



October 2021

Directors Letter

Welcome to all of our families both new and existing!

We are on the countdown to the end of the year with preparations being made for our Graduating children of 2021. It is a very exciting and sad time as we prepare to celebrate the closing of chapter as some children have been with us for 4 years, starting in the Nursery room.

We are in the process of handing out Re-Enrolment packs for 2022. I am personally handing them out to families as I see them. Re-enrolling confirms your child's position for 2022 and it is vital this information is completed and handed in.

As the weather warms up please ensure your child comes with a hat and water bottle for outdoor play.

Please do not hesitate to contact Tilli or myself with any issue or change that may arise. Our door is always open.

Donna Hayes

Centre News

The children have enjoyed a range of activities this month including spring themed art and crafts along with playdough and sand pit play.

Kindergarten has been busy practicing their performance for the Graduation Ceremony. We are so proud of their efforts and cannot wait for parents to watch and be proud of their children on Graduation Day.

You may have noticed some new pets in our centre family with the addition of a couple of fish in Pre-Kindy and Kindergarten rooms as well as 2 lovely budgies on Kindertartens Veranda. Caring for our pets instils a respect for life and awareness of the needs of others. We hope our pets leave a positive lasting impression on the children.

We enjoyed a visit from Camp Quality on the 7th of October. It was a fun and interactive show for our Kindergarten and Pre-Kindy Rooms with a strong positive messages about Cancer including treatments and side effects, how to be supportive of someone facing cancer, the importance of recognising our own strengths and the power of positivity.



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NOTICE

A friendly reminder to all of our families to keep your child's vaccinations up to date. **Failure to keep to the schedule will result in a loss of CCS and you will have to pay full fees.** If your child has had any new needles since the time they have been enrolled please ensure an updated copy of the immunization is given to administration to keep on file.



Farewell Miss Maddie

Friday the 24th of September we said farewell to one of our valued team members Miss Maddie.

Miss Maddie has been with us for 4 years and has been one of our dedicated Toddler room Educators.

She has indicated that she is making a change in her life and deciding to spend more time at home on their acreage to care for her family and her horses.

While Miss Maddie is away, we are hoping to convince her to come back and stay on our relief list. We will miss her and wish her all the best for the future!

Graduation 2021 Information

Venue: Immaculate Heart Primary School Hall

Save the date for the 26th of November– Class of 2021 is graduating! We have secured the Immaculate Heart Primary School hall for this occasion.

Seating begins at 4.30pm with the ceremony starting at 5pm.

Centre Dress Up Day

Friday 29th October

Friday the 29th of October in line with Halloween we are having a fun dress up day! Come dressed as anything you want to be; a princess or superhero the choice is yours!

Please note that we would like to keep our outfits fun and not spooky as it can upset the younger children of our centre. Thank you!

Road Works Around One Mile

Take Care

Allys Kindy has been notified by the Ipswich City Council that Road works will commence on Chubb, General Foch, Phillip, Vineyard and Woodford Streets in One Mile starting Monday 20th September and will take approximately six visits to complete (weather permitting). We ask families to take extra care as the work is being completed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

29th October

Centre Dress Up Day

5th November

RSVP due for Kindergarten
Graduation

11th November

Remembrance Day

19th November

RSVP due for Family
Christmas Party

20th November

UN Universal Children's
Day

26th November

Kindergarten Graduation
2021

11th December

Family Christmas Party

24th December

Christmas Eve

Center Fun Day

Early closing 2pm

October 2021

Notification: Staff Holidays

Upcoming

Some of our Group leaders and Educators will be taking some well deserved annual leave over the next couple of months. Their role will be filled in with the familiar faces of our Ally's Team.

Miss Terri: October 11th-15th

Miss Kylie: November 8th-15th

Miss Leeanne: December 13-24th

As our team gets vaccinated for COVID-19, there might be a day or two where Educators take a day off. Any changes to your room staff will be noted on OWNA for your reference.

Christmas Eve Half Day

Notice

Friday the 24th of December is Christmas Eve and we would like to remind families of our centre running for half a day closing at 2 pm.

Children will take part in a centre fun day of activities, usually with water play in mind. Please stay tuned for further details as we draw closer to date!

Accounts

Mim: Account Controller : 0452007995

A friendly reminder to all families to keep accounts up to date. If you are experiencing any difficulties please see our Director, Donna, or Account controller, Mim. Failure to keep account up to date will see a reduction of days or cease of placement at the centre.

Holidays:

If you are taking any holidays or time away from Kindy please notify Office Administration via email or "Change to Enrolment/Holidays" Form (Yellow slip found to the left of Front Counter) This will ensure your holidays are entered into the system and holiday discount is applied.

