

# Fairfield Waters NEWS

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## From the Service Manager

Dear Families

Welcome to another addition of Fairfield News the last one for 2018. What a jam packed year we have had with so much more to fit in.

## 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.

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.

With the end of year approaching could you please ensure you email the office with any holiday dates/finishing dates/increases and decreases in days as soon as possible.

## Staffing

**We are very excited to announce that we have secured two additional Teachers for next year. We will be running the Kindergarten program in the Senior Kindy class as well as the Kindergarten room.**

**Family Night** – we are looking for local businesses to donate a voucher or prize for our lucky door prizes on the night. In return we will mention your business in our Newsletters, Facebook, Storypark etc. and above all, we will be very appreciative.

## Our Educators

### Kindergarten-

Andrea Nobile- Teacher  
Scott Pope- Lead Educator  
Rhi Haupt – Educator

### Senior Kindy –

Michelle McMahon – Lead Educator  
Shenay Ross – Educator  
Josephine Schafer - Educator

### Junior Kindy -

Ayla Hadley- Lead Educator  
Steph Magor – Lead Educator  
Symone Hudson - Educator  
Shaleise Becker - Educator

### Toddlers –

Stephanie O'Brien – Lead Educator  
Michele Surman – Educator  
Noeleen Cockburn - Educator  
Sharnah Christian – Educator  
Courtney Shepherd - Educator

### Nursery 1 –

Nicole Coburn – Lead Educator  
Chloe Champion – Educator  
Pama Senduran- Educator

### Nursery 2 –

Danielle Elliott – Lead Educator  
Georgie Pearson – Educator  
Gemmai Cloudy - Educator  
**Cook**-Emma Appelby  
**Cleaner/Kitchen Hand** –  
Katelyn Bush/Chloe Conway  
**Relief Staff**

Sally Foster- Educator  
Leah Smth – Educator  
Renee Crawley – Educator  
Maria Auditore – Lead Educator  
Rhiannon Haupt – Educator  
Kim Uren – Lead Educator  
Emily Hunter - Educator





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A huge thank you to the following business who have already donated lucky door prizes for Family Night:

**Willows Pool Shop – 22 Harveys Range Road, Thuringowa Central QLD 4811 –  
Phone 4723 0331 – [shop@willowspoolshop.com.au](mailto:shop@willowspoolshop.com.au)**

**Konnect Fastening Systems  
92/94 Duckworth St, Townsville QLD 4814  
Phone 47286633**

**Sharon Kalenjuk  
Independent Arbonne Consultant**



**Hair by Dani Flynn – Phone 0499780002  
224 Flinders Street east, Townsville City QLD 4810**

**Kindergarten for 2019** – If your child will be in Kindergarten next year please advise the office if you have a current Health Care Card and provide a copy as soon as possible.

**Ronald McDonald House** – We will be going to Ronald McDonald House as a Team to do another meal preparation morning on 10/11/18 keep a look out on our Facebook page for updates.

**Family and Child Connect** – Each year at Xmas time we support Family and Child Connect we have the collection box out the front and are looking for any non-perishable grocery items. These items go to families in need over the Xmas period.





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**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

**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.

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

**Family Portraits** – Any families wishing to have family portraits done they will be held on Saturday and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November at the Annandale State School please see the Centre office for further details.

## **NURSERY 1 NEWS**

We have been creating some new areas within the room which are based around what our children have been showing interest in. Last month the children showed interest in home corner. We did some cooking activities like making our own toast for morning tea and practicing how to use cutlery during meal times. This month we have had lots of animals visit our room like our new fish, the black and white gecko, pet snails, baby lizard, baby mice and recently the baby chickens. The children have taken great interest in looking after each animal that have visited our room.

Thanks Miss Nicole, Miss Chloe and Miss Pama

## **NURSERY 2 NEWS**

Over the last month nursery 2 have been doing a lot of exploring with their senses. The children really loved being able to smell all the herbs from the garden and exploring with goop using their hands. Throughout the next month we will be moving on to taste testing and cooking to try some new foods. The children have also loved seeing all the little animals that Miss Danielle has been bringing in from her home. So far we have looked at a Velvet Gecko that Miss Danielle found in a tree and we have had lots of visits from the mice. We have now moved onto looking at a lizard that we found crawling around on the



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floor in the room. We have recently changed the room around to add some more natural resources. We will be adding more to it over the next month or so.

