Ally's Kindy

NEWSLETTER

July 2025

Directors Letter

Welcome to all of our families new and old,

We have a lot of fun and interesting things happening this July!

Our Cadbury fundraiser has been ordered! There are 3 different boxes to choose from; Goody Box (2 for \$3.00), Freddo & Caramello Koala Fun Pack (\$1.00 each) and The Natural Confectionery Co. Lolly Box (\$4.00 each, 230g) All proceeds will go back into each educational room for resources for the children.

We will be participating in NAIDOC week, PJ day and World Friendship Day this month. Please see Upcoming Events section for information.

Winter is upon us and with that children are coming in extra clothing. While our Teachers and Educators do everything possible to ensure that all children's belongings go home with them, can we please ensure that the clothing you are sending your child in is clearly named. This includes socks and shoes.

Our Centre will be engaging in indoor/outdoor play of an afternoon during winter, this is to keep children who have not come with appropriate clothing (especially shoes and jumpers) and our diagnosed asthma children out of the cooler air of an mid afternoon. This practice will continue through to spring.

If your child has a Allergy or Asthma Action Plan please ensure the Centre has a current updated copy. Under our Medication Policy, to use Ventolin (blue puffer) we require a Asthma Action Plan or note from Doctor with instructions of when and how to use the medication. All documents must have the doctors details, signature and be within year of 2025 to be valid.

We will be sending out Prep Information Packs to Kindergarten Families in the coming weeks. In the pack contains information of local schools, how to prepare your child for school and tips on how to help make the first day of Prep a success. It is important for families to engage in conversations and enrolling their child for PREP at this time of the year as many schools are offering Prep information and transition days that can be beneficial to a successful first week/year at school. It also assists Miss Leeanne in preparation of your child's transition statement for your selected school.

A reminder to all families that all children need to be accompanied with an adult when they leave their rooms. No child should be unaccompanied in the hallway, foyer or front gated area.

Can I also ask all families to be mindful of the child restraints used in their vehicles. All children who are under the age of 7 must be properly fastened in a Australian Standard approved child restraint. In addition to the safety risks, if a child is not in an approved child restraint that is properly fastened and adjusted, you may be fines \$1,251 and incur 4 demerit points. Any family found to be picking up child without a child restraint will be denied pick up under our Acceptance and Refusal Policy and Procedure.

We are looking forward to a jam packed July!

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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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.



Centre News

Our Centre has been getting into the spirit for State of Origin on game days. Its great to see children in their colours and engaging in fun banter about the game. On game days children got the chance to engage in fun themed games including pin the footy in between the goals and throw a hacky sack into the mascots mouth. Children also enjoyed throwing footballs to each other and playing tag. What a fun way to build on motor skills and engage in team building!

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We highlighted QLD Day on the 6th of June by encouraging children to come dressed like a Queenslander. Most children wore maroon, Bronco's and Cowboys team jerseys and we had some children proudly wearing their fishing shirts. Children learnt about Queensland, our State Flag, flower and important sites such as the Great Barrier Reef. Queensland Day marks the official separation from New South Wales as an independent colony in 1859.

We had Crazy Hair Day on Tuesday 24th June. We had colourful rainbow hair to spiky do's. Children had a lot of fun showing all their friends their crazy hair. Themed art activities were enjoyed with children using their imagination painting hair on a silhouette.

Miss Laura has been popping in on odd days to help out around the centre. The children have been so excited to see her! We officially welcome her back from maternity leave 14th July.

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 (Kindergarten, Teacher): 14/07/2025 – 29/07/2025

Miss Monica (Nursery, Assistant): 30/07/2025-15/08/2025

Miss Kaycee (Pre-Kindy, Assistant): 18/08/2025 - 29/08/2025

Cadbury Chocolate Drive

Upcoming

We will be doing a Cadbury Chocolate Drive fundraiser in July.

We have ordered 3 different ranges of boxes including the Goody Box , Freddo & Caramello Koala Fun Pack and the Natural Confectionery Co. Lolly Box.

These will be distributed 08/07/2024. Please come and see administration if you would like a box to sell.

If you sell your Cadbury Box before the return date and would like to sell more please let Administration know to see if there is anymore boxes available for fundraising.

All unsold chocolates and fundraised money to be returned 06/08/2025



UPCOMING EVENTS

Week of 7th Jul y: NAIDOC Week

Wednesday 9th Jul y:

Cadbury Fundraiser BEGINS!

Wednesday 9th July:

State of Origin G3

Come in your State of Origin Colours for the final game!

Friday 25th July:

PJ Day

Come in your comfy PJ's for PJ Day

Wednesday 30th July:

Wear **ORANGE** for World Friendship Day



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.

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July Fee Increase:

A friendly reminder to all families that the July Fee increase is in effect 07/07/25. We try to keep our fee increase to a very minimum and to assist our families and try not to make an impact financially, we try to make 2 small fee increases throughout the year. These are usually done in January and July each year. Please see updated Daily fees sign above the sign in table in foyer and letter addressed to our families from the Owner.

Allowable absences:

Allowable absences reset on the 1st of July 2025.

