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From the Service Manager

Dear Families

New childcare package. If you haven't logged onto MyGov as yet and completed the new assessment for CCS (Child Care Subsidy), time is running out. This needs to be completed as soon as possible to avoid any delays to your subsidy. Further information can be found on:

<https://www.education.gov.au/new-child-care-package-transition-families>

There is also a rate calculator to assist you in calculating your rebate – <https://www.childcaresubsidycalculator.com.au>

CWA's – I have printed each families CWA (Complying Written Agreement) and this requires signing and returning to the office. Please ask room Educators for your copy.

Staffing – We welcome Glenda Thaiday or new Cook to the team as Sorelle has left us to take over ownership of her own Café. Gemmai Cloudy will be returning next month from Maternity leave.

Accounts – please ensure to check your statement regarding your account. If you are not receiving electronic copies please see the office to check your email address is correct. All accounts need to be paid in full at the close of each week. There are several families running out of CCR, please see the office to have your payment plan reviewed and adjusted.

Accounts are required to be paid in full each week. As Ezi-debit 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 Ezi-Debit 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.

Ronald McDonald House – We still have our food box out the front to collect pantry items as listed on the box. When this box is full we will deliver out to the House. We would like to make this an ongoing collection.

Our Educators

Kindergarten-

Andrea Nobile- Teacher

Maria Auditore- Lead Educator

ScottPope- Lead Educator

Senior Kindy –

Michelle McMahon – Lead Educator

Shenay Ross – Educator

Kristen Tanna- Educator

Josephine Schafer - Educator

Junior Kindy -

Ayla Hadley- Lead Educator

Symone Hudson - Educator

Shaleise Becker - Educator

Rhiannon Haupt - Educator

Toddlers –

Stephanie O'Brien – Lead Educator

Danielle Elliott - Educator

Sharnah Christian – Educator

Emily Hunter- Educator

Rachel McConnell - Educator

Nursery 1 –

Nicole Coburn – Lead Educator

Chloe Champion – Educator

Georgie Pearson - Educator

Nursery 2 –

Stephanie Magor – Lead Educator

Kim Uren- Lead Educator

Taylor Jennings - Educator

Chef-Glenda Thaiday

Cleaner – Katelyn Bush

Relief Staff

Sally Foster- Educator

Leah Smth – Educator

Noeleen Cockburn – Educator

Renee Crawley – Educator

Pama Senduran – Educator

Emily Theodossio- Educator





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Storypark – emails have been sent to all families to join Storypark. Please see the front office if you have not as yet received an email.

What is Storypark? - Storypark is an easy-to-use private online service that helps teachers, parents and families work together to record, share and extend children's learning.

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.

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.

On that note please take care whilst in the Service carpark we have had a few accidents lately with cars backing into other cars.

All items coming into the Service such as Panadol, nappy rash creams must have a chemist label on them with the child's name, name of medication and dosage instructions.

The Service does not hold Service Panadol. If you require your child to be administered an emergency dose of Panadol in the event of a high temperature you are required to provide a labelled bottle of Panadol to leave at the Service.

It would be helpful if sunscreen and insect repellent could be applied at home or on arrival before your child goes outside in the morning. Please also ensure that your child has their hat on before going outside. Educators will reapply sunscreen and insect repellent throughout the day.

A reminder that children in Toddler Room and up require a set of cot sheets everyday of attendance. Please ensure that these are in a labelled case.

Please let the office know if you have any changes to your personal details such as contact numbers, address, expired/lost credit cards (Ezi-debit) etc.

Staff changes

Our Cook Sorelle will be leaving us to take ownership of her own café in Douglas. She will be back for a week in July but we welcome Glenda to the team and we wish Sorelle all the very best on her new adventure. Glenda has almost completed her Certificate IV in Hospitality and has a lot of experience



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cooking for large numbers. Please feel free to make yourself known and ask any questions, offer any suggestions.

We will also see Gemmai return in July from maternity leave.

NURSERY 1 NEWS

We've had a busy month in Nursery 1. We have welcomed lots of new little babies and welcomed a new staff member Miss Georgie. This month the children have been learning to build strong relationships with new children and Educators within their room. They have also been interested in building their independence skills by learning to walk, stand, crawl, roll over, feed themselves during meal time and holding their own milk bottles. We will continue to extend on their interest of independence and will introduce baby sign language to increase communication skills. During Reconciliation Week, we thought we would celebrate by giving recognition to our Indigenous Australian cultures. We decided to do a number of artworks that are now hanging on the walls in our cultural area and we also watched a Dreamtime story called the "Rainbow Serpent" and painted our own Rainbow Serpent.

Nicole, Georgie and Chloe

NURSERY 2 NEWS

What a busy month it has been in Nursery 2. The children have spent a lot of time practicing their gross and fine motor skills this month. We have had activities such as obstacle courses, ball games and balancing on stepping stones to practice gross motor skills and activities such as threading beads, drawing and building with blocks to practice fine motor skills. We have also been exploring farm animals in our room so we have visited the barnyard a few times, had animals in 'mud' and played an animal matching flash card game. Last week was reconciliation week and in Nursery 2 we celebrated through art, stories, music and dance. The children took a liking to the song 'Taba Naba' and we have been practicing the actions together. We watched some Aboriginal dance videos and practiced the kangaroo and emu dance. We read some Dreamtime stories such as 'Tiddalick the frog' and 'How the birds got their colours.' This week the children have been showing an interest in sensory play and babies so we have set up a baby area in the room and will be exploring our senses. Just a reminder to please return the Publicity Permission Forms sent home last week.