The Children have been becoming more independent recently. They have been learning how to clip themselves into their chairs at meal times and are starting to wipe their own faces with a little bit of assistance. We have also been working hard on our sign language and communication. The children have started telling us their needs and wants throughout the day as well. As the weather has gotten warmer we will start doing more water activities with the children during our morning time. We will also be staying inside more as well. We have also added some baby chickens to the barn yard as well. The children will have the opportunity to interact with them and watch them grow over the coming weeks.

Danielle, Georgie and Gemmai

### **TODDLER TALES**

This month in the toddler room we have had a range of different interests going on. As it is becoming a lot warmer we have been focusing on caring for our environment. We have talked about how we can plant all new baby flowers and they will grow very big. Every day the children have been getting into the habit of watering the plants using watering cans or recycled milk bottles. We then extended a little further and we looked into making a garden bed for our flowers to encourage our children a little more. We recycled old tyres and made them into our new garden beds. Miss Noeleen worked very hard to spray the tyres over the week, the children watched the process in making our minion. Through watering the plants, we built an interest in water play. Every morning we get tubs out with different items in them depending on what the children's interests are for the day, such as dinosaurs, problem solving items, water play using funnels and using different coloured water. Another project we have been working on has been our milk bottle tunnel, thank you to all our wonderful parents who helped us collect the bottles over the last couple of weeks. While the children explore the milk bottle tunnel they are extending on their fine motor skills and are starting to match up the coloured lids to the bottles. Also for our colours we introduced coloured balls and tubes to the room. From looking at our colours the children have developed a big interest in drawing, we have set up an art area in the room with a range of different resources and easels.

A little reminder to ensure your children have spare clothes in their bag as there is a lot of water play planning to happen as the weather is a lot warmer. Please apply sunscreen and mosquito spray before coming to Service every day and ensure your child has a hat thank you.

Steph, Michele, Noeleen, Sharnah and Courtney





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## JUNIOR KINDY JUMBLE

What an exciting few weeks we have had in Junior Kindy! We have welcomed a number of new friends and have had a fantastic time getting to know them and build positive relationships along the way. There has been a number of interests in our room over the last few weeks which we have explored including transport, dinosaurs and ABC's. To extend on our interest in transport we have participated in a number of exciting activities including looking at hot air balloons and conducting an experiment to explore the processes of the balloons inflating. We also had a brilliant time flying kites outside, laughing as we tried to keep them in the sky. We have begun to look at dinosaurs through dinosaur collages and dinosaur footprint painting. There has also been a large interest in exploring the letters of the alphabet which we have extended upon through connecting our other interests in magnets to create magnetic letter matching activities. We have also looked at trying to identify the first letters of our names. Motor skills has also been a large focus over the last few weeks as we have explored using and developing our fine and gross motor skills. Threading, beading, cutting and the obstacle course have been largely enjoyed experiences through this time.

As it is getting warmer we are starting to set up a number of exciting water play experiences. Please ensure that your child has an extra pair of clothes to get changed into afterwards or a pair of clothes/swimmers that you would like them to get changed into before.

Your Junior Kindy Team,  
Miss Ayla, Miss Steph, Miss Symone and Miss Shaleise

## SENIOR KINDY NEWS

This month in the Senior Kindy room Miss Shenay has been teaching the children about out of space. This was an extension of the children asking to sing Rocket Ship.

Rocket ship'  
Rocket ship,  
What do you do  
10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1  
Blastoff!!!

The children had fun making rocket ships using milk bottles that they painted.

Moving on, we are now looking at letters of the alphabet and what letter our names start with. We will be exploring literacy doing name tracing and if the children are keen, writing our names. With some assistance when needed the children will be encouraged to use their fine motor skills while holding the writing implement correctly.

Some children have started counting objects so Miss Shenay and myself will be encouraging and supporting the children with this interest.

If you have any concerns or would like to share some of your child's interests, we welcome parent input. Please free to come and have a chat with Shenay and myself anytime.



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Kind Regards

Miss Michelle, Miss Shenay and Miss Josephine

### KINDY SHANANIGANS

The month of September was filled with the antics of pirates, treasure, and Pirate Bill a One hundred and fifty-year-old pirate who visited the Centre. We dressed up like pirates for a day, painted the children's faces with adorable little moustaches, dug for treasure, found golden coins in the sand pit and large glistening jewels.

