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Welcome to all our families,

A big thank you to our current families who have recommended us to their friends. We love hearing all the good things about us & welcoming new families. Also don't forget about our \$100 reward program.

Please ensure all of your child's belongings are clearly named. Staff cannot ensure the correct items are going into the correct bags if they are not named. We do have heaters in the rooms, however once we go outside in the afternoons it can become quite chilly. As it is colder I would also suggest a spare set of warmer clothes packed into their bags in case of any accidents throughout the day.

Can I ask you all too please keep your accounts up to date, if you are experiencing any difficulties please pop in and see me or contact Mim our accounts controller on **0452007995**. You can send a text and leave a message and Mim will get back to you as soon as she can 😊 or email mim@allyskindy.com.au.

For anyone who has not yet viewed our web page I encourage you all to do so. We have been working very hard on it to keep it looking great and full of useful information for our families. www.allyskindy.com.au Our Blog section is in the notice board drop down box. It has loads of great tips for new families to the center as well as useful information for children transitioning to school next year.

Donna Hayes

Director

Upcoming Events

21st June

Red Apple Day – Wear something red to help raise awareness to bowel cancer.

30th June

Red Nose Day – gold coin donation for sids awareness
Disco 9.30.10

Important Announcement

BUS CHARGES – Fee Increase

1st July due to high demand and general maintenance the bus charge will increase to \$2.50 - \$3.50 each way depending on your suburb. If you need to know in advance how much your suburb is, please ask Donna.

SIGN IN & OUT PROCEDURES

Arrival – sign in on iPad
Pickup – Sign out on iPad

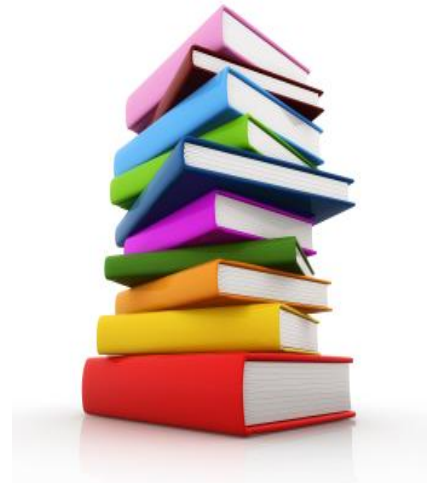
Your CCB is dependent on you signing in and out at the correct times.

Numeracy Skills

All our rooms at the moment are working hard on their Numeracy Skills. As part of our partnership in learning, families can support and practice numeracy skills taught in the centre. This does not mean formal home lessons. However, showing how numeracy is part of our everyday lives and making the links between classroom learning and their everyday world is valuable.

Some games you can play with your children at home:

- Try tipping up a container of toys onto the floor and ask how many there are of certain toys. For example, there might be 6 cars, 4 yellow blocks, 3 red blocks and 1 little bear
- If you give your child the laundry peg bag, your child can put them all into separate colours. He or she can then count how many blue ones there are, how many yellow and so on.
- Have a number hunt as you drive or walk. Each child looks for numbers on signs and houses. Ask your child to try and identify which number they have found.



Long term consequences of colds and ear infections in children

With winter here we notice an increase in our children having coughs and colds. It's quite common for children to pick up common colds and complain of ear aches. What many people don't realise is that these colds and ear aches can interfere with our children's language and speech development, cause behavioural problems, and create learning difficulties at school.

Ear infections and glue ear

It is estimated that at any one time roughly 30% of Australian children under the age of 3 are suffering from an ear infection, and it is one of the most common reasons for a child to visit the GP. When fluid builds in the middle ear as a result of an ear infection (a condition commonly known as 'glue ear'), the ear drum is prevented from vibrating normally, causing a reduction in hearing. This can have a profound impact on a child's ability to hear sounds normally, which can mean the cognitive pathways for auditory information do not develop properly in a young child, as they cannot hear sounds clearly.

Auditory Processing Disorder

Children who do not hear well may develop an Auditory Processing Disorder (APD). This means they may misunderstand what is said, ask you to repeat things, have slow or delayed responses, trouble following instructions, reluctance to engage in conversations, tune out in class, have difficulty with phonics, reading or spelling, or unexplained behavioural problems.

Auditory processing difficulties don't resolve of their own accord over time unless a child receives targeted auditory training. Not without the appropriate training. It is important to invest in well researched, neuroscience based auditory processing training programs to help your child follow instructions and listen in the classroom.

Simple Preventions to lessen the spread of coughs and colds.

- **Cover your nose and mouth** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue away after use and wash your hands. If a tissue is not available, cover your mouth and nose with your sleeve, not your hand.
- **Wash your hands often with soap and water**, especially after you cough or sneeze. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.** Germs spread this way.
- **Clean and disinfect surfaces or objects.** Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill.
- **Stay home when you are sick.** If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Immunizations:

Please ensure that your children's immunizations are up to date.

Failure to do so will result in the loss of CCR and CCB from CENTRELINK. This will be at a cost to you and you will have to pay FULL FEES.



Sustainability Tip

ENERGY:

1. Close up curtains if heaters are on to hold in the heat and reduce heater temp.
2. Put on a jumper before turning on a heater.
3. Turn off lights when you leave the room

DONATIONS

We would love donations of Recycled or reclaimed items.

EG. Ice cream containers, Fabrics, materials, kitchen paper rolls. Egg boxes, Items that could be for use in the children's classrooms to make wonderful goodies to bring home and put on display.

Fundraising News

Congratulations to everyone that participated in our recent "BIGGEST MORNING TEA" Fundraiser. We raised \$45 which has been donated to The Cancer Council. Special thanks to the lovely mothers that came to show their support. It was lovely to see you all relaxed and enjoying all the yummy food your children enjoyed making.

Our Superhero Day was a huge success as well. It was great to see so many little people and big people dressing up in their favourite Superhero costumes. Everyone had a great time with the days activities and lots of laughter was present 😊

The Ally's Kindy Corroboree

A Few times a week our Kindy room invites both Pre-Kindy and toddlers up into their room for some fun singing and dancing, it is wonderful to see all the children laughing and dancing together and the kindergarten children are very proud at showing the younger children how well they are singing their songs. Staff join in and the room becomes a dance sensation, please don't hesitate to ask staff for a copy of the song list that they sing or ask your children how the day was. This is a great way for the rooms to experience the aspects of the older rooms as they will be transitioning up this year. It is also a great opportunity for the Kindergarten children to use their literacy skill with the younger children in explaining the proceedings of their room and what they are going to be doing.

