



Directors Letter

Welcome to all of our families new and old,

I'd like to take a moment to welcome all of our new families to our Centre. We pride ourselves on having long term staff and are hoping you are all getting familiar with our team. We would like all families to be apart of our Allys Community. You can do this by posting feedback on your child's daily and learning stories on Xplor, leaving responses on our monthly survey and being apart of special events at the centre.

Our Industry has been hit with horrific events unfolding in Victoria and NSW. It has absolutely rocked our team to the core that such events could take place and has begun a process of reflection within the team. Every January we refresh our Child Protection training. Our team is dedicated in strengthening our Allys Kindy Centre and Community that we completed extra child protection and safety training on the 16th July. We have been ensuring that we are reviewing and assessing our policies, risk assessments are above regulations in the Department of Education. As most of our families are aware our team members have been apart of Allys for 10+years with all of our permanent Educators who hold a Cert III, Diploma or Bachelor Qualified. Our team is dedicated to providing a safe environment for your family as we pride ourselves on embodying our Philosophy "Children First, Strong Community and Staff with a Growth Mindset"

Cadbury Chocolate Drive has concluded! A massive thank you to all of our families who have participated in this fundraiser. We ask for all raised monies and any unsold product to be returned as soon as possible to finalise the fundraiser.

Our very own Ally the Alpaca has become famous in an article written in the "Land of Big Things" It is quite a whimsical write up signifying Allys purpose in delivering a message of diversity and inclusion. To view the article visit <https://landofthebigs.com/ally-the-alpaca-one-mile-qld/>

We understand that Xplor Home has been having some technical difficulties in displaying daily or learning stories for families. Xplor has assured our team that it has been amended. If you are still having difficulties with the app it has been recommended to delete and reinstall the app. If you require more assistance or help quickly message Tilly on tilli@allyskindy.com.au so she can follow up in less busy moments of her day.

Please be aware Xplor Home app acknowledges that it runs best off iOS 16 or higher for Apple devices or Android SDK 26 (Oreo 8) and higher for Android devices. While older devices might still be compatible with Xplor home, they might not offer the best user experience or use all of the features.

We have a few up coming events including Book week beginning Monday 18th of August which will run all throughout the week so nobody misses out on dressing up and engaging in the centre program!

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.
qld.gov.au/vaccinate

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

August 2025

Centre News

Children have been apart of a few fun themed days throughout July!

We had our State of Origin Festivities and children had a lot of fun partaking in team building games. Most importantly children had a laugh with their educators while participating in all these fun games.

Our centre was apart of NAIDOC Week celebrations. We enjoyed partaking in cultural art and story telling as well as music and dance— See what your child has been engaging throughout the day on your Xplor Home App on the 'Care' Tab which will bring up all of the daily and learning stories your child has experienced.

Friday 25th July was PJ day and the children were excited to show off their PJ's to their friends and educators. It was a good day for it as it was a freezing morning.

We celebrated World Friendship Day as a centre, on Tuesday 30th July. Children were encouraged to wear orange and partook in fun activities like making Friendship Bracelets and sharing their experiences of how they look after their friends.

Children have been taking care of their gardens and there has been a big interest in searching for bugs. Recently we have been finding a lot of catapillars. We encourage children to watch them as they play an important part to our ecosystem.

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 Monica (Nursery, Assistant) 01/08/2025– 15/08/2025

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

Miss Elissa (Nursery, Group Leader) 15/08/2025– 26/08/2025

Cadbury Chocolate Drive

8th August 2025

A friendly reminder to all families that our Cadbury Fundraiser is due back on Friday 8th August 2025. This includes all raised funds and any unsold product.

We'd like to thank all families who have been apart of this fundraiser. Our educators have a wishlist for new resources for our children to learn and grow from!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 4th August:

National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day.

Friday 8th August:

Cadbury Fundraiser Finishes

Week beginning Monday 18th August:

Book Week Celebration

Come to Kindy dressed as a favourite fictional character!

Thursday 28th August:

Red Nose Day

Come to Kindy dressed in Red for Red Nose Day.

Wednesday 10th September:

Photo Day



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August 2025

Photo Day

Wednesday 10th September

This years Photo Day will take place on **Wednesday 10th of September 2025**

To order visit: www.advancedlife.com.au

Enter Code: QJ2 C7V NPB

Alternatively you can scan the QR code attached to Advanced Life Photography Posters in centre or pay cash with cash envelope. These can be acquired from the front sign in desk. Please ensure you fill all of your details in for a smooth process.

You can order sibling photos online or using the sibling cash envelope, **please ensure this is completed before Monday 8th of September. Sibling photos will not be taken if this action is not completed by the due date.**

All Singular Photo orders are due Wednesday 10th of September. Ordering after this date will incur a late charge.

Photo Day Procedure:

- All children booked in care will have their photo taken unless otherwise specified.
- If your child is not booked in for the day, you are more than welcome to bring them in for their photos but they must remain with you while waiting in foyer/ front gated area
- For those children who are booked for Wednesday; If you have a change of clothes you would like your child to be in the photo with (especially Nursery and Toddler Rooms) Please let staff and administration know on the day
- Please acknowledge it is a very busy day and our staff do the very best we can in keeping with family requests

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.**

Allowable absences:

Allowable absences reset on the 1st of July 2025.

