

# Fairfield Waters NEWS

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## From the Service Manager

Dear Families

Welcome to another addition of Fairfield News.

There have been a few queries about children moving rooms and staff changes in rooms. Please do not focus on the signs labeling the rooms. As the children age the program is adapted to the age of the children. The children in the rooms are all around the same age. Next year we will more than likely be changing the room names. Please rest assured that it is not because your child is not ready but more the fact that we need to accommodate all the children. Our Centre has grown immensely and so has our waiting list. If you are concerned that the program is not covering your child's developmental needs please come and see me. Steph from Toddlers and myself oversee and monitor the programs in the rooms very closely and you should have a good indication from Storypark as to what is happening in your child's room. It is necessary for various reasons to change staff in rooms from time to time. This is not done lightly either and is done to ensure that children are receiving the very best of care and are participating in a high quality program. Before announcing changes, I like to make sure that staff are confident and working well in the room. I have asked the staff to make themselves known to you. Please come and see me should you have any further queries or concerns.

## Reminders

For children in the Toddler 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.

## Our Educators

### Kindergarten-

Lynda Goulding – Kindergarten Teacher

Jamie Walker - Educator

Pama Senduran - Educator

### Senior Kindy –

Scott Pope – Lead Educator

Rhi Haupt – Educator

Kaitlyn Marson - Educator

### Junior Kindy -

Ayla Hadley– Lead Educator

Steph Magor – Lead Educator

Noeleen Cockburn – Educator

Ainslee Tolcher – Lead Educator

### Toddlers –

Stephanie Marsh – Lead Educator

Chloe Holden – Educator

Danielle Elliott – Educator

Alice Khong – Educator

### Nursery 1 –

Chloe Champion – Lead Educator

Gae Scofield – Educator

Sally Foster - Educator

### Nursery 2 –

Natalie Ley – Lead Educator

Shaliese Becker – Educator

Emily Hunter - Educator

Cook-Emma Appelby

### Cleaner/Kitchen Hand –

Simon Conway

### Relief Staff

Georgina Pearson - Educator

Maria Auditore – Lead Educator

Nicole Coburn – Lead Educator

Kristen Littlemore - Educator

Michelle Blatchford – Educator

Leah Smith – Lead Educator

Flavia Scuderi – Educator

Raquel Ennis – Educator





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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. **Also if you are aware that your child will be leaving the Service at the end of the year could you please advise your child's end date via email to the office.**

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.

### **Wyld Hearts Sanctuary Fundraising:**

As you know Gary the Goat has gone to live at the Wyld Hearts Sanctuary. From time to time we will have set up a baking table out in reception which is full of delicious freshly baked goods, Snickerdoodle biscuits (see recipe in this Newsletter), as well as Carrot and Banana Cake. All our proceeds go to Wyld Hearts Sanctuary to support all the animals that live at the Sanctuary. Recently we banked \$352.80 into the Wyld Hearts Sanctuary account from our bake sale proceeds. Every dollar raised has been passed on to them.

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 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 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 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 they are not tax deductible. We are applying for our fundraising licence 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-1831976370428872/>





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## **Get to Know Our Staff:**

This year, we have some fantastic new staff that have joined our team.

This month's feature is Jamie Walker. Jamie is an Educator in the Kindergarten Room.



Hi,

My name is Jamie.

I am 20 years old and I have lived in Townsville my whole life.

After I graduated high school, I completed my Certificate III in Early Childhood. I am now currently studying my Diploma.

I look forward to getting to know the families and children here at Fairfield Waters Early Learning.

**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.

**Could you also please advise via email to the office the end date of your child's enrolment for 2019.**

**Parent Library** – We have decided to start a parent library. The book shelf out the front contains books and DVD's 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.

**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.

## **NURSERY 1 NEWS**

Over July we have Welcomed Miss Chloe to the room as Lead Educator and we have spent time forming great Educator/children relationships. We have spent the month focusing on Nursery Rhymes and language. We have introduced Baby Sign language, which the children have been able to use during meal times to non verbally communicate with the Educators, we have been learning signs for “more” “all done” “water” and “biscuit”.

Over the past few weeks we have added home corner to the room for the children to explore. The kitchen has been very popular with the children. We will be further developing the interest in home corner by adding cooking days in to our program and promoting healthy eating. Over the next few weeks we will be celebrating Science week, Book week and Daffodil Day. Center Photo Day is Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August. Photos this year will be using our room. We will be sharing with Nursery 2. This will be a great opportunity for our children to have transition days. Please remember when sending in nappy cream, mosquito spray and bonjela to have chemist labels on them.

