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From the Service Manager

Dear Families

Welcome to another addition of Fairfield News.

I would like to let all families know that I will be on leave for the month of April. Steph (in Toddlers) will be acting as Service Manager during my absence and any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to talk to Steph. There will be another new face that will be helping out in reception as well. Her name is Claire. Claire is an experienced Director and will also be able to help you with any queries, questions 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.

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.

Parent Nights 2019 - Thank you for those families that attended your child's room parent night. If you couldn't make the night, please see your child's room Educators as they will have information from that

Our Educators

Kindergarten-

Hayley Cooper - Teacher
Scott Pope - Lead Educator
Pama Senduran - Educator

Senior Kindy -

Lynda Goulding - Teacher
Rhi Haupt - Lead Educator
Josephine Schafer - Educator

Junior Kindy -

Ayla Hadley- Lead Educator
Natalie Ley - Lead Educator
Chloe Champion - Educator
Shaleise Becker - Educator

Toddlers -

Stephanie Marsh - Lead Educator
Noeleen Cockburn - Educator
Chloe Holden - Educator
Alice Khong - 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 -Katelyn Bush/Simon Conway

Relief Staff

Sharnah Christian- Educator
Renee Crawley - Educator
Maria Auditore - Lead Educator
Nicole Coburn - Lead Educator
Michelle Blatchford - Educator
Steph Magor - Lead Educator
Sally Foster - Educator



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night in their rooms. If you would like to book an information night yourself in the afternoons, please see your child's room Educator.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program – We are once again participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. Collect your stickers and as many as you can from any Woolworths from between 1st May to the 25th June and drop them into the centre. You can always download and print extra sticker sheets at woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn, or we will have spare copies at the office.

Get to Know Our Staff:

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

This month's feature is Hayley Cooper. Miss Hayley is our Kindergarten Teacher and has some great ideas for this year's Kindergarten children and program.



Hi! My name is Hayley Cooper and I am very excited to be the Kindergarten Teacher at Fairfield Waters Early Learning this year. I am originally from Ballarat, Victoria but made the big move to Townsville with my fiancé and our little dog Nala in June 2017. We love everything about our new home, especially the beautiful weather and relaxed lifestyle! I have been working in the teaching/child care profession for 6 years and am very passionate about early childhood development and learning. In addition to working as a Kindergarten teacher, I have also had experience teaching primary education and in long day care settings. I look forward to working with and getting to know all of the children, families and staff here at FWEL!

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.

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 Lakeside Drive





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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

We would firstly like to welcome all new families that have joined us. We look forward to getting to know each one of you.

This month in Nursery 1 we have continued with our sensory play. To extend on taste from last month we have been focusing on our touch sense. We have explored slime, goop play dough and water play as our sticky and wet touch play. We have then moved onto dry play touch experiences. So far, we have explored sand, dried oats and rice, and we will also be exploring chickpeas. The children have been interested in feeling the different textures with their fingers. Some of the children have also explored their taste sense with some of these activities we will continue to look at our sensory play over the next few weeks. Some of the children's other interests in the room have been transport. The children have been very interested in the train set when it was set up outside. So, we have built a transport area within our room. The children have used the wooden cars to drive along the car mat. We then introduced a car ramp into the transport area which the children have been busy exploring.

Some of the children are getting very good at using their self-help skills at meal times by feeding themselves. To extend on this we have introduced a kitchen area where the children have placed a variety of foods on plates, we have then worked with the children on how to correctly hold the cutlery. We will continue to work on this in the coming weeks. Once we have finished with the plates and cutlery, we have filled the sink with some water to wash the dishes then placed the dishes in the drying rack. The children have shown a great interest in washing the dishes. Over the next few weeks, we will be allowing the children opportunities to help with table set up and clean up at meal times to help them gain confidence in their self-help skills.

Friendly reminders: could you please make sure all your child's belongings are labeled including bottles, hats, dummies, comforters and clothing. When sending your child's bottles, could you please fill your child's bottle with the required amount of water and measured out formula. On arrival, could you please make sure your child has sunscreen, insect repellent and hat on before going outside. We will reapply it regularly throughout the day.

Could you please ensure your child has the following items if required with a chemist label, if you wish to leave some at the centre. Nappy cream, Panadol, Teething Gel, insect repellent, sunscreen etc.

Miss Leah, Miss Emily & Miss Gae



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NURSERY 2 NEWS

Over the last couple of weeks in Nursery 2, the children have been really interested in bugs. As the children's interests have grown, we have added two pet grasshoppers to our room, Fred and Wilma. The children have really enjoyed taking care of them by picking them some grass and making sure they have some water every day. Some of the children love to sit on the mat so that they can hold our grasshopper on their arms for a little while. The children have also continued to help look after our fish as well. Everyone has been able to have a turn at feeding Axel and help clean his tank. We will continue to follow this interest into the coming weeks and see where it takes us. We have also welcomed some new friends into our room. All the children have settled in nicely and seem to be really enjoying their day while they are here with us. Throughout the day we try to follow each individual child's home routine as best we can, if your child's routine has recently changed please let us know. We also ask that if your child has any new interests at home please let us know so that we can follow it here as well.

