

Fairfield Waters NEWS

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From the Service Manager

Dear Families

Welcome to another addition of Fairfield News.

We thank all the families that came along to our 3rd Birthday. It was a great morning. We also want to thank one of our parents Sharna-Dee Stockham for visiting our centre on our 3rd Birthday to make us some morning tea treats using her Thermomix. We also want to thank Sharna, for coming in and making chocolates with the children which were used for their Mother's Day presents.

Are You A Parent of a Child Aged 2 to 12?

The Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland is conducting research into parents' opinions about parenting and parenting programs. If you have a child between 2 and 12 years, we would love to hear your views on parenting and the services that are available to you as a parent. You will need to complete a short survey. To find out more or to participate please visit <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parenting>



Reminders

For children in the Toddler Rooms and up, please remember to bring 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.

Our Educators

Kindergarten-

Hayley Cooper – Kindergarten Teacher

Lynda Goulding - Teacher

Pama Senduran - Educator

Senior Kindy –

Scott Pope – Lead Educator

Rhi Haupt – Educator

Jamie Walker - Educator

Junior Kindy -

Ayla Hadley– Lead Educator

Chloe Champion - Educator

Noeleen Cockburn - Educator

Shaleise Becker - Educator

Toddlers –

Stephanie Marsh – Lead Educator

Chloe Holden – Educator

Alice Khong – Educator

Natalie Ley – Lead Educator

Nursery 1 –

Leah Smith – Lead Educator

Emily Hunter – Educator

Gae Scofield - Educator

Nursery 2 –

Danielle Elliott – Lead Educator

Georgie Pearson – Educator

Antastasiia Indiukova - Educator

Cook-Emma Appelby

Cleaner/Kitchen Hand –

Simon Conway

Relief Staff

Sharnah Christian- Educator

Renee Crawley – Educator

Maria Auditore – Lead Educator

Nicole Coburn – Lead Educator

Kristen Littlemore - Educator

Michelle Blatchford – Educator

Steph Magor – Lead Educator

Sally Foster - Educator





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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...

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK - Fairfield Waters Entertainment Book Fundraiser is on again for 2019. If you would like to order one, there are leaflets on the front counter of the office.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program – We are once again participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. Collect your stickers as many as you can from any Woolworths from between 1st May to the 25th June and drop them into the centre.

Get to Know Our Staff:

This month we introduce Lynda Goulding. Lynda is our Kindergarten Teacher.



Hello everyone,

My name is Lynda, my husband's name is Colin and I have three daughters, Christie, Emilee and Gemma. As Colin is in the Army, we have lived in many different parts of Australia and this is my third time moving to Townsville having recently moved from Melbourne.

I enjoy the events and many beautiful places that Townsville has on offer. I love the Strand and Reef HQ.

I have a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) through USQ and have worked in early childhood education as an Assistant, Teacher Aide and Teacher.

I am passionate about developing relationships with children and their families. My goal is to be a caring, guiding presence that fosters their individuality, creativity, interests and abilities in a safe and supportive learning environment.

My interests include reading, doing puzzles, especially big crosswords and I love travelling. I have been really lucky to have seen many lovely countries and experience their culture and sights.

Kindergarten for 2019 – If your child will be in Kindergarten this year please advise the office if you have a current Health Care Card and provide a copy as soon as possible.





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Parent Library – We have decided to start a parent library. The book shelf out the front contains books for borrowing, please feel free to borrow anything you might be interested in and return when you are finished. We are also accepting donations of quality reading books. We have added children's videos to the Library for borrowing as well.

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

Recyclable Materials: – the Centre is always on the lookout for recyclable materials. These includes items like electrical items, pots and pans, microwaves, books, toys, pretty much anything that children can use in dramatic play, sand pits etc.

NURSERY 1 NEWS

This month in Nursery 1, we would like to welcome Miss Gae to the team. We are all enjoying the enthusiasm and fun activities that she has brought to the room so far.

We have been focusing on our touch senses. We have made a variety of sensory bags using coloured water and glitter. The children have been interested in these as they have used their hands to explore the feel of the water. To extend on the children's interests in exploring their touch senses we have used paint and allowed the children the opportunity to explore the paint using their hands. They have then felt the texture of the paint by using their hands, as they have felt the texture of the paint they have proceeded to paint their arms and legs. The children have shown a great interest in these activities. We have added a variety of textures to the paint for the children to explore such as sand, shaving cream and glitter. We will continue to explore sensory play in the coming months.

