

Fairfield Waters NEWS

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From the Service Manager

Dear Families

Welcome to another addition of Fairfield News.

COVID-19 we ask that you practice as much as possible social distancing when entering the service and that you also limit who you bring into the Service. We ask that only parents or designated people do drop off and pick up and that no extra visitors come into the Service.

If your child or children are unwell, please keep them at home. Children with Medical Certificates cannot return to the Service until the end date of the Medical Certificate. If you are wanting your children to return sooner than that date then you must obtain a clearance from a GP.

We also remind parents to apply sunscreen and insect repellent before children go out into the yard in the mornings and that we require a labelled bottle of insect repellent to be kept at the Service for reapplication during the day.

Moving Rooms Update:

Children will generally move rooms at the beginning of the year. This might mean that some children will skip a room into the next. As all the children are the same age in rooms, the program is being adapted to the age group, so children are not being disadvantaged. The programs in the rooms are checked by Kerry, Steph and myself to ensure that they are developmentally appropriate.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me or send me an email.

A reminder that we do not facilitate breakfast after 7.30am. There are two reasons for this. One there are too many children here after this time and secondly morning tea is at 9.00am. We require children that arrive after 7.30am to be given their breakfast at home.

Changes to days for next year. Children finishing end dates.

Our Educators

Kindergarten-

Lynda Goulding – Kindergarten Teacher

Jamie Walker - Lead Educator

Pama Senduran - Educator

Gulflander Room –

Ayla Hadley – Lead Educator

Rhi Haupt – Lead Educator

Amore Du-Preeze - Educator

Midlander Room –

Steph Magor– Lead Educator

Noeleen Cockburn – Educator

Alice Khong – Educator

Ramanpreet Kaur (Raman)–

Educator

Inlander Room –

Stephanie O'Brien – Lead Educator

Sophie Jones – Educator

Sophie Cannon – Educator

Paulina Walhain - Educator

The Sunlander Room –

Danielle Elliott – Lead Educator

Mandeep Kaur – Educator

The Westlander Room –

Nicole Coburn – Lead Educator

Gae Scofield – Educator

Courtney Maclean - Educator

Cook- Hayley Beltrame-Schnetler

Cleaner/Kitchen Hand –

Simon Conway

Relief Staff

Chloe Champion– Lead Educator

Shenay Ross – Educator

Rebecca Cook – Educator

Chi-hui (Sonia) Sun - Educator

Sally Foster – Educator

Maria Auditore – Lead Educator

Shaleise Becker – Educator

Prabhjot Kaur (Jot)- Educator





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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:

We welcome back Miss Shenay who oved down South and has now returned, we are happy to have her back as part of our Team.

Miss Mandeep who is currently in the Sunlander room.

Miss Sophie C who is currently in the Inlander room.

Miss Courtney who is in the Westlander room.

Kindergarten for 2021 – If your child will be in Kindergarten in 2021 please advise the office if you have a current Health Care Card or DVA Card and provide a copy to the office as soon as possible.

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



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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 includes items like electrical items, pots and pans, microwaves, books, toys, pretty much anything that children can use in dramatic play, sand pits etc. No toilet rolls are permitted to be used.

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.

SUNLANDER NEWS

Over the past month in The Sunlander Room, we have been working really hard on our sign language and communication skills. The children have really enjoyed learning this new way to communicate and have started using their sign language throughout the day while in care. The children's favourites so far are the signs to eat, drink, cracker, banana and milk. We have been working hard on learning all done and more. Over the next month, we will continue working on our sign language while also adding more signs.

We have also been working on our self-help skills like washing our hands and feeding ourselves. We have been encouraging the children to use their spoons during mealtimes. Hand washing has been happening regularly throughout the day as well.

We would also like to remind everyone that all children's belongings need to be labelled. This includes clothing, hats, shoes, dummies, comforters, bottles, bottle lids, bottle caps and formula containers. We have been having issues with some of the children's belongings going home with the wrong families.

