

April 2025



Directors Letter

Dear families,

Our Centre has achieved another milestone with all of our permanent Educators being fully qualified! We would like to extend a huge congratulations to Miss Donna C (Group Leader Toddlers) who has completed her Diploma in Early Childhood and Miss Karen (Assistant Toddlers) completing her Cert III in Early Childhood. Not only are we a privately owned centre we boast long term staff with 8 of our 11 permanent Educators being with Allys for 10+ years! Not many Centre's can boast this in Ipswich! I am very proud of our wonderful centre!

Our team have been completing all sorts of professional development including Child Protection, mental health and annual First Aid/CPR courses. All of these courses help improve our service and very beneficial to not only the staff but children as well.

Our Kitchen has also retained our 5 star rating from Ipswich City Council. All licensed food business in Ipswich are assigned a star rating based on an audit and assessment of their food management practices going from no stars (received a rating of less than 3 stars) to five stars (Excellent Performer: Fully Compliant with the food safety standards and overall very high standard of safety management practices)

Our Centre will have upcoming events for families to attend in the coming month! We have our annual Easter Bonnet Parade and ANZAC Day service at the centre. Please read our upcoming events section of our Newsletter and keep an eye on the Active Advertisement TV for all updates.

Please remember to keep your Immunisation Statement updated at the Centre as your child has their immunisations. This assists us if there are complications with your CCS as well as proves your child is up to date and can be apart of our daily program. Failure to keep your child's vaccinations up to date can lead to loss of CCS and you will have to pay full fees. Alternatively you may choose to wait until CCS is reconnected but there will be no guarantee that your child's spot will be available when this happens.

Being active everyday is important for everyone. We encourage families to walk or cycle to our centre. You are more than welcome to leave children's bikes or scooters in the front gated area which has surveillance and can be locked to the fence for more security.

We have a Children's Voice Wall in the hallway. Here you can view children's responses to questions about the centre. What they like and any changes they would like to see. Every month will feature a new question to gain insight to how the children are responding to our service.

On the opposite side of the hallway we have a Staff Shout Out board next to the staff room. If you have a message of appreciation for any or all of our staff, take one of the post it notes and leave a message to make somebody's day!

I would like to remind all families that our Centre will be closed on the following public holidays Good Friday 18/04/25, Easter Monday 21/04/25 and Friday 25th of April for ANZAC Day.

If you need anything, please come and see Tilly or myself. Our door is always open.

Kind Regards,

Donna

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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.



Ally's Kindy

NEWSLETTER

April 2025

Centre News

Children have been enjoying completing all of their Easter Art and Craft in the lead up to the Easter Break. We had a couple of themed days for March. We had wear pink for International Women's day on Friday 8th of March, celebrating all women, all the round the world. We celebrated Harmony week and encouraged children to wear orange on Thursday 20th of March in showing support of Harmony with their fellow friends.

Kindergarten room have been busy practising their handwriting, identifying their names, numbers and colours. The room has also been having a lot of fun enjoying a lot of intriguing games such as geo boards, Teddy Bear sorting and puzzles that involve motor skills and problem solving!

Both Pre-Kindy and Toddler rooms have been immersing children in sensory experiences offering themed sand/rice play. Children thoroughly enjoy engaging their senses in some messy play!

While the weather hasn't been the best, when we are able, we are all outside enjoying our playgrounds and gardens. There has been a lot of focus on spotting birds and planes, everyone stops to point them out!

Fun Smiles Dental Van has advised its next visit to the centre will be Tuesday 8th July 2025. Further information will be provided as we get closer to time!

Staff Holidays

Some of our team will be taking a well deserved holiday. Their positions will be filled in with the regular faces of our Allys Team. We hope everyone returns in good health and refreshed!

Miss Donna C (Toddlers, Group Leader): 07/05/2025— 11/05/2025

Miss Elissa (Nursery, Group Leader): 22/05/25— 24/05/2025

Miss Leeanne (Kindergarten Teacher): 23/05/25— 09/05/2025

Immunisations

Did you know the status of your child's immunisations can effect your CCS?

If you fail to get your child vaccinated on time you have 63 days to be up to date with immunisations. If you don't this can lead to your CCS being cut off, be charged FULL FEES at the centre and you may have to apply for CCS again in this instance.

Getting your child vaccinated from an early age helps protect them against serious infections now and in the future. Babies are especially vulnerable to disease because their immune and major organ systems aren't fully developed.

Key ages to remember to keep your child on track: 4 months, 6 months, 12 months, 18 months and 4 years!

