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From the Service Manager

Dear Families

Welcome to another addition of Fairfield News.

COVID-19 - we are still as best we can adhering to social distancing measures. We ask that you please limit who you bring into the Service and that only one parent where possible come in and drop off and pick up your child. If your child is unwell, we ask that you please keep that at home until they are symptom free.

It would be appreciated if you could apply sunscreen and insect repellent before you take your child into the yard in the mornings and that they are wearing their hats. We would also appreciate you leaving a labelled bottle of insect repellent for your child at the Centre. We also ask that if you have paracetamol or baby creams for your child, it must have a chemist label on the bottle or tube with the child's name and dose required. The Educators will let you know when it needs replacing.

Yoga Classes are starting on Wednesday 3 March 2021 and will be a weekly occurrence for all children and a service provided at no cost



to families.

Parent Information Sessions:

Thank you for attending our parent information nights. We hope these sessions were helpful to our families. If you require further information, please see your Child's Lead Educator or alternatively Linda and Kerry.

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

Our Educators

Kindergarten-

Ayla Kern – Kindergarten Teacher
Simplicia Daleb- Lead Educator
Noeleen Cockburn- Educator

Gulflander Room –

Jamie Walker – Lead Educator
Kiah Reardon – Educator
Amore Du-Preeze – Educator

Midlander Room –

Steph Magor– Lead Educator
Mikaela McMurray – Educator
Ramanpreet Kaur – Educator
Sonia Sun – Educator

Inlander Room –

Stephanie O'Brien – Lead Educator
Alice Khong – Educator
Kristen Tanna – Educator
Paulina Walhain – Educator

The Sunlander Room –

Shenay Ross – Lead Educator
Mandeep Kaur – Educator
Maria Auditore – Lead Educator

The Westlander Room –

Nicole Coburn – Lead Educator
Gae Scofield – Educator
Pokosina Tini - Educator

Cook- Hayley Schnetler

Cleaner/Kitchen Hand –

Simon Conway

Relief Staff

Chloe Champion– Lead Educator
Courtney Maclean – Educator
Rebecca Cook – Educator
Erin Ballment- Educator
Sally Foster – Educator
Kristy Erickson – Educator
Kellianne Maxwell - Educator





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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 amounts. This needs to be done manually by office staff. 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. We now also offer Bpay and eftpos. Bpay information is at the bottom of your Statement.

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:

Meet Erin - Educator

Hey everyone!

If I haven't had the chance to introduce myself to you, my name is Erin I am currently studying my Certificate 111 in Early Childhood Education and Care. I have been working here at Fairfield Waters Early Learning since early February 2021, as an Educator. I love working with children and being a positive role model and enjoy assisting children to develop new skills. Outside of Childcare, I enjoy watching movies and going to the football. Thanks everyone for making me feel so welcome.

Erin

Kindergarten for 2021 – If your child is in Kindergarten this year and is going to school next year please advise the office if you have a current Health Care Card or DVA Card and provide a copy as soon as possible.

Parent Library – Please feel free to bring in any unwanted books, DVD's or CD's to add to the parent library. The parent library is for everyone to use. You can borrow and return books, CD's, DVD's at your own pace.

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





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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 include electrical items, pots and pans, books, toys, pretty much anything that children can use in dramatic play, sand pits etc. that are in good condition. We cannot take items with small parts that might be a choking hazard. (NO glass or ceramic items thanks)

Allergy Reminder:

We have 2 children 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.

THE SUNLANDER NEWS

This month in the Sunlander room we have been focusing on exploring our senses through different types of sensory and messy play activities. We have done playdough, flour play, finger painting, sensory bags filled with paint and water and lots of exploring with our new sensory blocks/balls. The children have taken a lot of interest in exploring these activities as they begin to discover the different textures and smells. We will be beginning to add taste to our play, letting the children taste different foods to explore these senses as well. The children have also shown interest in transport after spending lots of time exploring the cars and trains in our room. We extended on this by doing a craft activity where the children used the car wheels with paint to drive around and create their picture. This activity allowed the children to explore their creativity whilst extending on their interests. Just a reminder to label your child's bottles, dummies, hats and any other personal items your child owns. This helps educators keep track of everyone's belongings as it can be quite common for children to bring similar items. We are also asking if everyone can bring an insect repellent for your child as the mosquitos are quite bad at the moment.