We have also welcomed Miss Mandeep into our room. Please help make her feel welcomed and introduce yourselves during drop offs and pickups.

Sunlander Team,
Miss Danielle, Miss Shaliese, Miss Mandeep



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WESTLANDER NEWS

Hello to all our families!

Welcome to another month in the Westlander room. This month we are continuing to learn our letters and the alphabet, over the next few weeks we are looking at the letters L, K, M, N. The children's language has been growing 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 abilities with their peers and educators while in the room. The children are still growing and showing new interests every day, which is allowing us to build on and extend on their learning environments. This month, the children have been showing a big interest in drawing, we have added a drawing table with crayons, pencils and textas for the children to explore. The children have also shown a great interest in learning farm animals. We have been doing lots of craft activities involving different farm animals. Over the next few weeks, we will continue to focus on our letters each week as well as exploring more of their interest in farm animals and the sounds that each animal makes.

A reminder to please remember to label all bottles and bottle lids, clothes, shoes, comforters etc...

From the Westlander Team,
Miss Nicole, Miss Courtney & Miss Gae

INLANDER NEWS

This month in the Inlander room, we have looked at a few different experiments for National Science Week. Our first experiment was creating a volcano in the sandpit, we created rain jars and lava lamps, then looked at what happens when adding bath bombs to the water. From our experiments, the children have started to become more interested in colours and being able to recognize what colours were used. To build on this interest, we have added the light box in the room, using coloured flash cards at group time, and looking at creating new colours using red, blue and yellow paint.

While outside, the children have been working on their ball skills, we have been focusing more on our aim and the directions of where the ball goes when kicking and throwing balls. We have been using the goals and hoops a lot to help with this. The children have showed a lot of interest in music and dance, and we have extended on this by adding musical instruments into the room. We have started to implement a dance and freeze game at group times, and we are going to continue to look at different sounds over the next few weeks. We will also start to look at our basic shapes and the letters of the alphabet.

From the Inlander team,
Miss Steph, Miss Sophie J, Miss Sophie C, & Miss Paulina





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MIDLANDER NEWS

Hello everyone, what a busy past month we have had in the Midlander room. Thanks to all the families who have sent books in with their children on their show and share days. It has been great reading everyone's favourite stories in the lead up to book week and it was great to see all the costumes the children wore. Our favourite book at the moment is 'We're going on a bear hunt' so we have been doing a lot of activities around that such as craft and setting up a bear hunt role play table. We also recently had National Science Week where we did a lot of different experiments which the children were very engaged in. We have been doing a lot of cooking recently such as biscuits, pancakes and cakes as the children have also taken quite an interest in this. We have been working on our scissor skills the past couple of weeks with different activities such as cutting magazines and using scissors with play dough to help the children learn to hold the scissors correctly and use their fingers to open and close the scissors. We will continue working on this. The children have taken an interest in yoga the past week, after watching a story of "We going on a Dragon Hunt," which included some yoga moves as actions, to continue on this interest, we will be looking for some great yoga moves to do with the children during group time to transition from play to lunch and rest time. We have also been working on our sign language. The children follow along to the ABC and are getting so good at the 'I can sing a rainbow' song using their sign language.

A few reminders, if you have any recyclable items such as containers, food boxes, etc that you would be willing to donate we would love to have them for our home corner and for craft, no toilet rolls please.

Thanks, Midlander team,
Miss Steph, Miss Noeleen, Miss Alice, Miss Raman.

