

Fairfield Waters NEWS

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From the Service Manager

Dear Families

Welcome to another addition of Fairfield News.

COVID-19 - we are still as best we can adhering to social distancing measures. We ask that you please limit who you bring into the Service and that only one parent where possible come in and drop off and pick up your child. If your child is unwell we ask that you please keep that at home until they are symptom free.

It would be appreciated if you could apply sunscreen and insect repellent before you take your child into the yard in the mornings and that they are wearing their hats. We would also appreciate you leaving a labelled bottle of insect repellent for your child at the Centre. The Educators will let you know when it needs replacing.

We are now doing our offerings for next year so if you haven't contacted me yet and you need to change/add days please let the office know as soon as possible.

Parent Information Sessions:

During November, each room will be holding a parent information session for all children that are moving rooms. These sessions are for parents to ask any questions about the room your child will be moving into next year, meet the Educators in the room, discuss the program, routines, and your child's needs and goals. Please keep an eye on Storypark and your child's room doors for the days/times for each session.

Parent information sessions (you should go the information session for the room that your child will be in next year):

Westlander room: 16th & 23rd November from 5pm – 6pm

Inlander room: 16th & 23rd November from 5pm – 6pm

Midlander room: 16th & 23rd November from 5pm – 6pm

Gulflander room: 16th & 23rd November from 5pm – 6pm

Kindergarten room: 5th & 17th November from 5pm – 6pm

Our Educators

Kindergarten-

Lynda Goulding – Kindergarten Teacher

Jamie Walker - Lead Educator

Pama Senduran - Educator

Gulflander Room –

Ayla Kern – Lead Educator

Rhi Haupt – Lead Educator

Amore Du-Preeze - Educator

Midlander Room –

Steph Magor– Lead Educator

Noeleen Cockburn – Educator

Ramanpreet Kaur – Educator

Pokosina Tini – Educator

Inlander Room –

Stephanie O'Brien – Lead Educator

Alice Khong – Educator

Paulina Walhain – Educator

Taylah James – Educator

The Sunlander Room –

Shenay Ross – Lead Educator

Mandeep Kaur – Educator

Judita Sabljic – Educator

The Westlander Room –

Nicole Coburn – Lead Educator

Gae Scofield – Educator

Courtney Maclean - Educator

Cook– Hayley Schnetler

Cleaner/Kitchen Hand –

Simon Conway

Relief Staff

Maria Auditore – Lead Educator

Chloe Champion– Lead Educator

Kristen Littlemore - Educator

Prabhjot Kaur – Educator

Rebecca Cook – Educator

Chi-hui (Sonia) Sun - Educator

Sally Foster – Educator





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Wyld Hearts Animal Sanctuary Christmas Appeal

We are once again running our Christmas Appeals for Wyld Hearts Animal Sanctuary. There is a box in the foyer for the animals and a basket for the actual family. Some donations for the animals might include: tinned dog food, treats, toys, chicken grain, pig pellets, powdered milk, wheat-bix, etc. For the family perhaps some Xmas treats, soaps, biscuits, coffee etc. All donations are great fully received and appreciated.

Reminders

For children in the Inlander rooms and up, you are required to send in a cot sheet for each day of attendance. If your child does not have a sheet, we will use a Centre sheet but will be sending this home for washing and return the next day. Please ensure that you return any Centre sheets as soon as possible.

Please remember that accounts are required to be paid in full each week. As Debit Success is an automatic payment system it does not have the facility to calculate increases or decreases to amounts. This needs to be done manually by myself. Please check your emailed account regularly and advise the office if you need to increase or decrease your Debit Success payments. If you are not receiving emailed accounts and other updates, please check with the Office that we have your correct email address on file.

As the year progresses, please let the Office know if you have any changes to your personal details such as contact numbers, addresses, expired/lost credit cards (Debit Success), increases or decreases of days etc.

Get to Know Our Staff:

Meet Paulina an Educator in the Inlander Room

Hey everyone!

