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Superior child care at Raceview

This Friday, State Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan will announce Raceview Community Early Childhood Centre is a Queensland Government approved kindergarten program provider.

The centre was chosen to participate in the kindergarten pilot program which is now complete, and enabled them to provide additional child care options.

According to Raceview Community Early Childhood Centre director Lindy Doller, the pilot program involved a degree qualified teacher coming to the centre two days per week to work with the three to five year-old age group.

"We were very lucky to be chosen for the pilot program, we are the only centre in the Ipswich area to receive funding for it," Ms Doller said.

"It was a great opportunity for the children to have access to early childhood education.

"The program was received extremely well by both the children and the parents from the centre, and I think it is a very worthwhile program to be involved in.

"It is likely we will continue to employ a teacher after the funding stops because it is such a great initiative."

The program is part of the Early Years Learning Framework, and is child directed and focused on learning through play.

It involves getting the children prep-ready, and introducing them to numbers and letters, routines and directions.

"One project the children were involved in was a volcano experiment where they made lava and learnt about dinosaurs," Ms Doller said.

"The children took to the program really well, they were all excited about it, and there was a lot of communication with parents about what sort of play they did."

The centre currently has 46 children across the centre, which will increase to 75 once planned renovations are completed next year.

"Our programs are individualised which encourages each child to become a competent life long learner," She said.

"Children can participate in creative play and educational experiences in both indoor and outdoor environments. We cater for different age groups and ensure children make a smooth transition as they grow older and progress through the child care rooms. And all our children enjoy a nutritious cooked lunch and healthy morning and afternoon teas which are prepared for children each day in the centre's on-site kitchen."

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The centre, which cares for children from six weeks old to school age, focuses on providing a caring, family oriented environment which encourages enquiring minds and a love of learning.

The centre provides long day care Monday to Friday and parents may choose from one to five days per week.

Raceview Community Early Childhood Centre is a not-for-profit, community based centre operated by Churches of Christ Care.

Raceview Community Early Childhood Centre currently has vacancies and enrolments are being taken for 2011.

For more information please phone 3288 8772 or visit www.careearlychildhood.com.au.

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Photo opportunity:

What: State member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan presenting Raceview Community Early Childhood Centre with a certificate

Where: Raceview Community Early Childhood Centre, 219 Whitehall Rd, Raceview

When: Friday 1 October at 1pm

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