GULFLANDER NEWS

What an exciting few month we have had in the Gulflander room. Throughout the month of August, we focused on different science experiments in the lead up to National Science Week towards the end of the month. We looked at a variety of different topics of science including astronomy, biology and the science week theme of Deep Blue. Each week, we focused on one of the topics and conducted experiments relating to them. For science week, we focused on ways to care for our oceans for years to come. We explored coral bleaching, the different zones/layers of the ocean and the impact that rubbish has on our ocean life. We have also been working on our name and letter recognition through letter matching, name tracing and alphabet puzzles. Gross motor skills has also been a focus as we have participated in outdoor experiences and games to further our skills by setting up challenging obstacle courses, kicking games using the soccer nets, hopscotch and jumping activities to work on our aim and coordination skills. Dental Health Week also occurred in August, with our room engaging in conversations about the importance of brushing our teeth to keep them healthy and strong. We looked at our large set of teeth and using the toothbrush taking turns showing our brushing techniques. We then engaged in a craft experience where we used white paint and toothbrushes to paint pictures of teeth, ensuring we got all the yucky germs off. Measurements were an interest as we explored the concept of more and less as well as measuring





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different objects such as ourselves and other resources around the room. We participated in Book Week at the end of August with everyone coming dressed in some wonderful costumes. Throughout the month, we invited everyone to bring in their favourite books which we read together at group time. As the weather has been beautiful, we have been spending more time outside enjoying our outdoor environment. The swings have been a large interest, as has exploring the sandpit with our diggers, shovels and buckets.

From the Gulflander Team,
Miss Ayla and Miss Amore

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Hello to all our lovely families,

As the children were still showing an interest in our Dreamtime stories, we continued on with “How the Kangaroos Got Their Tails” and “Echidna and the Shade Tree”. Some of the children extended on this interest by creating their own Dreamtime stories and videoed them reading these to an audience. We set up an indoor camping area as the children had shown interest in our outdoor area and to follow on from this, we made our own damper for afternoon tea. Lots of discussions on what we can cook and eat on our campfires when camping. We received a free compost bin from the Townsville City Council and were able to set up the bin. This sparked lots of discussions on what can and can’t go into the compost bin, we extended on this by watching some video clips provided by TCC and have adjusted what we put in now. This has tied in well with our garden care as the bin is nearby to the garden as well as our worm farm which continues to provide interest. We have saved up our scraps and during our afternoon program time, we add them to the bin.

We also set up a Zen garden, sand with some very small rakes and watched some clips on how to sit quietly and rake the sand creating patterns which helped us engage in the play. Engaging with our communication learning outcome, we focused on rhyming words both in stories, with our names and poetry. The children have enjoyed how we have made up words to rhyme with their names. Further we participated in the Premier’s Reading Challenge reading over 30 books in two weeks as well as having parents participate and add another 9 books. To coincide with Book Week we focused on fairytales, each day we read a fairytale and participated in different learning activities such as; felt boards retelling story, building castles, drawing, painting, playdough and creating our own made up fairytales. We also focused on reflection questions that supported our comprehension of each story.

17-23rd August was National Science Week; we participated in a new experiment each day, hands on learning experiences that promoted discussions, prediction and cooperative learning. Our experiments were bag-pencil experiment, rain cloud experiment, snow fluff, lava lamp, milk-dye and M and M’s colour experiment. Children really enjoyed these experiences. The Zen garden was changed after a week as the children were not as interested in playing here, and to follow on from some interest in shapes we set up some 2D and 3D shapes in our light table and car tracks changed to a small world sea area which flowed from an interest in fishing in our boat. Our Chef Hayley also came down to do some fruit sushi rolling which the children really enjoyed, we hope to continue this on a monthly basis, and we have continued with our self-serve lunches. Children have been really involved in choosing materials and



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helping set up outdoor areas. In particular setting up physical areas like our hurdles, stilts rope pulley playing “Rapunzel”, egg and spoon balancing, our tunnel and lots of different obstacle courses.

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

Dates to Remember:

Friday 18th September – Talk Like a Pirate Day (Dress up day – see flyer)

Monday 5th October – Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday (Centre Closed)

Coming Up

NAIDOC Week 8th November 2020 to 15th November 2020

Kindergarten Graduation and Family Fun Day – Saturday 29th November 2020 at Kirwan Aquatic Centre
Time TBA.

