



# Fairfield Waters NEWS

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## From the Service Manager

Dear Families

Welcome to our first edition of Fairfield News for 2020. We have certainly hit the ground running and can't believe we are almost two months into the year.

With the warm weather we ask that you ensure your child is wearing sun safe clothing when they arrive at the Centre. We also remind parents to apply sunscreen and insect repellent and that children have their hats on before going out into the yard in the mornings. We ask that you also supply a labelled bottle of insect repellent for your child which can be kept at the Centre. The Educators will let you know when it needs replacing.

### **Anaphylaxis –**

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 do not have food in their bags like snacks that might be accessible to other children.

We really appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

### **2020 Room Names:**

You may have noticed that our room names have changed apart from Kindergarten. The room names are now as follows:

Old Name:	New Name:
Nursery 1	The Sunlander Room
Nursery 2	The Westlander Room
Toddlers	The Inlander Room
Junior Kindy	The Midlander Room
Senior Kindy	The Gulflander Room
Kindergarten	

## Our Educators

### Kindergarten-

Lynda Goulding – Kindergarten Teacher

Jamie Walker - Lead Educator

Pama Senduran - Educator

### Gulflander Room –

Ayla Hadley – Lead Educator

Michelle Blatchford - Lead Educator

Shaliese Becker - Educator

### Midlander Room –

Steph Magor– Lead Educator

Maria Auditore – Lead Educator

Noeleen Cockburn – Educator

Sally Foster – Educator

### Inlander Room –

Stephanie O'Brien – Lead Educator

Chloe Holden – Lead Educator

Alice Khong – Educator

Prabhjot Kaur – Educator

Kaitlyn Marson - Educator

### The Sunlander Room –

Chloe Champion – Lead Educator

Danielle Elliott – Lead Educator

Gae Scofield – Educator

### The Westlander Room –

Rhi Haupt – Lead Educator

Sophie Jones - Educator

Fah Gully - Educator

### Cook– Dakota Gough

### Cook/Kitchen Hand –

Matthew Dyer

### Cleaner/Kitchen Hand –

Simon Conway

### Relief Staff

Nicole Coburn – Lead Educator

Kristen Littlemore - Educator

Raquel Ennis – Educator

Rebecca Sander – Educator

Chandrika Vimalash – Educator

Rebecca Cook – Educator

Cynthea Palmer – Lead Educator



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During this month, each of the rooms will be holding a Parent Information Night. Please keep an eye out on your child's Storypark for your room's date. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to come and see myself or Steph in the (Inlander Room). If you are unable to attend the Parent Information Night you can make a time to speak to the Room Leader or any of the room staff individually.

## 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. 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:

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

This month's feature staff member is **Sophie Jones**. Sophie is an Educator in the Westlander Room.



Hello!  
My name is Sophie Jones. I am 18 years old and fresh out of school! I completed all my schooling from Prep to Year 12 at Ryan Catholic College and enjoyed every second.  
Growing up I was surrounded by children, as every school holiday was spent with my many cousins, this is what drove my passion for childcare. So, when I was offered the opportunity in Year 11 to complete my Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care, there was no hesitation.  
I am very eager to get to know your children and help them learn and grow into wonderful tiny humans.  
I am far from shy, so please don't be afraid to say hi. Have a fantastic day,  
From Miss Sophie.

**Kindergarten for 2020** – If your child will be in Kindergarten this year please advise the office if you have a current Health Care or DVA Card and provide a copy to the Office as soon as possible.





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**Parent Library** – We have decided to start a parent library. The bookshelf 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 and DVD's.

**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 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.

**THE SUNLANDER NEWS**

Firstly, we would like to welcome all our new friends and families into our Sunlander Room. We have been very busy over the last couple of weeks' helping our new friends settle into care. We have been working on finding the children's interest's over the past week and so far, the blocks and animals have been a big hit. We will continue working on these interest's over the coming weeks to see where they will lead us. Some of us have also been working hard on our crawling, standing and walking. It won't be long, and we will have a few more friends on the move.

We would also like to ask that all our children have sunscreen and insect repellent applied when they first come in the mornings as the rain has brought out lots of mosquitoes. We also ask that all of your child's belongings are clearly labeled. Every child has their own individual bottle baskets that are located in the Sunlander's kitchen. Could all bottles please be placed into their baskets and a morning slip filled out. This helps us know when your child is due for their next bottle, nappy or sleep. We also ask that each child brings in a family photo for us to add to our family tree.

The Sunlander Team

**THE WESTLANDER NEWS**

Hello! We have been very excited to introduce some new faces to Fairfield Waters Early Learning. We are very excited to see you all on family information night on the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. In the Westlander Room we have Miss Rhi and Miss Sophie and Mrs Fah. This month we will be focusing





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on finding an interest in the children's play and a routine for our new children. One big focus is to continue with fine motor skills and gross motor skills to encourage children to develop independence in the room. We will be working with you to make sure your children have an amazing experience with us in The Westlander Room. Thank you for your time and patience with us.