If I haven't gotten the chance to introduce myself yet, my name is Paulina. I have four children of my own and enjoy being a mum so much, I thought childcare was the perfect industry for me. In 2018 I decided to take a leap of faith and enrol myself in a Diploma course which I can honestly say was the best decision for my family and myself. I enjoy being with my children every chance I get! We take regular trips to the beach, love the water and outdoor play. In my quiet time, I enjoy reading and if I'm really lucky, I love to squeeze in a movie or two. If you see me around and you have any questions or just want to chat, please don't be shy. Thanks everyone for making me feel so welcomed.

Paulina





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Kindergarten for 2020 – If your child will be in Kindergarten next year please advise the office if you have a current Health Care Card or DVA Card and provide a copy as soon as possible.

Parent Library – Please feel free to bring in any unwanted books, DVD's or CD's to add to the parent library. The parent library is for everyone to use. You can borrow and return books, CD's, DVD's at your own pace.

Driving in and out of the Service: Whilst we understand that the driveway in and out of the Service is a bit unusual. We ask that you observe the road rules and do not make a right-hand turn into the Service or a right hand turn out. Queensland Police will regularly patrol Lakeside Drive and you will be fined if you are caught. But above all else it is a safety risk. Just a reminder that the speed limit out the front is 60kph all the way along Lakeside Drive

Children in the Carpark:

Can we please be mindful when allowing our children to let themselves in and out of cars that they are not letting car doors hit other cars. We have had a few reports lately of parents parking in the carpark and then going out to find that their cars have been scratched or dented. We would really appreciate your co-operation with this.

Recyclable Materials: – the Centre is always on the lookout for recyclable materials. These include electrical items, pots and pans, microwaves, books, toys, pretty much anything that children can use in dramatic play, sand pits etc. that are in good condition. We cannot take items with small parts that might be a choking hazard.

Allergy Reminder:

We have a child in the Centre with severe allergic reactions to nuts and eggs. We ask that you please be vigilant with ensuring that you **do not** bring any foods from home at all into the Centre containing these ingredients. We particularly ask that you check all breakfast items like cereals, spreads etc. to ensure that they are nut and egg free.

Please also ensure that your children have no other food in their bags as well.

We really appreciate your co-operation in this matter.



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THE SUNLANDER NEWS

Over the last month, the children were showing a lot of interest in exploring transport as our favourite song to sing became “The Wheels on the Bus”. From this we created our very own bus using a cardboard box that the children were able to sit in while singing the song. We continued to explore transport by train/car watching, through our transport area and other craft activities. Recently the children have been interested in exploring colours extending from a colour book that we read during group time. Over the last week, we started looking at colours individually. We made a collage using red materials for red and blue playdough using blue cutters and other blue items. We will be continuing to explore colours as the children are now able to recognize certain colours and are able to say the names of the colours as their verbal communication grows. In other news, you may have noticed we have had some new educators join us in the Sunlander Room, Miss Shenay who has now taken over the position of Lead Educator so feel free to talk to her if you have any questions or concerns, and Miss Judita who has joined us recently. We appreciate your patience during the change of educators in the room. Also, a quick reminder to make sure all of your child’s belongings are labelled as it can be hard for educators to recognize who things belong to when children will often bring the exact same things such as shoes, hats etc. and we want to make sure everything goes to the right home.

From the Sunlander Team,
Miss Shenay, Miss Mandeep and Miss Judita.

THE WESTLANDER NEWS

Hello everyone, what a busy past month we have had in the Westlander room. Last month the children had a big interest in ocean animals. During group times we looked at the many different sea animals that live within the ocean, some of the children's favourite animals were, sharks, whales and fish. The children were provided with an area in the room where they could explore the different sea animals, it was lovely to see the children interacting and using the animals to role-play within this area. This month, the children’s interest has shifted from ocean animals to dinosaurs. We then turned the ocean area into a dinosaur area and also created a dinosaur 'small world' incorporating small potted plants, sticks and small dinosaurs. The children have also shown a big interest in the *'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'* story. To extend on this interest we have been doing lots of arts and crafts, by creating caterpillars using egg cartons, painting cocoons, and making tissue paper butterflies. Towards the end of the month, we celebrated Halloween. The children had fun creating *Masking Tape Mummies*, *Cotton Wool Ghosts*, and *Paper Plate Jack-o-Lanterns*. It was lovely to see the children dressing up for our Halloween Dress Up Day. The children have also continued to learn our letters and the alphabet, over the last few weeks we have looked at the letters O, P, Q, & R. Next month we will continue on to T, U, V & W. The children’s language is continuing to grow more and more every day, as we explore a new letter each week. They are gaining the confidence to communicate verbally from these experiences which helps further their learning, play, interactions, and confidence with their peers and educators.