POLICY REVIEW FOR THE MONTH

Animal Policy

This month’s Recipe from the kitchen

Carrot and Sultana Loaf

Ingredients:

- 200g of Self Raising Flour
- 75g of Sultanas
- ½ orange, zest only
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ whole nutmeg, finely grated
- ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- Pinch of salt
- 3 large eggs
- 175ml sunflower oil
- 175g soft light brown sugar
- 200g carrots, grated





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Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 160 degrees Celsius. Grease and line a 20cm square cake tin.
2. Place the flour, sultanas, orange zest, cinnamon, grated nutmeg, bicarbonate of soda and salt in a large bowl and mix until well combined.
3. Beat the eggs until smooth. Add the sunflower oil and sugar and whisk until well combined.
4. Make a well in the centre of the flour mixture and beat in the egg mixture until smooth. Stir in the carrots. Pour the mixture into the prepared cake tin and smooth the surface.
5. Bake in the centre of the oven for 35 – 40 minutes, until the cake is well risen and feels springy to the touch. (To test the cake, insert a skewer into the centre. If the skewer comes out clean, the cake is done.)
6. Remove the cake from the oven and set aside to cool on a wire rack.

Enjoy!

Free Activities to Do Around the Home

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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Community News

Coronavirus (COVID-19) healthdirect

<p>How to avoid infection or spreading the virus</p>	<p>Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.</p>	<p>Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.</p>	<p>Cover your mouth or nose when coughing or sneezing.</p>
<p>Use only disposable tissues, and dispose of them immediately after use.</p>	<p>Avoid close contact with anyone showing respiratory symptoms.</p>	<p>Monitor travel advice on smarts traveller.gov.au.</p>	<p>Stay at home when you are sick.</p>

first5 forever Townsville

It's never too early to talk, read and tell stories

First 5 Forever is about working together as a community, to spend time with our babies and children in their first years, talking, playing and reading so that growing brains get what they need at the right time.

Baby Rhyme Time
Townsville CityLibraries Facebook
Every **Tuesday at 10am**
For carers and their babies aged 0 to 24 months.

Toddler Time
Townsville CityLibraries Facebook
Every **Thursday at 10am**
For carers and their toddlers aged from 18 months.

Storytime
Townsville CityLibraries Facebook
Every **Wednesday at 10am**
For carers and children aged 3 years and over.

WE ARE STILL HERE
Our doors may be closed but we are still here and have all your favourites online!
Make sure you are following Townsville CityLibraries on Facebook to tune into our weekly First 5 Forever sessions!

For more information please visit our Facebook page or visit our website www.first5forever.com.au. Donated items are subject to change. Please check our page regularly for the latest information and updates.

SL State Library of Queensland

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 130 acres and I am slowly turning this place into a sanctuary for animals on the verge of destruction (abuse/neglect). It is my hobby. The single hardest part of my job is seeing perfectly healthy animals being euthanised 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 raised, rescued, rehabilitated and rehomed countless animals. A large part of my focus is education (teaching) and also making sure the animals I rescue are matched with the right family and have the right environment so they can really 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 there are not tax deductions. We are applying for our fundraising license so we can actually do fundraisers soon.



To make a donation:

Wyld Hearts Sanctuary INC
ACC - 10811975
BSB - 064 817



Give them a "LIKE" on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Nonprofit-Organization/Wyld-Hearts-Sanctuary-1931975370428877/>





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Look Before You Lock. Every time.

As we work together to ensure the safe transportation of children across the state, I am pleased to advise you about the communication campaign [Look Before You Lock. Every time.](#)

The statewide campaign promotes awareness that a simple behavioural change to— 'Look Before You Lock. Every time'—can save a child's life.

To ensure no child is left unattended in a vehicle, anyone transporting children, including parents and carers, should always check their vehicle, and take other steps before, during and after any journey.



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Playgroup is Back!

<p>Wednesday 9am- 11am Aitkenvale State School</p>	<p>Thursday 9am- 11am Garbutt State School</p>	<p>Friday 9am- 11am Heatley State School</p>
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COMMUNITIES for Children

See you there!



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*Mothers, Aunties, Sisters, Daughters & Grandmothers
We invite you to come together to strengthen
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