Visit www.vaccinate.initiatives.qld.gov.au for more information

Attached to the back of this newsletter is the National Immunisation Program Schedule for your reference.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 17th April

Easter Bonnett Parade

Beginning @ 10am

**Friday 18th April &
Monday 21st April**

CLOSED

Good Friday and Easter
Monday Public Holiday

Thursday 24th April:

ANZAC Day Service

beginning @ 10am

Friday 25th April:

CLOSED

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Friday 2nd May:

Wear **RED** or come **dressed**
as a Fire Fighter for
International Fire Fighters
Day

Allys Kindy ANAZAC Day Service

All Families Welcome!

Allys Kindy warmly invites our children's families to our ANZAC Day service on Thursday 24th of April beginning at 10am. Children will be laying wreaths and practise a minutes silence at our own small service. Families with service men/women encouraged to come in uniform to signify the importance of this occasion with the children. Concludes at 11am for rooms to prepare for lunch and rest time schedules .



Accounts

Mim: Account Controller : 0414 867 288

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.**

Electronic Payment of Fees ONLY:

A friendly reminder to all families we can only accept electronic payment of fees only. This is a Government Regulation which came to effect in 2023 to help curb CCS from fraud. We have direct deposit and EFTPOS available. Please note there is a surcharge of 1% on EFTPOS.

We do not utilize Xplor app for payment of fees.

Allowable absences:

Centrelink gives each child 42 allowable absences in a financial year. If you go over the allowable 42 absences , you will be charged full fees on any absent day taken unless you have a medical certificate for child.

Holidays:

If your child is going on holidays please remember to notify administration so that holiday discount can be applied. Holiday discount can only be applied in week blocks (that is 5 day week blocks of Monday to Friday)

Remember to keep within your session times and to sign in/out DAILY to avoid losing CCS.

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

Sustainability Tip

Composting is an effective way to reduce food waste while creating nutrient-rich soil for your garden.



Article 23: Children who have any kind of disability should receive special care and support so that they can live a full and independent life.

The convention on the Rights of a Child is an important document at Ally's Kindy. Every month will feature an article to raise awareness about how adults and governments should work together to make sure that all children get all their rights.

Educator Spotlight

Every monthly newsletter will feature an Educator Spotlight– Helping families to get to know our team.

Miss Elissa

Room: Nursery Room Leader

Qualification: Diploma of Early Childhood

What motivated you to become apart of the childcare industry?

Seeing the personal development of young children

Favourite place to be?

Camping

Hobbies or interests?

Camping, Water Skiing

Something you may not know about me...

I support the Raiders



Ally's Kindy Sustainability Plan

Did you know that Our Kindy has a Sustainability Plan?

Every year we develop a Sustainability Plan by auditing the Centre and see how we can do things better for our environment as well as have a lasting effect on the children.

Some key deliverables include:

*For children to be apart of routines that promote caring for the environment with water and waste including using bins correctly and using one paper towel after washing hands

*Caring for our gardens and wildlife

*Engaging in regular discussions and experiences around looking after our planet

We have recently adopted a Platypus! We are incorporating the Platypus into our Kindergarten program and will use the adoption to help shed more light on looking after our wildlife and the importance of protecting our native animals.

If you have an idea or would like to add some feedback towards our Sustainability Plan please send it to tilli@allyskindy.com.au

Thank you!



Relief Services in Ipswich

IPSWICH FOOD AND HARDSHIP SUPPORT SERVICES						
Service	Suburb	Contact details	Office hours	Type of help available	Area of service	Conditions
The Salvation Army Goodna	Goodna	27 Smiths Road, Goodna (07) 2892 9510	Monday – Friday 9.00 am – 4.00 pm	Free bread, produce, milk – Tuesday and Thursday (depending on availability) Free meal – 1 per person Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (depending on availability) Showers and laundry	Ipswich region	Must book appointment prior to the Wednesday or Friday requested (for use of showers, laundry)
Ipswich Food Barn	Ipswich	1 Darling Street, Ipswich (07) 3496 1514	Monday 9.00 am – 2.00 pm Tuesday 9.00 am – 2.00 pm Wednesday: Closed Thursday 9.00 am – 2.00 pm Friday 9.00 am – 2.00 pm	\$35.00 food hampers	Ipswich and surrounds	\$5.00 joining fee
Salvation Army Doorways Community Support	Ipswich	62 South Street, Ipswich (07) 3001 6288	Monday – Friday 9.00 am – 4.00 pm	EFTPOS card to be used for variety of needs based on assessment	Ipswich and surrounds	Phone assessment process
Ipswich Assist	Ipswich	20 Limestone Street, Ipswich (07) 3413 1070	Monday 9.00 am – 1.00 pm	Food hamper Pharmacy vouchers Bill payment relief	West Moreton area	Call Monday between 9.00 am and 1.00 pm to book appointment
St Vincent De Paul Society	Ipswich	272 Brisbane Street, Ipswich 1800 846 643	Tuesday 8.00 am – 4.00 pm Wednesday 8.00 am – 4.00 pm Friday 8.00 am – 4.00 pm	Emergency relief	Ipswich Region	By appointment
Uniting Care	Ipswich	(07) 3432 6100	Monday – Friday 8.30 am – 4.30 pm	Coles Vouchers (1 voucher available per day)	Ipswich and surrounds	By appointment



Promote your Business!