Thank you.
Miss Nicole, Miss Gae and Miss Courtney.



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INLANDER NEWS

This month in the Inlander room we continued on with our alphabet. Each day we focused on a letter and looked at things that would start with that letter like animals, food and which of our friends started with that name before painting a flash card for the wall of that letter.

The children were also very interested in the Willbee the Bumblebee story, after the children suggested to read the book almost every group time we looked more into the story. We recreated the story through paintings, we first looked at Willbee then the Butterfly and the spider from the story. After looking at Willbee, we moved onto the Three Little Pigs story. We created the straw, stick and brick house and then created the big bad wolf and the three pigs. Throughout the children's play, they would retell their own version of the story by making the fire in the sandpit or using the blocks to build the houses. We have now been looking at the Very Hungry Caterpillar story and looking more into healthy eating then see where this might take us. There is a notice up on the community wall with your child parent teacher night information for their new room next year. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to talk to Steph, Linda or Kerry.

Thank you.

Steph, Alice, Paulina and Taylah.

THE MIDLANDER NEWS

Hi everyone, what a busy month we have had. We have been exploring our alphabet so each day we focused on a different letter and made a big alphabet wall in our room by decorating each letter. We have now moved onto shapes following on the children's interests. Another focus has been cooking. We have been doing a cooking experience each week and we even had Chef Hayley come to the room and do some cooking with us. The children are frequently putting in requests such as pink pancakes, cakes, biscuits and we even made some sausage rolls the other week. The children have taken an interest in group time games, so lately we have been playing 'Doggy, Doggy where's your bone,,' 'Simon says' and a ball rolling game. We are still enjoying our show and share, so please make sure to check your child's day, so they can join in. There is a sign on the wall, and it is also on Storypark. There is a post-up on Storypark about parent information nights to get to know your child's room and teachers for next year.

Thanks, Midlander team.

Steph M, Noeleen, Raman, Pokosina.

GULFLANDER NEWS

This month we have been focusing on our numeracy and literacy skills and getting the children ready for Kindergarten next year. We have been working on our upper and lower-case letters and our sounds. We also have been working on our number recognition. The children have been showing an interest in insects





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like bees and grasshoppers this has led us to create an area in the room for them to explore insects and bugs. This has led to the children finding different bugs out in the yard and at home which they bring in and show their friends and hold discussions about what these insects do in the yard. From this, we have set up a bug sensory table for magnifying glasses and different bugs to explore the different features of the insects.

We also have been interested in fairy tales. We have been exploring a new fairy tale each week, the children have been talking about stranger danger as a part of one of our stories the “Little Red Riding Hood”, and has led the children to be interested in Police and what we should do if we see a stranger just like the Big Bad Wolf. We also have been exploring different sensory activity with the children requesting ideas for sensory play like slime, play dough, water, and clay. We had a lot of fun celebrating Miss Ayla’s wedding with a pretend wedding at the centre and enjoyed looking at the photos of Miss Ayla’s wedding in October.

We have been talking to the children about being a bucket filler as we have been working on being nicer to one another. This is showing them how to be a bucket filler and making sure they are showing care and compassion for their peers. They are really understanding this concept and the children are continually spreading kindness all day. With this, we have started to make our own beds for rest time with the children helping each other to make their own sheets.

Just a little housekeeping, make sure you bring your children outside every morning with a hat and sunscreen, insect spray applied and a sun safe shirt. Also, if we could not bring water bottles as we prefer to not have them in the centre as they can be a germ spreader. We would also love some feedback on the room and Storypark stories.

Thank you.

