Not only have we been busy in preparation for our presentation day but we have also had a lot of fun in other curricular areas. Musical instrument exploration have taken off this last month! We enjoy banging, jingling, crashing, and dancing around! Construction play has also gone off with a blast with most of the boys and girls showing interest in anything that has four wheels and makes a resounding “HONK!” Add to these fabulous machines hard hats and wooden blocks and Miss Eden has basically created a brilliant baby sitter that keeps us engaged and creative for 30+ minutes of the day!

Because of the heat Spring has brought, we have also been making changes to our daily routine. We will now enjoy outside play upon arrival from 7-9 instead of 10-11.30 as we’ve done previously. This keeps our faces from melting off and we are able to engage in the inside play activities Miss Eden has programmed for us for longer (9-11.15).

With that, we would like to extend warm holiday wishes to all of our families in the Duckling room! May your holidays be peaceful and revitalizing!

Miss Eden will be away from the 27\textsuperscript{th} of November but she will be back with bells on come the end of January!

Yours in exploration,

Miss Eden & Miss Monica.
News from the Monkey Room

Welcome to the Monkey’s room.

Our last newsletter of the year, and what a year it has been!!

We have been blessed with having so many wonderful friends throughout the year. Many friends have come up from the Ducklings room and we have enjoyed showing them the routine that we have in the room. This has helped our self confidence and enhanced our social skills. We said goodbye to some friends as they went in to the Kindy room. We still continue to interact and socialise with them during outside play.

Presentation Morning was many things to us; exciting, fun; nerve wrecking!! Even though we were very excited at the prospect of performing Wiggle songs for our families, it all became rather overwhelming when we had to actually perform. We still had a very enjoyable morning though. We loved showing our families through our play areas and having the opportunity to show how we play and interact with our friends.

Coming up to the end of the year we will become involved in doing many different Christmas Crafts. Already glitter collage has become a firm favourite.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy time over the Christmas and New Year period.

Thank you to all our friends who made 2014 an exciting and memorable year.

Miss Leanne, Miss Chandranie & Miss Jess
The Tigers and Kindy room has been buzzing with fun and activity during Term 4! It was so exciting to be able to learn all of our songs and actions for our presentation concert this year! We loved being able to perform these for our families and friends. Miss Megan, Miss Amy and Miss Lynnie thought the children did a wonderful job at the concert and we were so proud of everyone! We hope that you enjoyed the presentation day as well. It was also wonderful to graduate seventeen Kindergarten children at the presentation, who are very ready to go to school in just a few months! The children looked great in their special graduation caps and we are sad to be seeing them go, but we know there are exciting times ahead for them at prep! Each of these children in their own unique way, with their individual personalities has been a special part of our room. It has been a pleasure to teach and guide them and we really do wish them all the very best for school next year!! Please come and visit us in your school uniforms from time to time!

We have been enjoying some fun Christmas activities in the room over the last few weeks. The children have really enjoyed making some Christmas gifts for their families, as well as some beautiful Christmas decorations to make our room look just lovely for the season! One thing that the children really enjoyed making over the past few weeks is our recycled cardboard box art Christmas tree with box baubles and cardboard roll candles. They were very proud of what they had made and talk about it each day! Major Michele came to read us the Christmas story and the children liked hearing about the birth of Jesus and the animals in the stable. Miss Megan continues to read the Christmas story each day and last week we turned our block corner into a manger scene so we can remember the Christmas story and dress up as characters from the story. We are all excited about Christmas Day coming soon and a nice holiday with our families!

Earlier in the term we had a great excursion to the movies! We went to the Rochedale cinema in the minibuses to see ‘The Lego Movie.’ We started with lunch together and then enjoyed the mini cinema with the big comfy swinging seats! It was great to watch the movie on the big screen. The children loved travelling on the minibuses and had a great time.
News from the
Tigers + Kindy Room

We also took five children on a trip to Whites Hill State College to visit the prep rooms and to see what big school is like. Again we travelled in the minibus and arrived with excitement at the school. We were greeted by the reading teacher who took us to the prep rooms. We saw some friends from past years in the room and the children were given a buddy which made everyone feel welcome! The children went with their buddy to complete some activities such as colouring, lego, ipad spelling games and matching cards. We then had a look around the school and played on the playground and looked at the swimming pool. Everyone enjoyed this special day visiting big school!

We have said see you later to some of our friends who have left to go overseas for Christmas or have left our centre. Our friends who have gone overseas include Andre to Mexico, Seth to England, Alex and Oliver to America, Aahan to Sri Lanka, Gracy to India and of course Miss Amy to South America! The children have found it very interesting to look at the world map and see where our friends have gone to visit. We hope everyone has a great time overseas! Christmas is fast approaching and we want to thank everyone for a great year and wish everyone a really happy Christmas season with friends and family! Have a wonderful and safe holiday break!

Miss Megan, Miss Amy, Miss Lynnie and Mr Michael.