

May 2025



## Directors Letter

Welcome to all of our families new and old,

Our centre has been a busy hive the last couple of weeks!

I would like to thank all who attended our Easter Bonnet Parade. We had the largest turnout of families attending our Easter Bonnet Parade this year! Children did so well in their little parade showing off their creations to their families. A special mention to Dekoda who took Miss Tillys place as the Easter Bunny, your effort made our celebration extra special.

Saddened by the recent flooding in outback Queensland our team decided to run our Easter raffle with all proceeds going to Rural Aid in support of Queensland farmers. Our Easter raffle was a success raising \$400.00 for those in need.. Thank you to all who supported this worthy cause and made it as successful as it was. We have a wonderful community here at Ally's and it shines through on every occasion!

With the weather taking a turn, our ANZAC Day Ceremony was moved indoors. It was unfortunate that we do not have enough indoor space to run a ceremony with family attendance. The ceremony was lead by Miss Gemma Jeremy. We are very fortunate to have Gemma who has donated her time for every ANZAC Day over the last four years. This may be our last time with Gemma as Alyssa graduates Kindergarten this year, so we would like to extend our thankfulness to Gemma for her dedication to our ceremony. Children were amazing throughout the ceremony, all were quiet and respectful as they participated in the last post. Our families should all be very proud of this!

As the weather begins to become unpredictable as it heats up and cools down, I would like to remind families to pack extra clothing for their children for their day at the Centre. This includes shorts, shirts, jumper, long pants and enclosed shoes. Its important children come in with all of their daily essentials to ensure a smooth running day for them. Daily essentials include a back pack with spare clothes, a sheet or blanket, hat and water bottle. Naming all of these items will ensure Educators can return clothing to families.

A friendly reminder to all families to continue to keep our centre up to date with your child's health and any allergy or medical information. As we are coming into the cooler months more children may require Ventolin or similar medication. Please remember that it is Centre Policy for all puffers to be accompanied with a Asthma/Wheeze Plan or a doctors note with details of how and when to use this medication. All documents MUST have your Doctors Details and signature.

We warmly invite all of our families mother's to come to our Mothers Day Morning Tea on Friday 9th of May beginning at 10am. Come for a morning of fun activities with your child at the Centre. Please RSVP Tilly by Wednesday 7th of May via email [tilli@allyskindy.com.au](mailto:tilli@allyskindy.com.au) along with any dietary requirements (Lactose, gluten)

I would also like to remind families of upcoming public holidays in May. The following dates the Centre will be closed for: Monday 5th of May– Labour Day. Friday 16th of May– Ipswich Show Holiday.

If you have any enquiries or just need to have a chat please do not hesitate to contact us, we are always here to help!

Kind Regards,

Donna

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For the best protection, vaccinations need to occur on time or as close as possible to the due date.  
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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.



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### Centre News

The weather has been improving recently and this has meant a lot more outdoor play and for extended periods of time! We've all been excited to open up all three yards, enjoying the sandpit and bike track more often!

In the lead up to ANZAC Day, children had been completing their room wreaths and ANZAC Day artwork. If you have spare time, look for their wonderful creations in their educational room!

Children have been involved in conversations about sustainability— using the recycle bin for unwanted art works, using one paper towel when washing hands and looking after our gardens. Children love the opportunity to be out in the gardens digging, planting, watering and picking ripened fruits/vegetables.

Our team has been working very closely with all the children to create new experiences and following up on children's interests. Our Educators have been posting updates and learning stories on Xplor. Please take the time to read them and post feedback for our Educators to reflect and build upon.

### 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 Leeanne (Teacher, Kindergarten): 06/05/25– 09/05/25

Miss Kaycee (Toddler/PreKindy, Assistant): 26/05/25– 06/06/25

Miss Hannah (PreKindy, Group Leader): 16/06/25– 20/06/25

### Injury on Intake, Medication & Medication Forms

#### Attention all families

If your child attends care with a pre-existing injury that happened at home (for example bruising, scratch or cut), we would greatly appreciate families taking the time to fill in a Injury on Intake form found on a clipboard behind the sign in iPad. Signing and handing to office will ensure that all parties are clear about the pre-existing injury.

If your child requires medication to be taken while at the centre (example: antibiotics, ear drops) a medication form must be filled in and signed along with medication to a staff member or office upon arrival. Medication cannot be kept in child's bag it must be stored appropriately at the centre out of reach of children. Panadol can only be administered if your child is running a fever of 38 degrees or higher. Panadol cannot be given for any other purpose unless there is a doctors letter stating how and when to use with doctors details and signature.

