

Baby Mobility, Part Two: Walking

Since last month's article on crawling, there have been some exciting developments in the baby room! Lachlan and Caius are now walking, much to their delight, and Jessie is pulling herself up, very eager to stand. This has given us the opportunity to observe the **6 changes in the way children step forward from standing still:**

Stage One

An infant can move sideways while holding on.

Stage Two

A stiff, waddling movement that begins at the thigh. Legs move stiffly with knees only bending if essential. Feet are flat on the ground with little or no ankle movement.

Stage Three

Movement begins more at the knee and is followed by thigh movement. The feet still patter flat on the ground with little ankle movement unless essential to getting up or down.

Stage Four

Knee movement is now noticeably and continually ahead of thigh movement. Ankle movement is noticeable, especially up and down movement in tiptoe position. Tiptoeing is tried out.

Stage Five

Ankle movement now comes in first, followed by knee and thigh. Leg movements are flexible and there is no unnecessary leg movement. Children can now stand on one foot only.

Stage Six

Movement is well co-ordinated and toe and ankle movements are most common. Leg movement begins with the toes and ankles and continue to the knee and thigh if and when needed.

We are very excited to watch the children as they make their way through these stages. With Spring in the air, and a spring in their steps it looks like we're heading for a fun Summer!

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THE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS...

all go to the Patterson family this month, with Dad first (wont mention your age Dad) then Sam turning 4 yrs old on September 22nd and Jessie turning one year old on 30th. It's party week at home (and hopefully here too) for this family.



WELCOME - WELCOME

A big Bright Minds welcome to baby Caius and to baby Jade (although she's only here for one month). Also a big welcome to Thehan, who turned 2yrs old the day he started and has happily gone straight into the over two's room with the big kids.



OUR CHILDREN EARN THEIR KEEP

By putting the flag up every morning – well someone has to.....



RUGBY WORLD CUP 2035 – (A humorous possibility??) by Dianne

As the countries announce their teams for the 2035 RWC, NZ makes headlines once again by announcing that their famous All Black rugby team is now unisex. After 135 years of hard tackling, fast running men who traditionally started every test with a blood curdling haka – they've discovered a cleaner, nicer, softer way to play and win the great game of rugby, by placing women in strategic positions on their world famous All Black team. The rugby world is aghast, but the mighty 2035 Bright Minds All Black team is adamant they've done the right thing and anticipate yet another glorious win of the William Webb-Ellis trophy with their addition of their clever "you don't know what I'm going to do next" All Black girls.

The team (including reserves) announced today is:
Captain: Te Waka, Front row: Caleb, Sam, Arav, Vince, Dylan, Brooklyn, Brian, Kafiz, Thehan, Luke, Cameron and Thomas. Backs: Charlie Rose, Sophie, Alexis, Mikayla, Aaliyah and Vienna.

In an interview this morning, their coach and team manager, Lynn said "Our team gained their inspiration and love of rugby during the 2011 RWC held in Auckland when the children were encouraged to watch rugby matches on TV all day every day for two months while attending their preschool – Bright Minds. During this time when our present team were just little children, they could run, pass, tackle and kick the ball over the fence into the neighbour's yard. "I knew then" said Lynn "that we had the winning formula for the 2035 RWC, and following twenty-five years of disciplined training, we've now been described as the best All Black team ever – and certainly the first in the world to include women!"

There have been some changes of note. The traditional haka has been replaced with Billy Joel's famous song "She's always a woman to me". The traditional black shorts have been replaced with pretty little skirts and at half time everyone's invited to the locker room for tea and bikkies. They stopped short of renaming the team "All Bright Minds" although the girls thought it was nicer.

It's believed teams from France, South Africa and Australia are shaking in their boots and feel the trophy slipping away from them already.

Coach Lynn knows she has a winning team and has chosen a place of honour for the trophy in the day care already. Claiming Bright Minds child care, deserves recognition for a trend setting All Black team of men and women, that's been in training since they were 3 and 4 years old and who's motto is: "We are the Bright Minds All Blacks and winning is our goal"

GO THE ALL BLACKS!!

"House keeping"

Fees – a reminder that fees are to be paid weekly in advance, unless you have a special arrangement with Lynn or Noel. Otherwise 10% late fees will apply on overdue accounts

Further reminders: (1) Please ring us if your child will be away due to illness, or for any other reason. (2) Late child collection fee -for up to 10 minutes \$20.00 (this goes to the teacher caring for child)

PART OF OUR TEAM Our opposition



Our mascot



Our flag



FAREWELL DINNER FOR JACQUI

Jacqui's leaving for travels to Australia. Although you represent the opposition (South Africa) we won't hold that against you Jacqui, as we say "so long – it's been good to know you" – thanks for all your help - and best wishes in Australia.



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