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

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

Room: Nursery 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

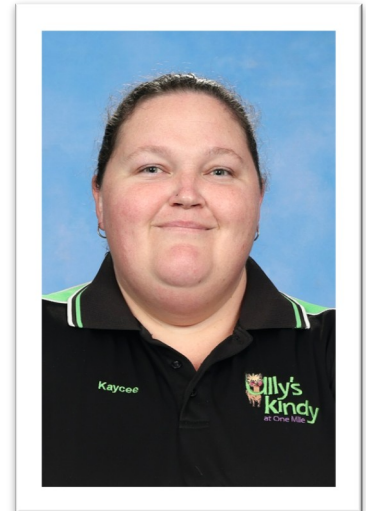
Favourite place to be?

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*



After Hour Helplines

For Heath and Mental Health in Queensland

13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84)

13 HEALTH is a phone service available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (cost of a local call) for all Queenslanders. Qualified health staff can give you advice on symptoms and conditions, who to talk to and how quickly you should act. The advice is confidential, professional and supportive. In an emergency always dial Triple Zero (000).

1300 MH CALL (1300 642 255)

1300 MH CALL is a confidential mental health telephone triage service that provides the first point of contact to public mental health services. 1300 MH CALL is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is staffed by trained and experienced professional mental health clinicians.

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Choking Hazards

Child Safety Article

Anything smaller than a D-size battery (that's the large round one) can be a choking hazard for babies and toddlers. Basically, that's anything they can get inside their mouths, and anyone who's spent time with little kids know that babies and toddlers want to put *everything* inside their mouths. **So how can parents prevent choking?**

Small children should always be supervised while eating and should sit while they eat and drink.

According to the Australian Government Department of Health, common foods that cause choking in children include: hard lollies, chewing gum, corn chips, small round and oval foods, like grapes, berries and cherry tomatoes – these foods should always be cut up lengthways, seeds and fruit with seeds or pips, for example sunflower seeds or watermelon seeds, nuts, popcorn, hard foods that can break up into smaller pieces and hard fruits and vegetables.

Prevent choking by cooking and grating, finely slicing or mashing hard fruits and vegetables like carrots, celery and apple. Cut food into pieces smaller than a pea that children can easily chew and swallow. Remove the skin from sausages and hot dogs and cut into small pieces.

Attached to this newsletter is a tool given from the ACCC called Choke Check. The Choke Check cylinder is similar to test devices used by professionals and mimics the size and shape of a child's throat up to 3 years old. It is intended for a guide only.

If you think a child under 1 year is choking, call Triple Zero (000) for an ambulance, and stay on the phone with the operator while following the first aid steps. If an older child is choking, encourage them to cough to see if it dislodges the object. If it doesn't, follow the first aid steps, calling for an ambulance if choking continues.

Signs a baby is choking: what to do



Signs a baby is choking include distress, coughing, gagging, noisy breathing, difficulty breathing, no sounds, paleness, changed face or lip colour, and loss of consciousness.



If a baby shows any signs of choking, **phone 000 immediately**. Follow the steps to clear a blockage, shown next. The operator will stay on the line to help you.



Lay the baby face down along your forearm or thigh. With the heel of your hand, give **a firm back blow between the shoulder blades**. Give up to 5 back blows. Look in the baby's mouth between each blow to check whether the blockage has cleared.

Policy Review

Child and Youth Management Strategy

Code of conduct for interacting with children and young people

Code of conduct for educators, staff, students and volunteers

Educators, staff, students and volunteers at our service are required to comply with the "Educator Code of Conduct Policy" which is based on the Early Childhood Australia's Code of Ethics. This is provided to all educators upon employment and is reaffirmed throughout the year.

All personnel are responsible for supporting the safety, participation, wellbeing, and empowerment of children by:

- *Adhering to Child Protection policies and this child safe risk management strategy at all times / upholding our statement of commitment to child safety at all times
- *Taking all reasonable steps to protect children from abuse
- *Treating everyone with respect
- *Listening and responding to the views and concerns of children, particularly if they are telling you that they or another child has been abused and/or are worried about their safety or the safety of another
- *Promoting the cultural safety, participation, and empowerment of Aboriginal children (for example, by never questioning an Aboriginal child's self-identification)
- *Promoting the cultural safety, participation, and empowerment of children with culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds (for example, by having a zero tolerance of discrimination)
- *Promoting the safety, participation, and empowerment of children with a disability (for example, during personal care activities)
- *Ensuring as far as practicable that adults are not left alone with a child
- *Reporting any allegations of child abuse to the Nominated Supervisor and ensure any allegation is reported to the police or child protection
- *Reporting any child safety concerns to the Nominated Supervisor
- *If an allegation of child abuse is made, ensure as quickly as possible that the child(ren) are safe
- *Encouraging children to 'have a say' and participate in all relevant organisational activities where possible, especially on issues that are important to them.



REWARDS!

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!