From the Westlander Team,  
Miss Rhi, Miss Sophie & Miss Fah

## **THE INLANDER NEWS**

Welcome to all our new children and families to the Inlander room. This month in the Inlander room we have been working on our new routine including sitting at the table for mealtimes and wearing our hats outside. We have also been working on our hygiene practices like hand washing. Our favourite book at group times is *Where is the Green Sheep?* We have been looking more into our farm animals and some of the colours of the sheep in the book. The children have shown interest in our animals in the room, we have frogs, mice and have just moved our fish into a bigger tank. The children have been very involved in caring for the animals, they help with feeding them and cleaning the fish tank. The children have shown a huge interest in drawing, we have set up an art area in the room for the children to have access to drawing supplies. Over the last couple of weeks, we have been working on our pencil grasp using different sized brushes, crayons and textas. Over the next few weeks we will continue to build on our hygiene practices and look more into the children's interest around kitchens and cooking. We are looking into different foods and mealtimes. Please remember your child will need sheets, the sheets need to be clearly labelled and placed in a bag or pillowcase. Any dummy's or bottles also need to be labelled.

Thank you. The Inlander staff.

## **THE MIDLANDER NEWS**

Welcome to all the new children in the Midlander room. We have been spending the last couple of weeks building relationships and getting to know each other. Over the past couple of weeks, we have noticed many different interests such as activities that use gross motor skills, fine motor skills, farm animals and dramatic play. We have been extending on these interests with things such as obstacle courses, drawing, farm area in the room and adding lots of different things to home corner such as technology, pasta/rice and recycled items. The children have been starting to show an interest in cooking and messy play so we will be extending on this over the coming month.

We will be holding our Family Information Night on Monday 17th February in the Midlander Room at 5pm. This is a great opportunity to have a chat to the Educators in the room, ask any questions you may have and view your child's portfolio so far.





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Just a few reminders, please ensure all your children's clothes/ shoes/ bottles/ dummies/ etc are all clearly labelled. We also require you to supply chemist labelled mosquito repellent as they can get quite bad at the center at times. Please apply sunscreen and insect repellent on arrival and we will reapply throughout the day.

Thanks, Midlander team.

Miss Steph, Miss Noeleen, Miss Maria & Miss Sally

### **THE GULFLANDER NEWS**

Welcome to all our families joining us in the Gulflander room this year. Throughout the month of January, we were very interested in the story 'Going on a bear hunt'. We extended on this interest through a variety of different activities including a sensory walk using the different elements from the story, long wavy grass, deep cold river and a snowstorm. We loved feeling the different sensory textures beneath our feet. We also explored Australia Day and Chinese New Year. We looked at different Australian animals and created our own paintings of them. We looked at both the Australian and Chinese flags, speaking about the different colours and features of each. The story of the Chinese New Year's dragon was really enjoyed so we created our own chain link red and yellow dragon to hang in our room. Over in-home corner we expressed our interest and knowledge of doctors, through engaging in dramatic play experiences taking turns to play both the roles of the doctor and the patients. Throughout the month of February, we are going to extend upon this interest in doctors through exploring healthy bodies, looking at ways to keep ourselves healthy including eating healthy foods and exploring good hygiene practices. Throughout the month we are going to engage in a number of cooking experiences including creating different fruit and vegetable smoothies and healthy recipes to try. We have also begun a Show and Share Roster, this has been placed on our door.

Please remember to label all your child's belongings including sheets, water bottles and shoes. If you have any questions regarding anything please don't hesitate to talk to one of the Gulflander staff. 😊

Thanks,

Miss Ayla, Miss Michelle & Miss Shaliese

### **KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

Welcome to our children and families starting our new year in the kindy room. During January and into the start of February we had a nice transition between rooms with many children spending days getting to know our room and teachers. We have started working on our kindy expectations and growing our sense of belonging in our room. Together we created our "belonging" wall that has our handprints on it, and this will grow as we add more friends. To celebrate Chinese New Year, we



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watched some great clips of dancing dragons and we learnt about the traditions of how Chinese New Year started. The children enjoyed immersing in Chinese themed activities such as lanterns, fans, sensory boxes with rice and chopsticks and we finished off with a Chinese banquet of fried rice, dumplings, spring rolls and fortune cookies.

We also looked at Australia Day and talked about what we did to celebrate this day and in particular what we like about living in Townsville. We also looked at Australian animals, their names, their features and recreating them through art mediums. Our Australian flag area is surrounded by our great dot painting pictures of Australian animals. We also used collage to explore textures of animals and looked at some real-life feathers and other materials from Australian animals (thanks to our parent who works at Billabong Sanctuary). Over the last few weeks we have also had visitors from Fairfield Grange residents, we have approximately 7-8 residents come in and share morning tea and activities with us for an hour, we sing them songs and enjoy talking with them. Studies have shown cross generational interactions are beneficial for both the young and the older generations and this is proving to be true as our friends enjoy coming to visit and we really like having them in our room.