Thank you from the Sunlander team.

Shenay, Mandeep and Maria.





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THE WESTLANDER NEWS

The Westlander room has had a busy month of learning. All the children have settled into the room well, we have been focusing on working out a routine to suit all our children. We have been doing lots of group experiences to encourage children to get to know each other. Over the last few weeks, we have been learning the colours of the rainbow. The children really enjoyed learning the I Can Sing A Rainbow song and doing a collage of each colour of the rainbow. The children's interest has now shifted to learning about farm animals. The children have really enjoyed the song Old MacDonald had a farm song using flashcards or puppets during group time, the children visited our barnyard animals and have enjoyed farm animal-related activities. During group time a few of the children have also been asking for the ABC song, to extend this interest we have started learning the alphabet.

Thank you, Westlander staff.

Nicole, Gae, Pokosina.

INLANDER NEWS

What a great month we have had in the Inlander room. This month we have been focussing on Australian animals like a possum from our Hush Little Possum Book, Kangaroo, Emu and Kookaburra. We have started to look at a native Australian animal song which the children get very involved in singing and doing the action to each animal. The children have also shown interest in colours, we have been slowly looking at each colour every few days and have started to listen to I Can Sing A Rainbow. We have created a colour area with flash cards, a light box and coloured transparent blocks. We have done water colour paint, throughout this painting the children were able to discover new colours by mixing the colours provided. We are now going to continue to work on our colours with more colour sorting activities. The last week the children have shown interest in the Slippery Fish Song. We have started to look at sea animals, we have been exploring sea animals through sensory experiences like water and sand play.

Reminders please make sure your child has sheets for the week that are clearly labeled and your child has their hat on before going outside. Thank you

Thank you, Inlander staff.

Steph O, Alice, Kristen and Paulina

THE MIDLANDER NEWS

Hi everyone, thanks to everyone who came to our parent info session, for those who couldn't make it I have put up an information sheet on Storypark for you to view. We have had a busy month! First, we began exploring dinosaurs, we had some muddy dinosaur play and made dinosaur footprints. We then explored bugs which lead us to the Hungry Caterpillar book, and we explored the butterfly life cycle further. Home corner has been a continued interest throughout the month.





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Thanks to everyone who has been bringing in recycled food boxes/ containers/ bottles. It has really helped keep the children engaged in the area having new things to play with most days. We have been doing a lot of craft and have begun exploring fine motor and gross motor skills with obstacle courses, ball games and other games for gross motor and using scissors, droppers, etc for fine motor. We also had Chinese New Year on Feb 12th which we looked at Chinese dragon and Lion dances which the children were quite intrigued by and we made lanterns and painted our own Chinese flags. Over the next few weeks, we will continue exploring gross and fine motor skills.

Midlander Team.

Steph M, Raman, Sonia and Mikaela.

GULFLANDER NEWS

Hello everyone, welcome to our February/March newsletter!