The outside yard was transformed into pirate land with many decorations, some of these made by the children themselves.

Pirate Bill (Mr Scott) made many swords from balloons for hordes of excited children who ran off to fight many a battle upon a ship's deck.

Over the coming months we shall be continuing with recycling and making parachutes, planting some fresh vegetables in the garden, continue to look after our worms, carving some pumpkins for Halloween, working on our graduation song, make some paper and Visit Oonoonba Prep for a transition visit in October.

Andrea, Scott and Rhi

### Dates to Remember

**Grandparents Day morning tea Friday 26 October 2018**

**Halloween Dress Up Day Wednesday 31 October 2018**

**Date Claimer – Friday 30 November 2018 Family Night and Kindergarten**

**Graduation bigger and better than ever at the Wulguru Community Hall**

**Friday 7 December 2018 Santa will be here at 9.30am**



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Come celebrate the Kindergarten graduating class of 2018  
and join Fairfield Waters Early Learning community for a night of fun family night

**2018 Family Night  
&  
Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony**

**Wulguru Community Centre**  
(14 Edison Street, Wulguru,  
Wulguru Park)

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**6:30pm start – Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony**  
**7pm – 9pm Family Night & Disco**

**Bring a Plate of Savoury Food**  
*(We are a nut free environment)*

**Lucky Door Prizes**

**Face-painting & Glitter Tattoos**

**Photo booth**

**Drinks available for \$1.00**  
*(Proceeds will go to the charity, Ronald McDonald House)*

**Elmo's coming to the party!**

**Graduation Cake**

**Balloons**

**Pony Rides**

## **POLICY REVIEW FOR THE MONTH**

Etiquette and Professionalism Policy

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

### **Pumpkin and Spinach Feta Slice**

#### **Ingredients**

- 1.2kg butternut pumpkin, peeled, deseeded, cut into 3cm pieces
  - 2 red onions, cut into thin wedges
    - olive oil cooking spray
    - 100g baby spinach
  - 75g reduced-fat feta cheese, crumbled
    - 8 eggs
    - 1/3 cup low-fat milk
  - 8 thin slices crusty bread, to serve



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## Method

- Step 1

Preheat oven to 230°C. Line a large roasting pan with baking paper. Place pumpkin and onion in roasting pan. Spray with oil. Season with salt and pepper. Toss well to coat. Spread vegetables over base of pan. Roast for 18 to 20 minutes or until vegetables are golden and tender. Remove from oven. Place spinach over vegetables and stand for 3 minutes or until wilted.

- Step 2

Grease a 3.5cm deep, 16.5cm x 26cm (base) slab pan or baking dish. Line base and sides with baking paper, allowing a 2cm overhang at both long ends. Spread pumpkin, onion and spinach over base of pan. Top with feta.

- Step 3

Whisk eggs, milk and salt and pepper in a jug. Pour over feta. Bake for 35 minutes or until set. Stand for 10 minutes. Serve with crusty bread.

## Community News

**RAISING CHILDREN IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD**  
**Have Your Say**

Help us understand what it's like to be a parent raising young children in your community

Participate for your chance to WIN 1 of 100  
**\$50** Coles Myer gift vouchers

**Do you have a child under 18 years?**  
Complete our brief 10 minute anonymous survey online  
<https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/racyn>

**Every Family**  
For more information or to receive a hard copy of the survey contact  
[everyfamily@uq.edu.au](mailto:everyfamily@uq.edu.au) or call (07) 3443 2561.

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**Deadly Drawing**

A social group for young people who have a passion for drawing.

You don't need to be an expert. This is the perfect space to learn to draw and meet new people!

Thursday fortnights  
3.30pm - 5.00pm

E | [Youthheads@space2change.org.au](mailto:Youthheads@space2change.org.au)  
P | 07 4788 1799  
[heads@space.org.au](http://heads@space.org.au)

Ages 12-15

**AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2019**

**WHO'S YOUR LOCAL HERO?**

**NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN**

- ★ Citizen of the Year
- ★ Young Citizen of the Year
- ★ Arts and Culture Award
- ★ Community Volunteer Award
- ★ Senior Sports Award
- ★ Junior Sports Award
- ★ Environmental Excellence and Sustainability Award

For more information and to nominate visit [townsville.qld.gov.au](http://townsville.qld.gov.au)

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