SAFETY/HYGIENE/PETS

Quality Area 2: Children’s Health and Safety

BATHROOM ROUTINE

* Staff are to limit the number of children in the bathroom at any one time
* One staff member is to supervise the children in the bathroom and to be available to assist children. Staff are to encourage independence of pulling up and down pants, wiping bottoms, undoing pants and zippers and washing and drying hands
* Any spills are to be mopped up and then dried immediately
* Toilets and bathroom are to be cleaned and disinfected daily
* Gloves are to be worn when dealing with urine or faeces.

GENERAL CLEANING:

* All toys (both indoors and outdoors) are to be washed with warm soapy water and (when possible) dried in the sun on a regular basis.
* Home corner dress ups and dolls clothes are to be washed on a regular basis
* Tables are to be washed down before and after each meal.
* Chairs and furniture are to be scrubbed regularly
* Soiled clothes are to be rinsed and put into a (double sealed) plastic bag to return home for laundering
* Gloves are to be worn when dealing with split blood which is to be cleaned up with

1 part bleach to 10 parts water.

All cleaning products are to be stored in the back store room which is to be kept locked at all times with **strictly no admittance by children**

AIM

* To wash hands as shown on the poster in the bathroom after toileting and before preparing or eating food. To dry hands under the dryer in the bathroom.
* To keep noses clean by using the tissues supplied at the Preschool. Hands are to be washed after wiping and blowing noses.
* Cover mouth when sneezing or coughing to prevent the spread of germs. (cough into elbow)
* Don’t share food or drinks and do not tough other people’s food.

CARE OF PRESCHOOL PETS:

* The food and water for the Preschool pets is to be kept out of reach of the children
* Children are shown the correct way to handle the pets and are to wash their hands after handling the pets
* Staff are to ensure that the Preschool pets are well fed and have fresh water and are healthy in appearance and that their cage/tank or living areas are kept clean and well maintained. This may involve organising a roster of volunteers for the holiday periods.
* Fences are to be maintained to prevent stray animals from entering.
* The farm animals are to be kept, in the back areas of the preschool which is inaccessible to the children. The children may have access to the lambs, in the playground under adult supervision.
* The children my go into the gazebo and chook yard under adult supervision and should wash their hands after handling or helping to feed the preschool pets or collecting the eggs.
* The chooks can have free range of the animal yard and the chook yard but should have wings clipped to prevent them from entering the playground.