ARE YOU BUYING OR SELLING A HOME?

LET'S WORK TOGETHER!

Meet Hayley, she is an experienced and passionate real estate agent. What truly sets Hayley apart is her genuine passion for property. Real estate is not just a job for her; it's a lifelong pursuit. Her simple goal is to help you achieve your real estate dreams, whether you're buying, selling, or investing.

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Promoting Resilience

Article

Resilience is a 21st Century parenting concept that every parent needs to understand.

Some children are resilient by nature- their temperament helps them to be mentally and psychologically tough. You know those children. They get straight back up after a set back or disappointment. Rejection in the play ground doesn't faze them. Unfortunately, not every child has such natural resilience.

The good news is that most of the research shows that resilience can be nurtured and developed, particularly when parents themselves are resilient and they actively foster it in their kids.

Resilient kids share four basic skill sets- independence, problem solving, optimism and social connection. From a resilience perspective parents can coach their child through some of their more challenging moments and reflect with them what they may have learned for next time. Avoid solving all their problems for them.

You can promote a lasting sense of resilience in your kids by:

1. Having a positive attitude yourself. Your attitude as a parent impacts on their ability to bounce back from some of the difficulties they face. Make sure you model a 'you can do it' attitude for your child when he/she meets some of life's curve balls.
2. Look for teachable moments. Many kids learning opportunities are disguised as problems. Make the most of these opportunities so that kids can grow and learn from some of the challenges they face.
3. Make kids active participants in the family. Active participation in a family develops self help, problem solving and independence skills of kids that are necessary for resilience.
4. Build kids coping skills. There are plenty of strategies you can pass on to kids to help them cope when life doesn't go their way, including acceptance, getting away for a while and normalizing the event.

Promoting resilience in kids is not a single event but a continuous process that requires adults to be supportive and empathetic when things don't go their way. It also requires you as a parent to have an understanding of resilience, so you have faith in yourself and your child's ability to cope.



REWARDS!

Ally's Kindy Referral Rewards Program

No Limit on number of rewards you can earn!

If you are happy with our service and feel we are enhancing the life of your child and your family, we would like to REWARD you for any new families you might bring to our Centre.

Not only will we welcome and support them in every way, we will also **CREDIT your account with \$250.00** if they enrol and stay with us for at least 2 weeks. We are confident that once they come and see for themselves, they will be very happy you told them about us!

Policy Review

Arrival and Departure Policy and Procedure

As part of enrolment terms and conditions, families are asked to:

Fulfil responsibilities under this policy and related legislative requirements.

Understand that the service must take steps as required under legislative requirements and follow advice from recognised authorities.

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

Discuss any questions with the Nominated Supervisor or Responsible Person in charge.

Keep the service updated on authorised collectors and ensure all forms are fully completed.

Understand that the service may refuse a person to collect where:

Authorisation is incomplete as per the Acceptance and Refusal of Authorisation Policy

An educator reasonably believes that the person is unfit to collect or the collection may pose a risk to the health, safety or wellbeing of a child or staff member.

Provide any parenting or court orders that pertain to the child.

Always record accurate arrival and departure times on the system and ensure authorised collectors are aware of their responsibility to do the same. Don't allow others to use your sign in details, these are confidential. Family Assistance Law and the National Education and Care Regulations require accurate recording of the persons who signed your child in and out of care.

Ensure there are no unsafe items in children's bags including medication. All medication must be delivered to a staff member for storage.

Fully complete forms such as Medication, Behaviour Reporting or Incident, Injury, Trauma and Illness Forms.

Don't forget to collect medication, drink bottles and other belongings at the end of each day.

Strategies to support the settling-in process

Participate in orientation visits prior to commencement and where possible provide opportunities for children to spend time with other trusted adults to assist in their secure separation from primary carers.

Share information about children's interests with educators on a regular basis.

Always say goodbye confidently and reassure them that you (or someone else) will be back to collect.

Try to not let your emotions or anxieties affect your child, try your best to hold back emotions until you are away from your child.

Try not to prolong the goodbye as this can often make it more difficult but ensure that this time is relaxed and not rushed, give your child sufficient time to say their goodbyes in the morning.

Seek support from familiar educators and encourage your child to participate in an activity, pointing out their friends and carers.