Ayla, Rhi and Amore.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Hello to all our lovely families,

The children have expressed an interest in using technology to take photos of their peers and their creations. To extend on this the children have used the camera and iPad to take photos of their choice and we used the iPad to film our own puppet shows. Afterwards we laughed while we watched our puppet shows. We also added an office area with a typewriter, keyboards, a telephone and some clipboards for the children to explore. On Friday the 2nd we celebrated World Animal Day. We talked about the importance of looking after our animals and we asked the children what animals need to survive. We also learnt about the most dangerous animals and a lot of the children were surprised at some of the animals on the list. To continue with the children’s interest in drawing, we asked them to draw their favourite animal. We also set up some big animals on a table and asked the children to paint them. When painting the animals, we talked about what colours we see and the animal’s features.

One of our lovely families brought in two baby chickens to add to our Centre. We set up an area inside our room and after a few discussions we settled on calling them Sun and Moon. We have loved having them in our room and being able to hold and pat them. Now that they are old enough, we have moved them from our room into the aviary. With our mulberry tree we have explored our mulberries on the tree





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and looked for the darker red to black colours. We have been picking the ripened mulberries and taking them to Miss Hayley to add to our afternoon tea fruit platter. While tasting them, we noticed what colour our hands were turning (purple) as we held the mulberries. To extend on this sensory experience we brought them inside and we shared ideas of how to pulp them to create a paint. We squished the berries then used thin brushes to paint on some lovely grey paper. The children used their creativity as they explored how the seeds and paint flowed over the paper. In our garden we have replaced the tomato plants with some bean shoots that had been growing in the Midlander room.

For our new show and share theme, we asked our families for some suggestions. After a wonderful idea from a parent, our new theme is "When I Grow Up". The children have enjoyed sharing what they want to be through talking and using props related to what they want to be.

As the children have shown an interest in the globe, we have been learning about the seven continents. We explored an activity where we had to cut out continents and find where to glue them onto a world map. There was a song about the seven continents we listened to and the children have enjoyed singing it as it taught us about the continents. The first continent we looked at was Antarctica, we talked about how cold it is and watched some clips about the ice breaking off. We talked about what will happen to the ice if our world keeps heating up and "with melting ice" it will hurt the animals that live there, and the lands around will have too much water. Using a tub, ice with blue water, and Antarctic animals we had a sensory activity to explore the water of Antarctica. The next continent we learnt about was Africa. We talked about what animals live in Africa and we set up a new area to play in made like the African desert with African animals. We look forward to continuing learning about the continents and the animals that live there.

A new interest that has emerged is magnets, we have been exploring the yard and our room to find what would be attracted to the magnets. To follow on with this we set up a table of magnets and a tally sheet to draw pictures of what would be attracted to the magnets. This has led us to talking and learning about what things are made out of.

The children are still enjoying their self-serve lunches as we have been talking more about our self-help skills, such as carrying our own bags, looking after our shoes and hats, and having a try at things before asking for help. We continued our cooking lessons with our Chef Hayley, who came down to make some vegemite scrolls with us. The children were very excited as they rolled out the dough, added vegemite and cheese and then watched it cook in the small oven Miss Hayley brought down.

Warm wishes,
Miss Lynda, Miss Jamie, Miss Pama and Miss Rebecca.

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday 3rd November – Melbourne Cup Day

Sunday 8th – Sunday 15th November – NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Wednesday 11th November – Remembrance Day

Sunday 29th November – Family Fun Afternoon at the Kirwan Aquatic Centre from 5 – 7pm (see flyer)





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Sunday 29th November – Kindergarten Graduation, 4 – 5pm (Kindergarten only)

Friday 5th December – Children’s Christmas Party at the Centre

Friday 11th December – Term 4 Ends

Thursday 24th December – Christmas Eve (centre closing at 5pm)

Friday 25th December – Christmas Day (Public Holiday – centre closed)

Saturday 26th December 2020 – Boxing Day

Monday 28 December – Boxing Day (Public Holiday – centre closed)

Friday 1st January 2021 – New Year’s Day (Public Holiday - centre closed)

POLICY REVIEW FOR THE MONTH

Etiquette & Professionalism Policy

This month’s Recipe from the kitchen

Homemade Pizza

Ingredients:

- 500ml of Lukewarm water
 - 25ml of Oil
- 3 tsp of dried yeast
- 3 tsp of sugar
 - 2 tsp of salt
- 5 cups of Pizza Flour

Method:

Step 1: Fill a jug with lukewarm water and place the yeast and the sugar into the water. Stir gently to combine, then simply add the oil.