The children have also been working on their gross motor skills. We have introduced a tunnel into the room which the children have been exploring. They have used their gross motor skills as they have pulled themselves through the tunnel.

We have also begun to learn some basic signs for the children to learn to communicate what they want. We have also been learning the letters of the alphabet in sign language which some of the children have been able to copy the signs of the letters of the alphabet. We will continue to learn signs to communicate.

Miss Gae has also been teaching us some songs in Thai that we will continue to learn. Miss Gae also showed us how to make rice paper rolls. We weren't too sure on the rice paper but really enjoyed tasting the filling.



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We would also like to welcome the new families that have joined us this month.

From all the Nursery 1 staff,
Miss Leah, Miss Emily and Miss Gae.

NURSERY 2 NEWS

Over the last month in Nursery 2 the children have continued to show lots of interest in animals. Because of this, each week we have been bringing one of our barn yard friends down to the little yard for our children to interact with. We really love it when Mahli and Gary get to come down for the visits. Recently we have added some sea monkeys into our room for the children to look at and explore with. This has encouraged the children to focus a little harder while trying to look at and find our monkeys. We have also had a couple of visits from Miss Ayla's puppy Maverick. The children have really loved interacting with him and trying to teach him new things. The children have also shown lots of interest in cars and trains that they see going past the centre. We recently took some of the children for a little walk out to the front of the centre so that we could sit on the grass and watch some of the different cars go past. Edith and Jameson loved pointing to all of the blue cars as they drove past us.

Over the next month we are going to start exploring sea animals. The children really love exploring with the sharks and whales that we have in the room. We have also started making our very own sea animals throughout the day. So far, we have made some wonderful Jellyfish to hang up in the room. We can't wait to find out what our next animal will be and where our adventure will take us.

From the Nursery 2 staff,
Miss Danielle, Miss Ana and Miss Georgie

TODDLER TALES



What an exciting month in the toddler room, we have had. A few 2nd birthday celebrations as well as our centres 3rd birthday celebration. Thank you to all our wonderful family members that came along for the morning. We celebrated Easter and Anzac Day by making our own Anzac biscuits and exploring rosemary play dough.

We have been looking at our emergency vehicles like the fire trucks and looking more into fire safety by practicing our fire drills and cooking experiences in the room. We had a special visit from Kyle and his team at the South Townsville Station, we were lucky enough to have a turn at using the fire hose.



We have been looking at our five senses and encouraging our children to use their gentle hands. We have been exploring slime and





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other textures for our sense of touch. We have been using torches in our tunnel for our sight and exploring herbs and other senses like lavender for our sense of smell. We have started to look at a book called “Hands Can,” throughout this book it shows us different ways we can use our hands like to paint with. We have now been looking at our hygiene practices and how we can stop germs from spreading.

Over the last two weeks the children have shown interest in the story called Brown Bear. From this we have been looking at animals and what sounds they make. We have introduced a farm area to the room, we can't wait to see what learning experiences this leads us to.

From the Toddler Room staff,
Miss Steph, Miss Chloe, Miss Alice & Miss Natalie

JUNIOR KINDY JUMBLE

What a wonderful month of April we have had in the Junior Kindy Room. There has been a number of exciting events that happened throughout the month including the Centre's 3rd birthday, Easter and ANZAC Day. We hope everyone had a lovely Easter long weekend, we enjoyed hearing all the different stories from the children about what everyone had done and the excitement of the Easter bunny visiting.

Throughout the month, we have been working on developing and building on our fine and gross motor skills through a number of experiences such as setting up an obstacle course in the room, as well as focusing on our fine motor skills using scissors, pegs and tweezers. Fire safety was also a big topic this month as we practiced our fire drill and looked at what we should do in the event of a fire. We were also very lucky to have a visit from a fire truck with some firefighters which everyone loved as we each had an opportunity to use the fire hose.

To commemorate ANZAC Day, we collected a variety of different non perishable food items from families throughout the centre which we then packaged up and sent overseas to the Soldiers who are currently deployed. The children were excited by this experience and loved adding the food to the boxes as well as the drawings which they had also done. For Easter we held an Easter bonnet parade with everyone wearing their beautiful bonnets we had made throughout the week. We also had an Easter egg hunt and it was wonderful to see the excitement of all the children as they rushed around to find the eggs in the yard. We would like to thank all the parents and family members who came in and celebrated with us, we all loved having you here.

We look forward to another busy month of May.

