Starting Tuesday 8th May our centre will have Vivienne Johnson (TAFE Student) completing her work placement for Cert III in Children’s Services across 3 weeks. Vivienne will be working with our staff; learning the Ins and Outs of our centre and the programs/services we offer. As part of Vivienne’s studies she may require to take observations of the children in our centre, but rest assured that Parents and Guardians will be approached before any observations are recorded.

We will also have Georgie Smith working along side us on Thursday 17th of May; work shadowing Penny Finlay, our Finance Officer and one of our Support ECWs. Georgie is doing a week’s work placement through the Quorn Area School and is working along side Penny at Willsden Preschool from Monday to Wednesday.

We hope you all get the chance to meet Vivienne and Georgie.

*Miss Nikki :)*

**Winter Clothing**

The colder weather is starting to stick around and we need to ensure the wellbeing of our children. It is vital that Parents and Caregivers send their child to Kindy, dressed appropriately for the weather. Although we do provide a heated learning environment, we still allow the children access to our backyard for physical activity each day. If your child does not want to wear their jumper/jacket to Kindy, please ensure that it is placed in their bag in case.

We are currently having some Kindy jumpers printed in larger sizes (5-7) and these should be available early next week for purchase.
**Parent Meet 'n' Greet**

Thursday's Meet 'n' Greet for Parents and Caregivers had a reasonable turn out and I thank those Parents that took the time to meet with me about the centre and the services it offers.

The session covered:
- Communication Books (coming soon)
- Snacks for children attending Kindy and Occasional Care
- The Governing Council and its goals for 2012
- Same First Day: The new guidelines for transitions from Home → Kindergarten → School.
- Future of the Kindy's Directors Position
- Fundraising Committee and their Calendar of Events

If you were unable to attend and want more information, please see Nikki or one of our staff members.

A BIG Thank You to Mrs Murray and Georgie for cooking scones for the event. xo

**Parent Interviews:**

The Department for Education and Child Development (formerly DECS) has requested we send out surveys seeking Parent feedback on the services we provide. We have had feedback from Parents indicating that they would like an opportunity to meet with staff to discuss their child's progress.

We have discussed this as a staff team and have decided we will offer Parents the opportunity to meet with the Director to discuss your child's progress.

This will be organised for the end of Term 2, with more details to come. If you feel the need to meet sooner, please contact Nikki.

**REMINDER:**

**Snacks at Kindy & Occasional Care**

Here at Quorn Kindergarten & Occasional Care, we believe Healthy Eating is important for our children as it helps give them the best start to life.

Morning tea is provided for all children attending Kindergarten and Occasional Care. We ask Parents and Caregivers to continue to bring in a vegetable or piece of fruit for the children during morning tea. Cheese and Biscuits is also offered to children after fruit.

This will be a change for Occasional Care but we ask Parents to support us in this change. Thank You in Advance.

**Fees**

Fees for Term 1 will be staying at $50. We would like to encourage parents to discuss payment options with us if paying upfront is not possible; i.e. $5 per week will pay off your fees.

Thank you to those Parents who have paid fees already :)