Asthma inhalers (ventilon, salbutamol) can only be used if the child has a Asthma Action or Wheeze Plan. If it is prescribed as short term relief you need to provide a letter from the Doctor stating how and when to use with Doctors details and signature. Puffers MUST have child's name on the chemist sticker. If you do not meet our policy requirements for use of inhalers your child will not have the medication administered to them.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday 5th May:**

**CLOSED**

Labour Day Public Holiday

**Friday 9th May:**

**Mothers Day Morning Tea**

Beginning @ 10am

**Friday 16th May**

**CLOSED**

**Ipswich Show Holiday**

**Tuesday 20th May**

**World Bee Day**

Come to kindy in a **yellow** shirt or dress like a bee!

**Beginning Tuesday 27th May**

**Reconciliation Week**

**Wednesday 28th May:**

**State of Origin G1**

Come to Kindy in your State of Origin Colour's



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### Xplor Home App

Thank you to all families for completing the change over process to Xplor Home App. We hope you are navigating the app well and enjoying the additional benefits the App has to offer.

On the Xplor Home app you can not only view all your child's daily information, learning stories and be notified of centre communications but enjoy a wide range of other options. These include:

\*Parent Account Only: Sign in with QR Code. Simply open your Home App scan the QR code and sign child in or out.

\*View statements on the go. Select 'Finance' > 'Show Statement'

\*Pay account via Pay now feature as seen in finance screen.

\*Book a casual day. Select 'Bookings'. Find date you would like to book. Select +New icon on the top right corner. Select 'Booking'. Select child. Select time. Add comment (if wish) Select cart icon on the top right corner. Press Request. You will be notified through the app if it has been accepted or rejected.

\*Notify of Absence. Go to 'Bookings'. Select date. At bottom of screen select Absence. Leave comment (optional)

\* Notify of upcoming holiday. Select 'Bookings'. Select +New icon on the top right corner. Select Holiday. Put in holiday dates. You will be notified through the app when it is accepted.

\*Stay up to date with all Centre Communication by selecting Account screen> select Inbox> select Admin posts. (You should be alerted via app of any new postings if you have turned on notifications on your phone)

### 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 Pay now on Home App and EFTPOS available.

#### 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.

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

### VIEW ACCOUNT THROUGH HOME APP

View account through  
Home app under  
finance

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Pay fees easily through  
Pay Now feature on  
Xplor Home App

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We have Eftpos  
available on site

### ***Sustainability Tip***

*Set up a water catchment  
system. A rain barrel can  
collect rain water for watering  
plants, washing pets and car!*



**Article 14:** Children can choose their own thoughts, opinions and religion, but this should not stop other people from enjoying their rights. Parents can guide children so that as they grow up, they learn to properly use this right.

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 Hannah

**Room:** Pre-Kindy Room Leader

**Qualification:** Diploma of Early Childhood

**What motivated you to become apart of the childcare industry?**

*My motivation used to be my love of looking after children but now it's watching them grow and learn new things and seeing them reach their potential*

**Favourite place to be?**

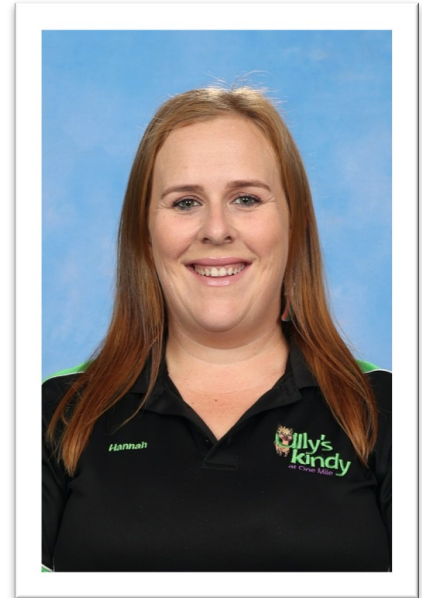
*The beach*

**Hobbies or interests?**

*I enjoy craft and making things*

**Something you may not know about me...**

*I love watching true crime stories*



## Mothers Day Morning Tea

We warmly invite all of our children's mothers to attend our Mothers Day Morning Tea held on Friday 9th of May.

Beginning at 10am, Mothers and children will engage in some fun light hearted activities.

Mothers can enjoy some light refreshments in the foyer. Food is not permitted in rooms.

The event will conclude at 11am in preparation of room routines of bathroom and lunch schedules.

If you would like to attend please RSVP to Tilly via email [tilli@allyskindy.com.au](mailto:tilli@allyskindy.com.au) to assist with planning. Thank you!