This will start the fermentation process and the yeast will start to feed off the sugar and bubble. (This will take at least 30-40 minutes to ensure the yeast is growing.

Step 2: Then simply weigh out 3 cups of flour into a bowl and combine the salt into the flour. Create a well in the centre and slowly pour the yeast water into the centre of the flour and slowly combine with a butter knife. Once the flour is incorporated add the remaining 2 cups of flour until the dough is formed and it can be easily be kneaded onto a bench surface. Use the excess flour to dust the working surface and





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knead into the dough until a ball is formed and the dough bounces back when a finger is poked into the surface.

Step 3: Once the dough is formed place into a clean bowl and cover with clingfilm. The dough needs to be double in size. Once this is achieved portion as needed and place your favourite toppings on top, ensuring the base of the pizza is docked to allow no bubbles forming in the base. Cook at 180 degrees for 25 minutes, the pizza will be ready, once the base is golden in colour and the cheese is melted.

Step 4: This recipe will produce 1,750kg of dough which can be placed into the freezer.

Enjoy!

For copies of this recipe, there will be physical copies hanging in the hallway by the kitchen, next to the menus. Feel free to take one to try at home.

Free Activities to Do Around the Home

Christmas is just around the corner, here are some activities that you can make using the resources around the home:



Christmas
TORN PAPER ART
cross-curricular activity



Easy No Cook Playdough

Ingredients:

- 2 c. flour
- 1 c. salt
- 3 tablespoons cream of tartar (powder)
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 2 c. boiling water
- 1 tsp. Peppermint extract (optional)
- Food coloring (optional)

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No cooking required! Put all ingredients in a bowl and stir! Knead until smooth. Easy right?!! (Note: You cannot mess this one up!)






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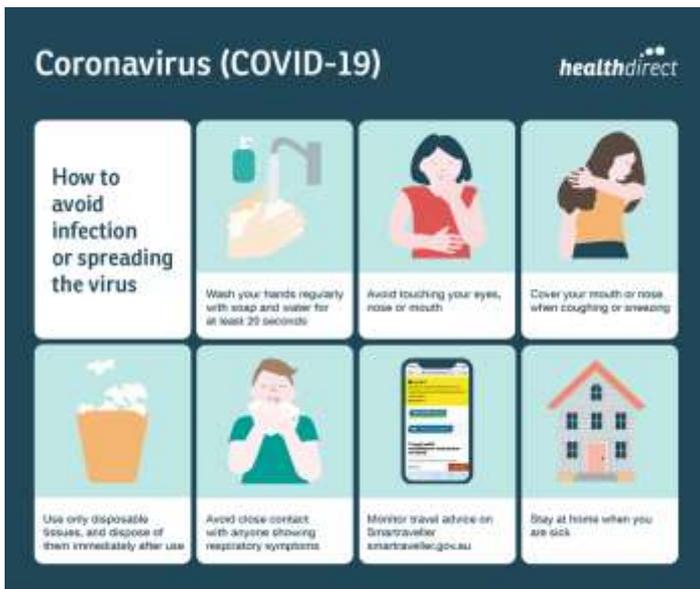
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10 ornaments KIDS CAN MAKE



Community News



In recognition of our fallen soldiers we invite the community to view the live streamed Townsville Remembrance Day ceremony online.

Pay your respects on Remembrance Day and watch the ceremony on Council’s website from 10:30am.

Townsville City Council in partnership with Townsville RSL and Returned and Services League Australia bring the community a COVID Safe commemoration.

Take a tour through Townsville’s Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and find out what happens to your recycling beyond the bin!

This National Recycling Week join Townsville City Council and Re.Group for a tour through Townsville's MRF.