Thanks
Steph, Kim and Taylor

TODDLER TALES

This month in the Toddler room we have been spending a lot of time outside caring for our environment. We have planted new herbs and flowers in our yard, each morning the children have been getting into a routine to water the plants. While outside we have been looking at different ways to build on our gross motor skills like climbing the ladder, balancing on the beads, kicking and





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throwing balls and crawling through tunnels. We have implemented yoga into the room, we now have an area set up with images of different poses and yoga mats.

Moving on from our fire drills and emergency vehicles we have started to look at road safety. We have been going over rules to follow when near a road and what some of the signs mean that we see when driving in the car. We have made our own interpretation of the traffic lights and when riding our bikes we are starting to learn stop and go instructions.

Reconciliation week we looked at the colours and meanings for the aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags. We read the story- "How the bird got their colours", from this story the children painted their own interpretation of the story and the birds.

Now the children have started to show interest in the fish, we have been focusing on this interest by creating an under the sea area. We added a water trough and sandpit to the area with a range of sea animals. We will continue to look more into what else we might find under the sea.

Our goal for the month is to focus on the children's hygiene practices. We have been using glitter as a representation of germs this has been a great way for the children to wash their hands correctly. We have been doing lots of teeth brushing experiences and listening to songs that tells us how to brush our teeth.

Steph, Danielle, Sharnah, Emily and Rachel

JUNIOR KINDY JUMBLE

Welcome to all the new children and their families that have joined us recently, we have loved getting to know you all. Recently the children have been really interested in the song 'Baby shark' so we have extended on this by looking at all different sea creatures. The children have had the opportunity to create their own creatures through a variety of different experiences such as painting, colouring and collaging. We explored the different creatures through craft as well as story books and videos. We explored turtles, fish, jellyfish, starfish, stingrays, octopus and sharks.

The children have also loved exploring our alphabet phonics through looking at a different letter each day. Some of these included 'h for hop' where we set up a hopscotch course in the room for the children to jump across which helps to develop their gross motor skills. After the children showed interest in cooking in home corner we incorporated this into our alphabet phonics by doing 'T for tea party'. Everyone helped to make biscuits, adding and mixing all the ingredients together before we got to eat them at afternoon tea all sitting together on the picnic mat.

We are now learning all about our bodies including being able to name and identify each of the parts such as elbows, ankles, stomach and neck. Everyone is getting really good at this, using our flashcards while pointing to each part on their own body. We are also focusing on good hygiene practices including washing hands, brushing teeth and sneezing/coughing into our elbows.

Your Junior Kindy team

Ayla, Symone and Shaleise





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SENIOR KINDY NEWS

Hello parents/guardians, welcome to a beautiful wintery June. For the month of June we will be looking at the Qld cursive alphabet flash cards to recognise the first letter of our own names. I will be laminating the Qld cursive alphabet flash cards and putting them on the wall for the children to see at all times. We will be using these cards to recognise the letters of the alphabet through games using a pointer. We have changed the Senior Kindy room around a little making our writing area bigger to add more resources for the children to access. You may have noticed that we have made a couple of small changes to the Senior Kindy room to extend on the children's interest.

The children's names have been laminated and are available for the children at all times to practice tracing their names. I will be sending a copy home with the children to practice this at home if they are interested.

We appreciate parent input and would love nothing more than having our parents input into the program. Please feel free to talk to myself, Miss Shenay, Miss Josephine and Miss Kristen for any ideas or concerns you may have or just for a chat.

We hope you are enjoying this lovely cold weather.

Kind Regards from the Senior Kindy Team

Michelle, Shenay, Josephine and Kristen

KINDY SHANANIGANS

Kindergarten's garden is growing beautifully. We have dwarf green beans, white radish, lettuce, shallots, basil, rocket, oregano, mint and tomatoes with the children watering the garden regularly. The children continued with their interest in transport and designed and made a boat utilising a take away container. They used the strategy of trial and error to add sails to their construction. For Reconciliation week the children completed dot paintings and learned about the Dhari in the Torres Strait Islander flag. We invited Senior Kindy into our room and had a lovely sing-a-long to 'Taba Naba' and we all coloured in a Dhari each.

Rockets and space continue to amaze with the children making rockets and pasting geometrical shapes to them which they cut out themselves.

Show and Share has been exciting with many children growing in confidence and bringing in many interesting things to share and talk about.

The children also helped make ricotta cheese which was delicious, damper and Mandu (pork dumplings).

Gyeongmi Ryu a Kindergarten parent helped the children make the Mandu and shared her knowledge about South Korea.

A great month in Kindergarten.