Miss Danielle, Miss Georgie & Miss Antastasiia

TODDLER TALES

In the Toddler room we have been working on our sharing skills and turn taking. We have been looking at a book called – Friends by Sara Gillingham. Throughout the book it encourages sharing, helping others and shows us ways to make our friends happy. We have been doing a lot of small group activities at the tables. We have implemented boards to the tables so if there are only 6 boards and 6 children, we have to wait our turn.

We have been looking into fire safety, this came about through the children's interest in the fire trucks. We have been practicing our drill and getting to know the sound of the bell and whistle. Children have created their own collage of a fire truck and created their own interpretation of a fire.

From our interest in the kitchen area we have been using real food in our play like rice and pasta. We have been building on our self-help skills by making our own sandwiches. We have started a cooking program, each week we have been cooking in the room foods from pancakes to fried rice. We hope by getting the children more involved in preparing some of their meals it will help encourage them to try new foods.





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Thank you to all our parents who came to our parent night, if you couldn't make it there is a write up on some of the topics discussed on the parent bench in the room. Over the next few weeks we will celebrate Harmony Day, our centres 3rd birthday and Easter.

Miss Steph, Miss Noeleen, Miss Chloe, Miss Alice

JUNIOR KINDY JUMBLE

Firstly, we would like to welcome all the families and children that have recently joined our Junior Kindy family. We have also welcomed Miss Chloe into the room, we have all enjoyed helping to make her feel welcome into the room. Recently we have been exploring road safety after the children displayed a large interest in different transport vehicles. We did several exciting activities while learning about road safety, including creating our own road with a zebra crossing outside on the bike tracks. We took turns playing the roles of the car drivers and the pedestrians. Everyone did a wonderful job at making sure the road was clear before crossing at the crossing and always holding hands with our friends. We also have built on our knowledge of letters through looking at a different letter of the alphabet each day. Each day we have looked at a different activity which represents the letter of the day including making our own orange juice on the 'J' day, making kites for the 'k' day and going magnetic fishing on the day we looked at the letter 'F'. Leading up to 'International Read to Me Day' we have been reading a variety of the children's favourite books including 'The Jungle Book', 'There's a big green frog in the toilet' and 'Where is green sheep?'. We look forward to several exciting events happening over the next few weeks including Easter, ANZAC Day and the Centres 3rd birthday.

Miss Ayla, Miss Chloe, Miss Natalie and Miss Shaleise

SENIOR KINDY NEWS

Well its already March. Firstly, let us start by saying how glad we are that our children and families are safe after the devastating floods Townsville has had and our hearts go out to the families whose houses and property were affected. We wish you all good luck with the rebuilds and getting your houses back ready for you to live in.

Recently, we have welcomed Rhi into our room and she has been amazing helping all of us to settle in. We have also welcomed lots of new friends from the Junior Kindy room, and they have been transitioning over the last few weeks and are now full time in our room.

Last month we had a lovely visit from our friends at Fairfield Grange. We were able to sing Happy Birthday to one resident who turned 89 on the day she visited. Further, we sang songs and shared lemonade scones and fruit for morning tea. We will have a visit once a month and Kindergarten also will have a visit once a month.





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The children have been very interested in our Bakery which started following on from an interest in cooking in the sandpit. We have made scones, biscuits and blueberry pancakes in our room and will be extending on this interest by visiting our kitchen to watch Emma cook and ask her questions and we are looking at making our own pizzas too. We would welcome any recipes from home that are special to your child that we could cook at the centre or perhaps you may like to come in to engage in our cooking experiences.

We have also been exploring our centre environment; recently we supported Clean Up Australia Day by creating a sand activity that required the children to "pick out" the rubbish in the water environment and place it in the recycle bin. Then to further our understanding of the concept we went outside to clean up our yard, the children found some planted rubbish but also extended by finding other rubbish that did not belong in the yard. They really enjoyed the responsibility. We are also caring for our animals, we are feeding them, cleaning their cages (BeeBee the mouse) and holding and patting BeeBee. Even Gary had a lovely bath provided by Senior Kindy, he is actually white and seemed to enjoy the wash.

A reminder that we have our All About Me homework that is on the parent bench. A few have come back and are on our family tree looking great. Please look at doing this with your child as it makes them feel included and welcomed into our room and allows us to share in your family cultures and traditions.

Lastly, we would really like to thank all the parents and carers who interact with us through Storypark and also through our talks and communication book (on parent bench). We value your input in our everyday interactions with the children and program.