- Learn the dos and don’ts of recycling
- Find out about all the technology and machinery used at the MRF
- Discover what your recycling becomes

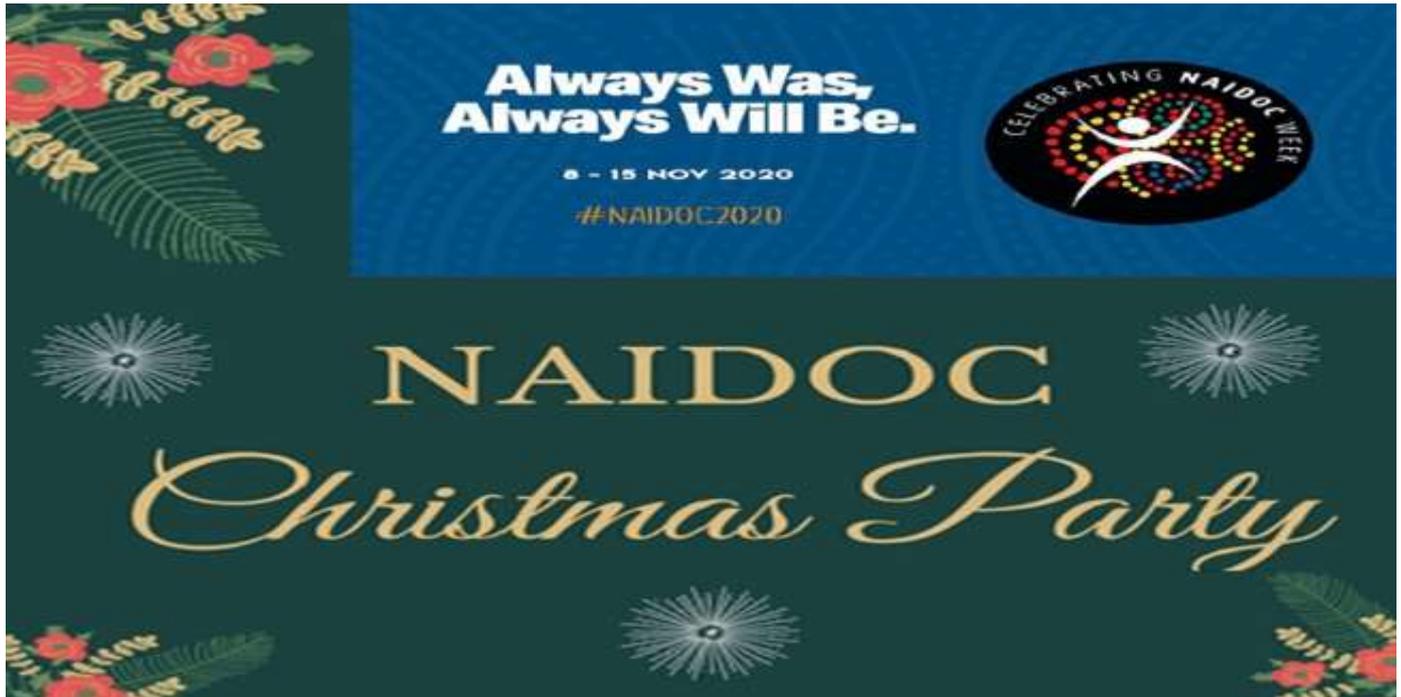
Tours start every 15 minutes and run for approximately 30-45 minutes.

Bookings are essential and numbers are limited - secure your spot to avoid missing out!

This is a COVID Safe event. Please remember to practise social distancing and good hand hygiene.

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**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**

8 - 15 NOV 2020
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CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC
Christmas Party

Fairfield Waters Early Learning is supporting

Wyld Hearts Sanctuary



A little bit about Wyld Hearts Sanctuary. My name is Yvette and I am a veterinary nurse with a passion for saving animals. We live on 150 acres and I am slowly turning this place into a sanctuary for animals on the verge of destruction (euthanasia). In my industry, the single hardest part of my job is seeing perfectly healthy animals being euthanased for something that is treatable or can be rehabilitated. Most animals, given the right environment and care can go on to live a happy and healthy life.

I have been a vet nurse for over 25 years and have rescued, treated, rehabilitated and rehomed countless animals. A huge part of my focus is education (training) and also making sure the animals I rehome are matched with the right family and have the right environment so they can truly blossom to their full potential. Not only that, I want to ensure they don't end up back in the "system" that I initially rescued them from.

We have all types of animals here, dogs, goats, horses, sheep, pigs, chickens and more. We aim to provide the best possible care we can and won't take in any more animals than financially affordable.

We have now obtained official charity status! We can receive donations however at this stage they are not tax deductible. We are applying for our fundraising license so we can actually do fundraisers soon.



To make a donation:

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