Andrea, Scott and Maria





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Dates to Remember

2nd July Townsville Show Day – Centre Closed

8th July Naidoc Week

20 July Pyjama Day – Gold Coin Donation

30 July International Day of Friendship

4 August – National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day

9 August International Day of the World’s Indigenous People

19 August Children’s Book Week

POLICY REVIEW FOR THE MONTH

Policies and Procedures are available for viewing at any time and are located on the shelf in the reception area. There is also a review wall in the foyer where you can read and comment on this month’s Policy.

This month’s Policy Review –Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Policy.

This month’s Recipe from the kitchen

Weet-Bix breakfast bliss balls

Ingredients:

4 Weet-Bix crumbled

1 large banana coarsely chopped

200g fresh dates, pitted coarsely chopped

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

5 tablespoons desiccated coconut

Method:

Add Weet-Bix, bananas, dates, vanilla and 2 tablespoons of the coconut. Process until combined. Roll heaped tablespoons of the mixture into balls. Spread remaining coconut on a plate. Roll balls lightly in coconut to coat. Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 3 days. To freeze the bliss balls place in a snap-lock bag and expel as much air as possible. Store in the freezer for up to two months.





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Community News




Free Autism Workshop

Cootharinga North Queensland are partnering with Griffith University to bring a two day workshop to parents and carers of children with Autism. This workshop may be helpful for parents of children with other developmental disabilities too.

WHEN: 9:30am - 3:00pm Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th June 2018
WHERE: Oonoonba Community Centre, 2 Shannon St, Oonoonba QLD 4811
COST: Gold coin donation.

RSVP ESSENTIAL (for catering):
 Tuesday, 19th June 2018
 Phone or email Isabel on 4759 2033 or
 isabel.bowrey@cootharinga.org.au



This workshop will cover:

- An update on the latest research around understanding autism
- Identifying your child's strengths and areas of difficulties
- Communicating your child's profile of strengths and difficulties to those in school and in the community
- Identifying and using evidence-supported strategies to both enhance strengths and minimise difficulties





Our vision:
 "Building a better world
 with people of all abilities"



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All Ladies Yarning Circle



When: Every Monday
Where: Women's Shelter
Time: 10.00am to 2.00pm

Activities include;

- ◆ Coconut painting and picture frame art
- ◆ Create your own scrapbook (with different arts and crafts)
- ◆ Bring along your family photos
- ◆ Cook cakes, scones and damper
- ◆ Sharing stories of the past and present events
- ◆ Karaoke and Bingo with heaps of prizes involved

Transport around the Community is provided

Morning Tea and Lunch is provided

Call or walk in today & see the friendly staff at the Women's Shelter for further information.

Contact Number—47914012 or 47914010.



The main aim of the Yarning Circle is to give our ladies a day out away from their homes and family and to concentrate on themselves by having fun. Staff at the Women's Shelter are big on self-care, and the Yarning Circle is a positive activity constructed with caring in a friendly safe environment.





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TOWNSVILLE NAIDOC WEEK



CELEBRATE NAIDOC WEEK

Sunday 8th July 2018
The Official Launch of Townsville NAIDOC Week
(Flag Raising & Free Community Brunch)

Venue: Jezzine Barracks
Time: 9:00am – 12:00 pm
Cost: Free Event



BECAUSE OF HER, WE CAN!
 9-15 JULY 2018

Wednesday 11th July 2018 **Townsville NAIDOC Breakfast**

Venue: RSL, Charters Towers Road Hermit Park
Time: 7:00am – 9:00am (Doors open at 6:30am)
Cost: \$50 / person

Tickets available at
TicketShop

- www.ticketshop.com.au
- 4727 9797
- Townsville Civic Theatre
- Riverway Arts Centre

Opportunity for community, organisations and businesses to enjoy a deadly breakfast while hearing some deadly guest speakers and entertainment. THIS IS A VERY POPULAR EVENT DURING OUR NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITIES SO GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY!!

Friday 13th July 2018 **Townsville NAIDOC March**

Venue: Assemble at roundabout of Hinchinbrook Drive & Thuringowa Drive (beside the Kirwan High School)
Time: Assemble 9:30am March to Commence at 10:00am



Shuttle cars will leave from Riverway to Hinchinbrook Drive at 8.30am
Let's march together, bring your family & friends, wave your flags & banners. Don't forget to "slip, slop, slap"

Friday 13th July 2018 **Townsville NAIDOC Deadly Day Out**

Venue: Riverway, Pioneer Parklands
Time: 11:30am – 4:30 pm
Cost: Free Event



Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Cultural Performances, Children's Rides, Cultural Art & Craft, Information and Food & Drink Stalls.

Friday 17th August 2018 **Townsville NAIDOC Dinner**

Venue: RSL, Charters Towers Road Hermit Park
Time: 6.30pm til late (Doors open at 6pm)
Cost: \$55 / person

Tickets available at
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- Riverway Arts Centre

Thursday 27th September 2018 **Townsville Elder's Luncheon**

Venue: RSL, Charters Towers Road Hermit Park
Time: 11am – 4pm



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 TO OBTAIN STALL REGISTRATIONS VISIT THE WEBSITE: www.townsvillenaidoc.com.au