## Local Assistance

Name	Details	Service
Orange Sky	Queens Park Ipswich Every Wednesday night	Free Laundry and shower amenities
Ipswich Assist (Emergency Relief )	Please call 07 3413 1070 on a Monday between 9am and 2pm for an appointment on the Tuesday 9am to 2pm.	Emergency relief appointments can include basic food staples if available, assistance with utility bills, rent assistance, pharmacy support, and local op-shop referrals.
Ipswich Food Barn (The Lion and the Lamb Community Centre)	1 Darling St E, Woodend QLD 4305 . Open 9am to 3pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.	Food Hampers handling fee.(\$30) once off Membership fee \$5. All you need is to be in need and a CRN and other I.D. Food supply will continue until needs change.

## Baby and Child Skin Care

### Article

Baby's skin is delicate and less resistant to bacteria and harmful substances so can be easily irritated. It's also important to protect the skin of young children to help prevent any future issues.

Some of the ways to help prevent any future issues include; Teach children good hygiene practices— frequent and thorough hand washing to help prevent spreading germs, bacteria and viruses— especially as they become more active with outside play. Wash using fragrance/dye/chemical free washes, pH neutral. Moisturize skin with creams and ointments to avoid dryness. Use sun protection when UV is rated 3 or higher. Check for rashes or flare ups and check these with your doctor. Avoid nylon fabrics that may irritate the skin. Keep Hydrated and lead by example and make skin care routines fun and be interactive.

### Eczema– Atopic Dermatitis

Atopic Dermatitis is the most common type of eczema and usually appears in early childhood (babies two to six months) with most growing out of the condition by six years of age. More than half of all eczema sufferers show signs in the first year of life and 20% develop it before five years old.

Eczema can cause skin to become red, dry, itchy and scaly and a severe case can cause skin to weep, bleed or crust over and become infected. It can flare and subside for no apparent reason. The condition can be stressful for families and carers and affect the child's quality of sleep, school time and activities.

Symptoms include: moderate to severe itching skin. Rash— dry, red, patchy or cracked skin, commonly appears on face, hands, neck, inner elbows, back of knees/ankles. Skin weeping water fluid. Rough, leathery thick skin.

Treatment should aim to heal skin and minimise flare ups. Moisturise skin well to prevent cracking, itching and a barrier to infection. Always seek professional advice prior to any medication use as to what treatments are suitable for babies and young children.

Management of Atopic Dermatitis includes: Keep fingernails short to prevent scratching; wear cotton gloves at night. Choose 100% cotton clothing or soft fabrics. Take warm baths/showers; pat water off skin dry, don't rub. Avoid perfumed products, use hypoallergenic/neutral/ sensitive skin laundry products. Use moisturiser on just dried skin to help moisture. Avoid rapid changes of temperature/activities that increase sweating. Learn your eczema triggers. If symptoms occur, consult your doctor or a skin specialist for a diagnosis.

Further information can be found at [www.eczema.org.au](http://www.eczema.org.au)

## Promote your Business!

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## Policy Review

### Sleep and Rest Policy and Procedure

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

Provide appropriate, safe bedding and ensure it is laundered at least weekly or when soiled or visibly dirty.

Understand that educators at our service must always follow safe sleeping strategies as provided by recognised authorities such as Red Nose.

Understand that sleeping/resting at an education and care service is different to home. Recognise that other children are also sleeping and resting at similar times in the same environment and work with educators to find strategies which support both the needs of your child and others in the learning space.

Provide children with age appropriate and suitable clothing for sleep and rest, specifically children are unable to sleep with/in:

- \*hooded clothing
- \*clothing that presents with a risk of strangulation, hanging or choking, including clothing with loose cords
- \*jewellery that presents with a risk of strangulation, hanging or choking
- \*teething necklaces
- \*soft toy or comforter under 12mths
- \*pillows, cot bumpers, lambs' wool under 2yrs

Understand that children are not able to sleep in sleeping bags once a child has transitioned from a cot to a bed unless there are separate legs.

Notify educators if your child is showing signs or rolling or attempting to climb out of the cot. Consult with staff around when a child should transition from a cot to a bed based on their individual development and height.

Participate in completing the "Transition from Cot to Bed Consultation Planning Form".

Understand that pillows are not used in cots or with children on beds until after 2yrs of age as per Red Nose recommendations.

Understand that, in the best interest of each child, we must ensure that children and infants are awake and alert when received into care and when collected from care. If you are collecting earlier in the day you may wish to ring ahead to check if your child is asleep and postpone your arrival time. Our team can call you when they wake if you wish.

Understand that bassinets are not permitted to enter the service premises under Regulation 84D.

Keep educators updated on changes to your child's sleep routines and patterns including updates on the previous night's sleep to assist with sleeping during the day.



## REWARDS!

Ally's Kindy Referral Rewards Program

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!