The Child Care Subsidy (CCS) hourly rate caps and family income thresholds will go up from 7 July 2025 visit servicesaustralia.gov.au/child-care-subsidy for more information

The hourly rate caps and income thresholds are adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

The maximum hourly rate subsidy is based on the type of care you provide. The 2025–26 hourly rate caps for each care type are outlined below.

Care Type	Hourly cap for children below school age	Hourly cap for school-age children
Centre Based Day Care	\$14.63	\$12.81
Outside School Hours Care	\$14.63	\$12.81
Family Day Care	\$13.56	\$13.56
In Home Care (per family)	\$39.80	\$39.80

The family income thresholds have also changed according to CPI, as outlined below.

Family income	Subsidy rate
Up to \$85,279	90%
More than \$85,279 to below \$535,279	Between 90% and 0% The percentage decreases by 1% for every \$5,000 of income a family earns
\$535,279 or more	0%

A family's CCS subsidy rate is the percentage of the hourly rate the government will subsidise.

VIEW ACCOUNT THROUGH HOME APP

View account through Home app under finance

Pay fees easily through Pay Now feature on Xplor Home App

> We have Eftpos available on site

Sustainability Tip

When you're shopping online, combine your orders into a single shipment by clicking the "fewest packages/deliveries possible" option.





Article 31: Every child has the right to rest, relax, play and to take part in cultural and creative activities.

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 Kaycee

July 2025

Room: Pre Kindy, Toddler Room Assistant

Qualification: Diploma of Early Childhood

What motivated you to become apart of the childcare industry?

I enjoy being apart of children's development watching them grow and achieve their goals and milestones

Favourite place to be?

With Family

Hobbies or interests?

I enjoy playing computer games in my spare time

Something you may not know about me...

I have travelled to India twice

<u>Promote your</u> <u>Business!</u>

Promote your business in our monthly newsletters and active advertisement TV free of charge!

HAYLEY PICKER

SALES AGENT

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Xplor Home App

Here at Allys Kindy we utlise the Xplor Home App for instant updates on child's daily information and learning. We hope you are navigating the app well and enjoying the additional benefits the App has to offer.

*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. Allys Kindy does not utlise the auto debit function on app.

*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)





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Responsive Language

Article

The words we use daily with children matter. How we communicate and the words we use with children has a great effect on the relationships we build with them. UNICEF (n.d.) explains that 'Every interaction you have with your child is a form of communication. It's not just about the words you say: The tone of your voice, the look in your eyes and the hugs and kisses you give – all convey messages to your child.' These can have a direct impact on how a child acts, feels, and responds to a situation.

Our language is powerful and it's our role to know how to use it effectively with children. As Meg Anastasi (2022) says, 'Speaking respectfully with children will help them learn how to speak respectfully with friends and adults, contributing to their social and emotional development.'

'Be careful.'

'Stop doing that.'

'Don't hit.'

What is the child learning here? Why do they have to be careful, stop or not hit?

The child thinks... 'Do I stop walking, stop talking or stop throwing? Why can't I hit? I'll start to kick instead.'

We need to give children the tools to learn using clear, purposeful and explicit language that will support learning and growth in children and adults. Be clear with what you're trying to say. Ask yourself: Will the child understand? What do you want them to do or be aware of? Model what you're saying, giving children the tools to communicate non-verbally. Be open to admitting you're wrong to children. This gives you an opportunity to be relatable, and they will see that you are still learning and making mistakes too.

How would you feel if someone told you, 'Shh, you're okay'? Would you want to go to this educator after your feelings have been dismissed? Let's re-phrase this: 'You look sad, it must have hurt when you tripped over. How can I help you?' Would that change how you responded and regulated your emotions?

Would you get even more frustrated if you were told, 'Rach had the bike, give it back'. Think about what a child must be feeling. How else could we respond? 'Kate let's give the bike back to Rach. It's hard waiting but you can have a turn when she is finished.' Do you feel validated and heard after this response?

Put yourself in a child's shoes. It is overwhelming navigating the world, feeling new emotions and connecting with others. Think about the language you use and how it might affect their relationship with their emotions and the connections they hold with you.



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Policy Review

Acceptance and Refusal Policy and Procedure

Refuse a written authorisation if it contravenes a regulation, service policy or the Nominated Supervisor or responsible person in charge has serious concerns for the child's health, safety or well-being. For example: A child may not be released to a person who is authorised in writing if:

- *The authorised person does not appear, at the time of collection, to be fit and well to collect the child due to being under the influence of a drug, medication, or alcohol
- *The person collecting does not have a safe and suitable way to transport the child, for example no suitable child restraints fitted to a vehicle which will transport the child
- *The Approved Provider, Nominated Supervisor or Responsible Person in charge reasonably believes that the collection is not in the best interest of the child's health, safety, or wellbeing
- *The authorisation contravenes another policy, such as a person, who is not a parent, being under the age of 16yrs (refer to Arrival and Departure Policy)
- *The Approved Provider, Nominated Supervisor or Responsible Person in charge is aware of, has a copy of or reasonably believes that a parenting or court order is in place restricting access or collection.

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 advise 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.

Ensure that all authorisations provided by themselves or persons authorised by them are:

in writing when required clear and legible dated and signed fully completed.

Understand that refusal of authorisation will occur when all requirements are not met



Allys 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!