Your Junior Kindy Team
Miss Ayla, Miss Shaliese, Miss Chloe and Miss Noeleen





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SENIOR KINDY NEWS

To all Senior Kindy Friends/Parents.

We have welcomed Mr Scott from next door into the Senior Kindy room, he has gone on holidays for three weeks so for now, Miss Rhi will be running the room in his absence. Miss Rhi is excited to be teaching and engaging your children in fun and learning.

Over the last couple of weeks, the children have been interested in their fine motor skills like cutting and drawing. They have been excelling in their cutting skills as we have been doing it every day. They have really grasped the concept on the grip of the scissors and the motion of cutting the paper.

We have also been doing work on our colours, mainly our primary colours. They have enjoyed learning about their colours. They have made their own garden with the colours and we incorporated the Easter Egg hunt in there. They have painted their own Easter Egg to put in the garden on our wall. We also got them to glue petals to their own flowers that is also in the garden. To extend on the garden, we have made our own butterflies with cut out wings and the children have put their own colours on them.

We also have been working on our social skills, so we have put out phones and puppets. They have been using them to hold conversations with each other and use their words. This is also helping their manners in general which they are a lot more; Please and Thank-you go a long way.

We have also been doing a lot of nursery rhymes and songs to continue on with using their language and the children are getting better with their speech as they are singing with more confidence. Some reminders; if we send sheets home, please take them home and wash them and bring them back or bring your own set of sheets. Please bring your child outside with a hat, sunscreen and insect repellent. We will reapply sunscreen and insect repellent over the course of the day when we go outside.

From: Scott and Rhi in Senior Kindy

KINDY SHANANIGANS

Welcome back to Term 2 in Kindergarten. Wow, we are almost through the first half of the year already. We are so proud of the children's progress and learning so far, and look forward to another busy, exciting few months ahead.

Throughout the month of April, Kindergarten have been learning all about the human body and life cycles. Our garden is thriving once again with plants and herbs, which the children have been caring for each day. We have been learning about the process of germination, photosynthesis, the life cycle of plants and animals and how we as humans contribute to our environment.

The children have also shown an interest in the body, so we have started looking at the different systems of the body including the skeletal system, muscular system, circulatory system and our organs. We have





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continued our collaboration with the wider community, with visits from the Fairfield Grange Retirement Home, Ms. Marg's music lessons and Karate with Oceanic Martial Arts Academy. In May, we will say goodbye to Miss Hayley as she takes on a new and exciting opportunity teaching yoga, and welcome Ms Lynda as the lead teacher of the Kindergarten room.

The Kindy Team
Miss Hayley, Miss Lynda and Miss Pama

Dates to Remember:

Saturday 18th May 2019– Deadly Families Fun Day at Pioneer Park, Riverway

Monday 27th May – Monday 3rd June 2019 – National Reconciliation Week

Monday 3rd June – World Cup Foot Day

Wednesday 5th June – World Environment Day

Friday 28th June – Red Nose Day

Monday 1st July – Townsville Show Holiday (Centre Closed)

POLICY REVIEW FOR THE MONTH

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND PRACTISE POLICY

This month's Recipe from the kitchen

APPLE CRUMBLE

Ingredients:

- 1 cup of plain flour
- ½ cup of rolled oats
- 100g chilled butter, chopped (dairy/lactose free butter)
- 6 granny smith apples (peeled, cored and diced)
- ½ teaspoon of cinnamon
- Raw sugar to taste

Method:

- **Step 1:**
Preheat oven to 180 degrees Celsius, fan forced.
- **Step 2:**
Cook apple and cinnamon in water until soft. Take off heat and place in tray to cool.
- **Step 3:**
Combine flour, butter and oats in a bowl. Use your fingertips to rub the butter into the flour mixture until it resembles fine breadcrumbs and add the raw sugar (to taste).
- **Step 4:**
Spoon the apple mixture into an oven proof dish. Scatter the flour mixture evenly over the apples. Bake in the oven for 25 – 30 minutes or until golden on top.





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Riverway Movies - Christopher Robin



Come along to the Annandale Dog Park from 8-11am on 18 May FREE Microchipping Day!



Get ready for the biggest green party in the Park - Eco Fiesta.

Townsville City Council is going drastic and banning all plastic. Make sure you bring your water bottle, bags and take advantage of the FREE Park and Ride service.

War on Waste presenter Craig Recucassel will be there, together with the latest and greatest tips, products and ideas Eco Fiesta, Sunday May 26 from 9am - 3pm at Queens Gardens – entry is free!