Your Nursery 1 team  
Miss Chloe, Miss Gae & Miss Sally

## **NURSERY 2 NEWS**

Throughout the month of July, we focused a lot on the children’s interests in sensory play. The children have really enjoyed exploring all of the different textures. Their favourite so far has been the shaving foam. We have also focused a lot on our communication by adding some sign language to the room and incorporating it into our day. The children have responded really well and have started to use some of the signs when communicating with the Educators and their friends. We have also recently added two new fish to the room which the children have taken great pride in caring for them by feeding them everyday and helping with changing the water in their tanks when they need it. We have also still been taking care of George the Pig while she’s been in the Barnyard.

From the Nursery 2 staff,  
Miss Nat, Miss Shaleise and Miss Emily



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## TODDLER TALES



Over the month of July in the Toddler Room, we have been building on our fine motor skills. We have been exploring the use of scissors a lot over the month. We first started with using the scissors to chop up our play dough then moved onto cutting paper and magazines. We have been working on our pencil grips and how we hold our pencils while drawing. The children are showing more creativity as they now are starting to draw pictures like rockets, dogs etc. We celebrated NAIDOC week on Friday, we had a party out in the yard with the Nursery Two and Junior Kindy children. We had a campfire where we cooked our damper. We focused on the Rainbow Serpent story and created our own rainbow serpent using recycled paper. We used the shredder to shred our own paper and filled a stocking. The children really took interest in the song “Taba Naba” by the Wiggles and picked up the actions really quickly. We have now been looking more at our Alphabet, each morning we sing our ABC and look at what letter our own name starts with. This has come about from our hat tags; we are

now more familiar with what colour our rainbow is and where it is located. Thank you to all our parents who have engaged their children to also put their own hats in their pockets. Just a reminder please ensure your child’s name is clearly labelled on their sheets and bottles thank you.

Regards the Toddler room staff,

Miss Steph, Miss Chloe, Miss Danielle and Miss Alice

## JUNIOR KINDY JUMBLE

What a wonderful month of July we had in Junior Kindy. Throughout the month we continued to work on our interest in the alphabet as we extended and began to explore our names. We participated in a variety of different experiences to help us begin to identify the letters that make up our name including letter matching and finding our name hidden in all the others. We really enjoyed creating our magic names through using water paints to paint over our names which had been written with a candle on our paper. Farm animals were also a large interest after our newest barnyard addition George the pig joined the family. Throughout the month we explored a variety of different farm animals and created a farm area in the room where we used our imaginary play skills to engage with our friends using the farm animals. We were very excited to have a visit from the Kindy rooms two baby chickens as well. We all loved getting to have a hold of them. We also celebrated Pyjama Day with a 'P' themed day including pyjama painting, popcorn, Peppa pig and pink playdough. Everyone looked fantastic in their pyjamas. Now that the weather is lovely, we have been spending more time outside in the yard which we have all been loving.

Junior Kindy Team

Miss Ayla, Miss Noelzy and Miss Steph





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### SENIOR KINDY NEWS

Senior Kindy has had another busy month, we have continued to focus on developing the children's abilities to self-regulate their social and emotional skills and self-care skills. During our morning group times we have been talking more each day, slowly increasing the length of time, and getting the children more actively involved with conversation about things they can do each day to help themselves. We have seen this stand out during play in the room with children using key phrases we have been teaching to help with conflict resolution and problem solving themselves.

We have also had a big focus on health and wellbeing, continuing to learn about making healthy choices, oral hygiene and making safe choices the children have taken a big interest in each of the areas and again we see them putting these skills into practice around the room, demonstrating what capable and involved learners they are. We were lucky to have a Doctor's visit from JCU to follow up on this, it helped with the children showing how what they learn here is a real-world skill and learning to asserting autonomy over their own welfare. Our Home Corner has been very busy with children cooking healthy choices and playing Doctors since then.

Senior Kindy has also continued with a big focus on early numeracy and literacy skills, we are seeing children now trying to write letters on their own and initiating their own counting and sorting in play to share resources as we began using more loose parts for open ended play. We have such a great bunch of children who are absorbing everything we are doing. During group times each day we ask the children what they would like to do today, and we always get, write our names, numbers, cutting and home corner or building. It has made our past month so much easier to implement learning experiences without the children often realizing what they're doing when we have children who come in each day wanting to learn.

We look forward to another month of fun and learning. Remember Father's Day Breakfast on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August 7-9am.

Scott, Rhi and Kaitlyn

### KINDY SHANANIGANS





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Hi everyone, we have been really busy in the kindergarten room. We completed our letter E project which formed part of the Fringe Ephemera at Wes Barrett Park and a big thank you to all the families that visited our project and gave such positive feedback, we really appreciate it. As a group we also discussed and looked at the photos from Strand Ephemera, lots of you got to visit and the children really enjoyed sharing their learning with each other. In July we celebrated NAIDOC week, the theme for 2019 was "Voice, Truth, Treaty". We explored the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags and discussed what each colour represented on the flag as well as exploring Australian animal tracks, Indigenous dancing, colouring, bush tucker foods, Storytime, shave cream painting and dot painting after watching some "how to dot paint videos".