Just for your information, in case you missed our information night on the 11<sup>th</sup> February we will have the slide show and room information to add to Storypark for you to view. Also, if you have any questions please see our room staff. We ask that for our room that each child brings two sheets (even if they don't sleep), a hat, bag with two changes of clothes (as we do have waterplay), they are sun screened and have insect spray before moving outside to play. Many thanks and we look forward to working with you all over this year.

Thanks,  
Miss Lynda, Miss Jamie and Miss Pama

### Dates to Remember:

- 25<sup>th</sup> February - Pancake Tuesday**
- 1<sup>st</sup> March - Clean up Australia Day**
- 8<sup>th</sup> March - International Women's Day**
- 17<sup>th</sup> March - Saint Patrick's Day**
- 21<sup>st</sup> March - Harmony Day**
- 21<sup>st</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> March - Cultural Diversity Week**
- 28<sup>th</sup> March - Earth Hour**

**Save the Date: 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - Fairfield Waters Early Learning 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration. (more information to come.)**





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## POLICY REVIEW FOR THE MONTH

Medication Policy

### This month's Recipe from the kitchen

## Scones

**Prep Time:** 15 minutes | **Cooking Time:** 25 minutes | **Serves:** 16 |

### Ingredients:

- Plain flour, for dusting
- 3 cups self-raising flour
- 80g butter, chilled and cubed (use a Dairy free butter to make it dairy free)
  - 1 - 1¼ cups of milk (or Rice milk)
    - Jam to serve
  - Whipped cream, to serve

### Method:

#### **Step 1:**

Preheat oven to 200 degrees. Sift self-raising flour into a large bowl.

#### **Step 2:**

Using your fingertips, rub butter into flour until mixture resembles breadcrumbs.

#### **Step 3:**

Make a well in the centre. Add 1 cup of milk. Mix with a flat-bladed knife until mixture forms a soft dough, adding more milk if required. Turn onto a lightly floured surface. Knead gently until smooth (don't knead dough too much or scones will be tough).

#### **Step 4:**

Grease and line a baking tray with baking paper.

#### **Step 5:**

Pat dough into a 2cm-thick round. Using a 5cm (diameter) round cutter, cut out 12 rounds. Press dough together and cut out remaining 4 rounds. Place scones onto prepared baking tray, 1cm apart. Sprinkle tops with a little plain flour. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden and well risen. Transfer to a wire rack. Serve warm with jam and cream.

**Enjoy!**





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## Community News

### Updated Advice on Coronavirus

The Australian Government has provided further updated factsheets on the novel coronavirus.

The updated Department of Health factsheets can be found by following the link on the Department of Education, Skills and Employment [website](#). We will continue to advise you each time these factsheets are updated.

Please regularly check the website to help ensure that you are using the latest version of these factsheets.

*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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The following course is designed to meet the specific interests and needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists looking to pursue a career in the cultural arts industry. Students will learn a range of art and craft skills around drawing, painting and printmaking and develop artworks reflective of their culture and identity.

**Study a Certificate III in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts CUA30515.**

**DELIVERY:** Residential blocks over 12 months

**LOCATIONS:** Cairns campus, Townsville (Pimlico) campus

**START DATE:** 2 March 2020

**RESIDENTIAL BLOCK DATES:**

- > 2 - 13 March 2020
- > 25 May - 5 June 2020
- > 4 - 14 August 2020
- > 14 - 18 September 2020
- > 1 - 12 February 2021

**COST:\***

Full fee: \$6,915

Subsidised: \$315

Concession: \$315

Looking to kick-start training opportunities in the cultural arts industry? Register your interest for the entry-level Certificate II in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts CUA20415 course.

\*The cost of your course may vary, depending on your eligibility for funding, concessions or subsidies. This program is registered as an Away from Base course, which means Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students may be able to have their travel, accommodation and a meal allowance paid when you attend residential blocks. Students must be registered with ABSTUDY to be eligible for Away from Base funding.

## APPLY NOW

For more information call **4042 2571** and ask to speak to a Indigenous Student Support Officer or a Cultural Arts teacher.

**[tafeqld.edu.au](http://tafeqld.edu.au) | 1300 308 233**

At-risk elements from 1019 Queensland's Reconciliation Action Plan at risk: 'Connecting Knowledge - Connecting Culture' by 160 Dates, We are 17 Creative. Visit [tafeqld.edu.au](http://tafeqld.edu.au) to view the Reconciliation Action Plan.

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**Join us - everyone welcome!**

Come together to heal one year after the 2019 floods

## **FREE Community Healing Day**

Saturday 22 February 2020  
9am to 12pm  
The Townsville Murray Stadium  
Murray Lyons Crescent

**Stalls**  
**Giveaways**  
**Lucky Door Prizes**

Family fun day for all

For more information, please contact Christine or Tiffany at 07 4421 8300

This event is hosted by Mercy Community