Ensure you let us know if your arrival time wasn't wonderfully successful so we can plan to support you and your child

Allow sufficient time to say goodbyes in the morning and for time to hear about their day in the afternoons.

Help your child to put their belongings away.

Spend time settling your child into an activity with friends or with a familiar educator before letting them know you are leaving.

Establish a routine which gives your child security on what comes next.

Where educators busy with children please approach them to let them know you have arrived and to share information.

Late Collection

Ensure children are collected before the end of the agreed session time.

Understand that early and late fees apply where attendance is outside the agreed session time.

Understand that where children are not collected by the close of service time that all attempts will be made to contact the family and authorised contacts and assistance may be sought by the local police. Late charges apply and the enrolment may be cancelled where regular occurrences occur.

National Immunisation Program Schedule

Childhood vaccination

(also see vaccination for people with medical risk conditions)

Age	Diseases	Vaccine Brand	Notes
Birth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hepatitis B (usually offered in hospital) 	H-B-Vax [®] II Paediatric or Engerix B [®] Paediatric	Should be given to all infants as soon as practicable after birth. The greatest benefit is if given within 24 hours and must be given within 7 days.
2 months (can be given from 6 weeks of age)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), hepatitis B, polio, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) Rotavirus Pneumococcal Meningococcal B (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children) 	Infanrix [®] hexa or Vaxelis [®] Rotarix [®] Prevenar 13 [®] Bexsero [®]	Rotavirus vaccine: First dose must be given by 14 weeks of age. Meningococcal B vaccine: Prophylactic paracetamol recommended.
4 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), hepatitis B, polio, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) Rotavirus Pneumococcal Meningococcal B (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children) 	Infanrix [®] hexa or Vaxelis [®] Rotarix [®] Prevenar 13 [®] Bexsero [®]	Rotavirus vaccine: The second dose must be given by 24 weeks of age. Meningococcal B vaccine: Prophylactic paracetamol recommended.
6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), hepatitis B, polio, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) Pneumococcal (Children with specified medical risk conditions) Pneumococcal (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in WA, NT, SA, Qld) Meningococcal B (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with specified medical risk conditions) 	Infanrix [®] hexa or Vaxelis [®] Prevenar 13 [®] Prevenar 13 [®] Bexsero [®]	Pneumococcal vaccine: An additional (3rd) dose of 13vPCV is required for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in WA, NT, SA, Qld, and all children with <u>specified medical risk conditions</u> for pneumococcal disease. Refer to the Immunisation Handbook. Meningococcal B vaccine: Prophylactic paracetamol recommended.
6 months to <5 years (annually)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Influenza 	Age appropriate	Administer annually. In children aged 6 months to less than 9 years of age in the first year of administration, give 2 doses a minimum of 1 month apart. One dose annually in subsequent years. Information on <u>age appropriate vaccines</u> is available in the Immunisation Handbook or the annual ATAGI advice on seasonal influenza vaccines.
12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meningococcal ACWY Measles, mumps, rubella Pneumococcal Meningococcal B (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children) 	Nimenrix [®] M-M-R [®] II or Priorix [®] Prevenar 13 [®] Bexsero [®]	Meningococcal B vaccine: Prophylactic paracetamol recommended.
18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) Measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (chickenpox) Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough) Hepatitis A (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in WA, NT, SA, Qld) 	ActHIB [®] Priorix-Tetra [®] or ProQuad [®] Infanrix [®] or TriPacel [®] Vaxta [®] Paediatric	Hepatitis A vaccine: First dose of the 2-dose hepatitis A vaccination schedule if not previously received a dose.
4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio Pneumococcal (Children with specified medical risk conditions) Pneumococcal (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in WA, NT, SA, Qld) Hepatitis A (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in WA, NT, SA, Qld) 	Infanrix [®] IPV or Quadracel [®] Pneumovax 23 [®] Pneumovax 23 [®] Vaxta [®] Paediatric	Pneumococcal vaccine: Administer first dose of 23vPPV at age 4 years, followed by second dose of 23vPPV at least 5 years later. Refer to the Immunisation Handbook for <u>specified medical risk conditions</u> . Hepatitis A vaccine: Not required if previously received 2 doses (first dose at age ≥12 months) at least 6 months apart.
≥ 5 years (annually)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Influenza (Children with specified medical risk conditions) Influenza (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children) 	Age appropriate Age appropriate	Administer annually. In children aged 6 months to less than 9 years of age in the first year of administration, give 2 doses a minimum of 1 month apart. One dose annually in subsequent years. Information on <u>age appropriate vaccines</u> is available in the Immunisation Handbook or the annual ATAGI advice on seasonal influenza vaccines.