As a goal this month we have been supporting the children in developing their sense of security and trust by encouraging positive separations from parents/carers. In our discussions, we talked about how it makes you the parent feel to have the children think about it from someone else's view, this has been working and the children feel very proud to share with the educators every time they have a positive separation. This is just one area we are working on to develop resilience and confidence in our own identity; we have also been extending on our have a go attitude, try something by yourself first then ask for assistance. Some children have been enjoying digging in the sandpit for fossils which has led to an investigation into dinosaur fossils; How old are fossils? How did they get there? How do they get found? We have explored different YouTube channels and watched clips of dinosaur digs and museums that explain a lot about fossils, we have engaged in many different art and craft activities based around dinosaurs/fossils and even made our own fossils.

Leo's nanna Marie has been kind enough to donate her time in helping us to redevelop our garden beds, we are working on making the herb part bigger and adding some different vegetables like beans/carrots/tomatoes. Marie has also donated several small pots that the children have been repotting the Aloe Vera into. Slowly but surely our garden is looking great, we have also been able to share some herbs with Miss Emma for her to cook with. Thank you so much Marie your help and advice is invaluable.

In August, some of the Kindy friends will be attending Big Smiles in the Park which is an event based on learning about Dental Hygiene. The children attend different activities, see the Tooth Fairy, get some free resources and learn about how to take care of their own teeth. This has led to us learning about caring for our bodies, eating healthily and joining into exercise to develop our bodies. In early August, we will be having a visit from some James Cook University trainee doctors that will be talking to us about dental hygiene, physical exercise, healthy eating habits and sun safety.

We value your input into our room and program so feel free to offer any suggestions or share any special upcoming events with us!

Warm regards,

Lynda, Scott, Jamie and Pama.





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## Dates to Remember:

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September:** Father's Day / First Day of Spring

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September:** National Child Protection Week

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September:** National Superhero Week

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September:** National Early Childhood Educators Day 2019

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September:** R U Okay! Day

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September:** Talk Like a Pirate Day!

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October:** World Animal Day

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October:** Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday (CENTRE CLOSED)

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October:** Grandparents Day at Fairfield Waters Early Learning

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October:** National Grandparents Day

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October:** Halloween

## **POLICY REVIEW FOR THE MONTH**

Dental Health & Hygiene Policy

## **This month's Recipe from the kitchen**

### *Cinnamon Snickerdoodles*

Try our easy step-by-step delicious Cinnamon Snickerdoodles recipe.

Makes 24 biscuits

#### **Ingredients:**

1 packet of Buttercake mix

2 Large Eggs

¼ cup Vegetable Oil

1 ½ tsp Cinnamon

2 Tbsp Caster Sugar





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## Method:

- 1) Preheat the oven to 200 degrees Celsius. Spray 3 baking trays with a nonstick cooking spray.
- 2) In a large mixing bowl, beat the cake mix, eggs, vegetable oil and ½ tsp of cinnamon with a wooden spoon until a soft dough forms.
- 3) In a small bowl, combine the remaining cinnamon and sugar. Spoon out a small amount of the dough with a tablespoon. Shape the dough into a 2.5cm ball, then roll in the sugar mixture to coat. Repeat with the remaining dough.
- 4) Place the dough balls, spaced well apart on the prepared baking trays. Using the base of a glass, gently flatten each one. Bake until the edges are lightly browned for 6 – 8 minutes. Let cool for 1 minute before transferring to wire racks. Serve.

## **Enjoy!**

### **Some other great ideas:**

If you would prefer more texture and flavor to your biscuits, you can add ¼ cup of flaked almonds to the mixture in Step 1.

You can also place on top (in step 3) or mix through in step one, white chocolate chips, or milk chocolate chips.

**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.**

## Community News





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## WANTED: MENTORS



### L2P Program

For further information  
or to sign up contact:  
Murray - 0439 386 498



The Women's Centre  
safe space for women

## play group

The Women's Centre  
50 Patrick Street, Aitkenvale 4814  
nqows@thewomenscentre.org.au  
07 4775 7555

Play, Learn and Grow... Together

PLAYGROUP

Join us for fun activities including games, stories and songs at The Women's Centre  
**Wednesdays 9.30 am till 11.30 am**  
(during school terms only)

Provided by an Early Childhood Educator  
Everything is supplied including morning tea  
Mothers/carer must stay with their child/ren

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