It has been a great start to the year as the children are settling into their new room. Families, if there is anything, we can do to support your family and child to feel connected please do not hesitate to come talk to the educators. We also would love your input whether it be suggestions to add to our program, feedback, or concerns. A couple of families have already shared some ideas such as yoga, tooth brushing, and writing. Over the next couple of weeks, we would like to start implementing these suggestions. We have been involved in many fun and stimulating activities over the past couple of months! First, we celebrated Australian Day. We looked at the world map, looking to see where Australia is located. We then looked at the Australian flag and painted one each to display in our room. After Australian Day, the children were asked "what do you like about Australian/Townsville?" They drew a picture as the educators wrote down their words. We then extended our learnings to Australian animals. Each day we learnt about a new Australian animal and created them. Next, we celebrated Chinese New Year. We learnt about the traditions and how it is celebrated. We looked at the Legend of Nian which the children were extremely interested in. We learnt about the three things that scare the monster away: loud noises, fire, and the colour red. We also looked at dragon dancing which inspired us to paint our own dragon to display in our room to encourage happiness and good luck. We also worked on our scissor skills to create our own Chinese New Year lanterns. Outside in the yard the children showed a large interest in ice cream, making it and serving it. To follow this on we watched a YouTube video explaining how to make ice cream and used this recipe to make our own. The children then enjoyed eating it in the afternoon. We have also been focusing on our numeracy skills, such as number recognition and counting. The children have been enjoying the counting songs '10 little fishes' and '5 speckled frogs' which has helped us with our counting to 10. We have been working on our sorting skills in colours and sizes, and practicing our counting using one-to-one correspondence. We also created the numbers 1-10 to display on our wall. Under the numbers we added photos of the children making them, which the children love to point themselves out. During group time the children have been engaging in language and communication activities through 'what did you do on the weekend?' and 'show





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and share' which we have just started as the children have been sharing photos of their pets and families which we will display in our room. In our routine we have given the children more responsibilities to encourage their self-help skills. The children are now involved in setting the tables, self-serving, and cleaning up after themselves.

Warm regards,

Miss Jamie, Miss Amore and Miss Kristen

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

What a fun time we have been having in Kindergarten over the last few weeks! To build on our knowledge and understanding of literacy we have been focusing on one letter each week. As we explore the letter, we have engaged in a variety of different experiences including writing the letter, looking at words which begin with the letter, art activities associated with the letter and a cooking experience. So far we have looked at the letters A-D which the children have really been excited about. The cooking experience is the favourite each week with us making A for apple pie, B for Bread, C for carrot cookies and D for donuts. We are going to continue focusing on different letters each week to continue building on our literacy knowledge. We have also been looking at sustainability as we begin getting the vegetable garden ready to be planted. We have also explored bees and how they help our environment and their job of spreading pollen and creating honey. We looked at Chinese New Year and the different aspects which are celebrated. We created our own lanterns and dragon using the colours of red and yellow along with making Chinese drums. These all link to the 3 things that the monster Nina is afraid of; fire, the colour red and loud noises.

If any parents didn't attend the parent information nights and haven't seen Miss Ayla or Miss Noelzy about signing a transition statement for their child can you please do so 😊

Miss Ayla, Miss Noelzy and Miss Simplicia

Dates to Remember:

Sunday 7th March - Clean Up Australia Day
Wednesday 17th March - St Patrick's Day
Sunday 21st March - Harmony Day
Saturday 27th March - Earth Hour
Friday 2nd April - Good Friday (Public Holiday)
Monday 5th April - East Monday (Public Holiday)
Sunday 25th April - ANZAC Day





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POLICY REVIEW FOR THE MONTH

Grievance Resolution Policy

This month's Recipe from the kitchen

Noeleen's Zucchini Slice

Ingredients

375g Zucchini
1 large Onion
3 Bacon Rashers or 3/4 cup Ham/cooked Chicken
1 cup of Grated Cheese
1 cup SR Flour
½ cup oil
5 eggs
Salt and pepper to taste

Method:

Step 1: Grate the zucchini, fine chop the onion and Bacon/ham/cooked chicken

Step 2: Combine all the ingredients and lightly beaten eggs together. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Step 3: Pour into well-greased lamington tin. Bake at 180 degrees for 30-40 minutes or until browned.

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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Free Activities to Do Around the Home





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Community News

WULGURU MARKETS ARE ON NOW
Sunday morning till 12pm.
Edison street Wulguru, at the
Wulguru soccer club.


Council is offering free microchipping to registered dogs and approved cats in Townsville. Your pet must be registered with Council prior to booking your appointment.
Free microchipping days will take place at the Animal Care & Adoption Centre once a month until June 2021.

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 (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 released countless animals. A large part of my focus is education (training) and also making sure the animals I release 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 usually 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 license so we can actually do fundraisers soon.



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