Reminder, we are looking at building up our box construction and art supplies so if you have any spare smaller shaped boxes, what we call "loose parts" which are bottle tops/seed cases/golf tees/wrapping paper/natural materials/buttons and anything else we could use for collage. Please just drop into the room. For those families unable to attend our information night, there will be copies of our information on the parent bench.

Warm regards,

Lynda, Josephine and Rhi.

KINDY SHANANIGANS

In Kindy, we have been learning about the weather, the floods and the different cloud types, this has been an extension of the floods that happened in February which many of the children have been talking about the floods, the rain and their experience with it all. We have also been learning about safety including fire safety, road safety and body safety and practicing our fire drills. With this, the children have been enjoying playing police and fire emergency in their dramatic plan.

We have been learning about the environment and sustainability, the three R's: reduce, reuse and recycle and from this we looked at Clean Up Australia and doing regular clean ups around in the yard. We are also learning about the difference between the rubbish, recycling and organic waste bins.



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Recently, we have been learning about the zones of regulations and how we can recognize different emotions in ourselves and in others as well as strategies that we can use to help us, and other people feel better. We have also been continuing on with our yoga and meditation before and after lunch during our relaxation/rest time.

Miss Hayley, Mr Scott & Miss Pama

Dates to Remember:

Sunday 31st March 2019 – Neighbourhood Day

Thursday 11th April 2019– FWEL's 3rd Birthday (see flyer)

Friday 19th April 2019– Good Friday (Centre Closed)

Monday 22nd April 2019– Easter Monday (Centre Closed)

Thursday 25th April 2019– ANZAC Day (Centre Closed)

Monday 6th May 2019– Labour Day Public Holiday (Centre Closed)

12th May 2019– Mother's Day

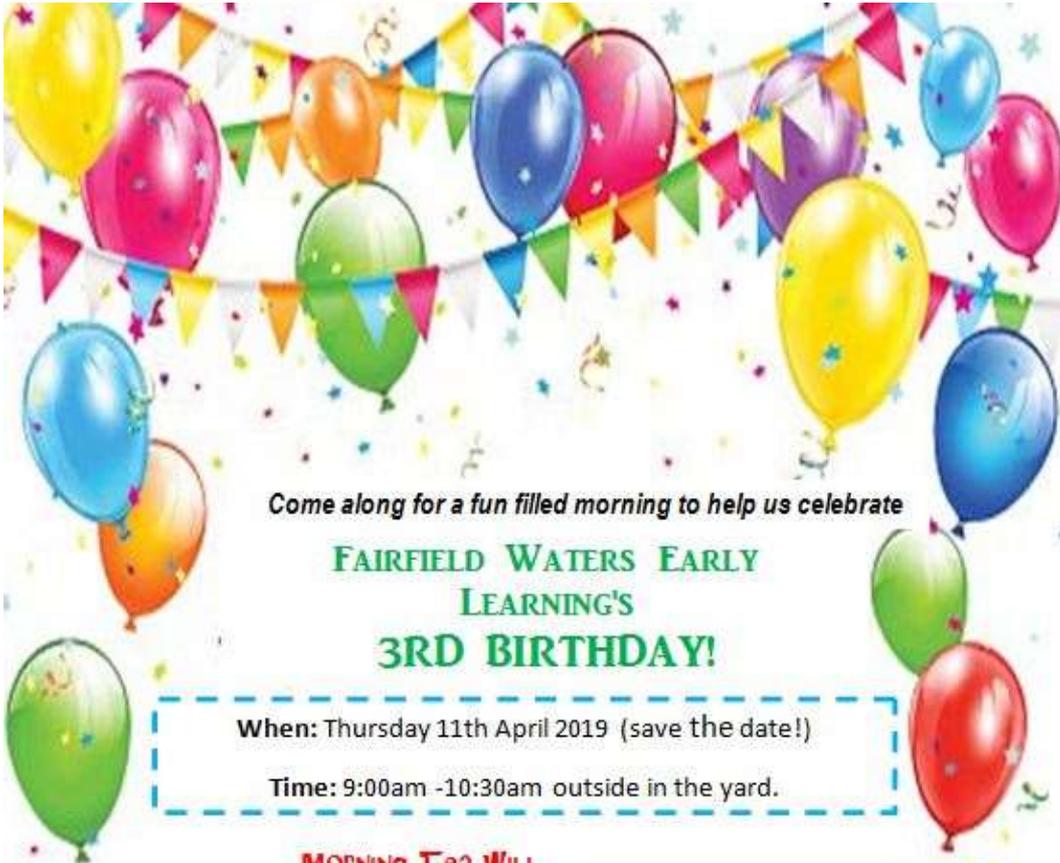
Saturday 18th May 2019– Deadly Families Fun Day at Pioneer Park, Riverway





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Come along for a fun filled morning to help us celebrate

FAIRFIELD WATERS EARLY LEARNING'S 3RD BIRTHDAY!