Remember to keep within your session times and to sign in/out DAILY to avoid losing CCS. Centrelink will review accounts that fail to adhere to this procedure.

Make sure you
have an active
MyGov account.

*Only you can
confirm
enrolments,
changes and
view subsidies
via MyGov*

USE INTERNET BANKING?

Pay Fees easily
using your
account name
as your reference.

Account:
Betterchildcare
PTY LTD

BSB: 084 917

Acc: 793 386 301

We have Eftpos
available on site

Family Christmas Party

Saturday 11th December

Our family Christmas Party this year is being held on Saturday 11th December from 9am– 11pm. We will be holding it at the Leichhardt Park.

We ask all families to ensure that they are social distancing while at the park and this time we will be working with the assumption that the restrictions will be lifted, however we will let families know if there are changes to the event.

We hope you will join us as Santa will be coming bearing gifts for the children.

Please do note that staff are not responsible for any of the children on the day. In addition please bring a hat and drink bottle for child/ren and yourself as it can get hot.

Please RSVP before 19th November, so we are aware of numbers coming to cater for sausages and also for Santa.

Daily Essentials Checklist

Does your child have...

A Drink Bottle?

Hat?

Fitted Sheet?

Spare change of clothes?

Research: Autism Spectrum Disorder

University of Queensland

Research to help babies and families living with an autism spectrum disorder

Are you expecting a new baby?
Does your baby have a family history of ASD?

Mothers of babies who have a parent or sibling with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) are invited to take part in a trial of the ENACT program as part of a new University of Queensland research study.



ENACT is an online intervention that harnesses the power of parents' everyday interactions with their babies to support infant development – and parents' own wellbeing – from the earliest months.

If you are currently pregnant with a child who has a first degree relative (a mother, father, sister or brother) who has been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, you may be eligible to take part. If you are interested in taking part, or to find out more, please contact **Miss Kavindri Kulasinghe** or **Dr Andrea McGlade** (Chief Investigators) on (07) 3069 7547, email uqenact@uq.edu.au, or visit us at <https://qcprc.centre.uq.edu.au/project/enact>



Ally's Kindy

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Billies Buddies

Football Program at Ally's Kindy

Billy's Buddies program runs on Fridays starting at 9.45am running for 40 mins.

Billy's Buddies is a basic ball skills program designed by Billy Slater offering a program catering for children aged between 2-6 years.

Weekly fee is \$12.50. Register and cancel at anytime— no lock in contracts. All payments and notifications to be made to Billy's



BILLY'S BUDDIES

Buddies. Visit www.billiesbuddies.com.au for more information and to register.

Kitchen News

Fresh Home Cooked Meals at Ally's Kindy

Currently, children are enjoying servings of fresh watermelon, apples and strawberries on our morning tea platters and hot lunches including Mild Sausage Curry. Nursery children are offered mixed vegetable puree/mash before moving onto the days meal (where age appropriate). Miss Kylie has been very busy ensuring our children are given opportunity to try new healthy foods and keeping our favourite recipes too. Thank you Miss Kylie!

You can view the days menu in the hallway in front of the Kitchen next to the window. **We value any feedback or suggestions to our menu.** If your child has a favourite recipe please don't hesitate to send it to info@allyskindy.com.au.

Ginger Sport

Soccer Program at Ally's Kindy

Every Thursday Ginger Sport offers their soccer program to all of our children at Ally's Kindy at 10 running through to 10.30am. Soccer is a great sport for kids to start out with. It teaches coordination and teamwork in an environment that is energetic, positive and inclusive.

Cost is \$11.00 per child.

To register visit www.gingersport.com.au/services/childcare-program

Once registered, enrolment is continuous. Cancel at any time by contacting Ginger Sport. **All payments and notifications made to Ginger sport directly.**

Ally's Philosophy

Each newsletter will feature a section of Ally's Philosophy **(C-H-I-L-D-R-E-N-)** For reference, understanding and any possible feedback.

D-During your child's time here at Ally's their journey is recorded in electronic form using "OWNA". We collect and record your child's milestones using a variety of different methods. OWNA is an online confidential app (accessible via phone) and is available at all times for you and your family to look at. All daily information as well as the daily program will be recorded and displayed for the parents to view on a daily basis. All injuries or illnesses are recorded and parents / caregivers will be required to sign that they are aware of the incident, we will also provide copies of these reports upon request.

Sustainability Tip

Go Paperless!

Opt to receive digital notices and letters.

Dummy Safety

Article

While dummies are designed to help comfort and settle children, they are also a potential hazard to infants and young toddlers.

This safety information has surfaced due to a recent incident that occurred in QLD where an 18 month old baby swallowed a dummy.

While this headline is quite baffling, it brings to light the importance of checking your child's pacifier upon purchase and throughout use.

It isn't surprising that poorly designed or manufactured dummies could become a choking hazard as children under three are susceptible to choking as they have not yet developed the reflex action to cough up objects that lodge in their throats. Cases of the teat or handle have been known to break off and become lodged in a child's throat. Rarer, unfortunately, there have been cases of the whole dummy becoming stuck in a child's mouth and blocking their air supply.

Apart from choking, there have been cases of strangulation (attaching dummy to child's clothing via tie, ribbon or string) and receiving cuts and abrasions from dummies caused from falling over with dummy in the mouth.

Dummies are helpful to babies providing comfort when needed, so how can we prevent incidents involving dummies?

Initially on purchase it is important to look for a safe dummy. Select a dummy with a shield and ventilation holes to prevent suffocation if a baby manages to place the whole dummy in their mouth.

Throughout use, check the dummy before giving to child by pulling hard on the teat and tugging on the handle and ring to make sure they will not give way under pressure. Check teat for wear and tear- looks damaged, throw it away. Regularly sterilize or wash dummy in hot soapy water, rinse and air dry.

Lastly as far as possible, supervise your baby with their dummy. Never leave a baby with a dummy in their mouth if they cannot remove it on their own. It is imperative that if a child is using a dummy during sleep that you are consistently checking on them to make sure their dummy isn't obstructing their breathing or causing a hazard.

Light Play

Ipswich Art Gallery

03 Aug 2021 - 29 Oct 2021

Enter the dazzling world of *LightPlay* where children can explore their artistic potential in an interactive space created especially for them! Play with overhead projectors and illuminated light boxes and discover what happens when light is cast on different materials. Explore transparency, reflection and shadow as well as other properties of light. See the Children's Gallery transform into a constantly evolving light scape before your very eyes! *LightPlay* embraces the philosophies of Reggio Emilia and Remida to provide a creative environment for young children which encourages collaborative play, experimentation and discovery-based learning

Baby and Toddler

Times: 9.30am– 11.00am TUESDAY and FRIDAYS

Children 3+

Times: Weekday 2pm-5pm. Weekend time slots of (10am-12pm) (12.30pm-2.30pm) (3pm-5pm)

Cost: Free

Booking: Visitors are required to pre-book a session and check in via COVID app.

Visit: ipswichartgallery.qld.gov.au





POLICY REVIEW

Sun Protection Policy

Educators and Other Team Members will:

Be proactive in fulfilling the requirements of this service policy and related legislative requirements.

Seek further guidance where required to fulfil your requirements.

Report any concerns or non-compliance immediately to the Nominated Supervisor or Approved Provider.

Participate in the review of documents and provide constructive feedback to the Nominated Supervisor or Approved Provider.

Ensure that babies under 12 months are kept out of direct sunlight when the UV levels are 3 or above.

Understand that sunscreen is not recommended for babies under 6mths of age.

Always follow the cancer council recommendations for sun protection when the UV Index is 3 or above.

Shade:

Set activities up in shaded areas and move throughout the day to take advantage of shade patterns

Assess available shade each time you head outdoors

Plan activities outdoors when the UV index is lower such as in the early mornings or late afternoon.

Hats

Always wear a sun-safe hat (wide brim or bucket hat) when outdoors

Encourage and ensure children are always wearing a sun-safe hat when outdoors

Where children do not have or will not wear a hat, provide activities in the shade or indoors and discuss further with families and children the requirement

Ensure hats are worn at all times of the year, not just when the UV index 3 or over. This establishes healthy habits and avoids confusion over when to wear.

Clothing

Wear sun-safe clothing that covers as much of the skin as possible and encourage children to also wear sun-safe clothing including:

Loose fitting shirts and dresses with sleeves and collars or covered neckline

Longer style skirts, shorts, dresses or trousers

Midriff, crop or singlet tops are not sun-safe items of clothing

Encourage children who are not wearing sun-safe clothing to play in the shade or indoors, ensure additional sunscreen is applied to all areas and provide a spare shirt to go over clothing where possible. Engage in respectful conversations with children and families around this requirement.

Sunscreen

Ensure a minimum of SPF30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen is applied at least 20mins prior to going outdoors to yourself and children in your care.

Ask families each morning if sunscreen has been applied and if needed apply. Encourage families to apply sunscreen prior to arriving at care to ensure a smooth arrival.

Develop and use a system for monitoring sunscreen application upon arrival at care, for instance using a stamp, register or marking on a roll.

Any feedback or suggestions on policy to be reviewed please send email to

info@allyskindy.com.au