When: Thursday 11th April 2019 (save the date!)

Time: 9:00am -10:30am outside in the yard.

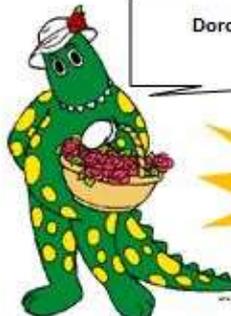
**MORNING TEA WILL
be provided**

Coffee will be supplied for all
parents/friends at the kitchen servery
from 9am - 10:00am

Come along and feed Mahli
the sheep, Gary the Goat and
hold a chicken or a duck

Dorothy from the Wiggles will be
here!

Come join us for lots of exciting
activities:
Balloons
Face-painting
Music - Free disco to dance too
and more



BIRTHDAY CAKE

Everybody is welcome. Parents, friends, families, grandparents are welcome to stay and view your child's room, portfolios, talk to your child's Educators throughout the morning.
Visitors are welcome to come and stay and talk to our Educators.





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POLICY REVIEW FOR THE MONTH

HEALTHY EATING AND MEAL TIME POLICY

This month's Recipe from the kitchen

Chicken Alfredo

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon of Vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon Garlic
- 1 teaspoon Mustard Powder
- 1 tablespoon of Butter
- 2 tablespoons of Plain Flour
- Pinch of salt and pepper
- 1½ kg Chicken shredded
- 1½ cup of milk
- ½ Sundried Tomatoes thinly chopped
- 1 small Zucchini, thinly sliced
- 375g Pasta of choice
- 1 cup of cheese

Method:

1. Cook chicken in a small pan with vegetable oil and garlic, salt and pepper.
2. Once chicken is cooked, use two forks to shred the chicken and put aside.
3. Cook pasta and set aside.
4. In a medium pan melt the butter, remove from heat and add flour and mustard powder to form a roux. Return to heat, slowly add milk and stir, gradually add the cheese and stir until combined.
5. Add zucchini, tomatoes, chicken and pasta and fold through, let simmer for 1-2 minutes to soften zucchini.
6. Garnish with parmesan and parsley.

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.





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Community News

Help our fundraising cause!
Support us and treat yourself!

Discover the best of your city with Entertainment.

\$60 Every sale contributes to our cause.

Enjoy thousands of offers for everything you love to do
2-for-1 offers, special rates and up to 50% off on activities, dining, shopping, travel and leisure.
Order your Entertainment Membership today!

35+ Contemporary Dining Offers	SAKAHA \$20 value	PALM HOUSE \$20 value	ZIZZO \$20 value	RYBKA \$20 value	RYBKA \$20 value	RYBKA \$20 value
65+ Classic Dining Offers	SAKAHA \$20 value	SAKAHA \$20 value	BALCONY \$20 value	REAL \$20 value	REAL \$20 value	REAL \$20 value
100+ Takeaway and Attractions Offers	SAKAHA \$20 value	SAKAHA \$20 value	SAKAHA \$20 value	SAKAHA \$20 value	SAKAHA \$20 value	SAKAHA \$20 value
2,000+ Travel and Retail Offers	SAKAHA \$20 value	SAKAHA \$20 value	SAKAHA \$20 value	SAKAHA \$20 value	SAKAHA \$20 value	SAKAHA \$20 value

Every sale contributes to our fundraiser, so purchase your Entertainment Membership today!

Fairfield Waters Early Learning
Order your Memberships online today!
www.entbook.com.au/9372r91

WIN \$200

Reflect and share after the recent flood event with new found friendships this Neighbour Day Sunday 31 March

Townsville City Council is giving you the opportunity to win \$200 to purchase items to enhance your Neighbour Day event.

Apply now at townsville.qld.gov.au

#WHATEVERIT TAKES
TEAM TOWNSVILLE

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community, encouraging people to connect with those who live in their neighbourhood and say thanks for being a great neighbour. Go to neighbourday.org for more information.

n neighbour day Sunday 31 March 2019 *Relationships Australia* QUEENSLAND

Enter 0800 Monday to Sunday at Home Town and community hubs.





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DEADLY FAMILIES FUN DAY
Deadly families are happy, safe and strong

FOOD! FUN! ENTERTAINMENT!

Join us for a fun and exciting day for the whole Family and Community

Community Stalls | Cultural Performances | Inspirational Guest Speakers
Live Music | Free Sausage Sizzle | Fun Activities for the Kids

Celebrating Healthy and Respectful Relationships

Saturday May 18th 2019, 10am - 2pm
Pioneer Park, Riverway

Family Services Queensland, City of Willoughby, Relationships Australia, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, Save the Children, Margaret Army, and other community partners.

