

NEWSLETTER

January 2026

Directors Letter

On behalf of the Ally's Family, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to our families and a friendly hello to all of our new families starting with Ally's in 2026. We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a safe New Year.

Please stay connected with us this year with monthly newsletters, emails and keep track of your child's daily information as well as learning stories on your Xplor Home app. Taking time to reply or leave feedback on any stories or daily information posted is greatly appreciated as it helps our Educators to extend and build upon different experiences. If you are not receiving any of these electronic forms of communication please let admin know so we can update or fix any problems in our system.

We also appreciate feedback on our centre and kindly ask our families to participate in any surveys or feedback forms provided. Keep an eye out for Policy reviews at the end of each newsletter to familiarize yourself with different procedures or to give feedback on these documents.

A friendly reminder to all families to keep all of your child's health information current. It is crucial that all asthma, anaphylaxis, allergy and conditions are recorded so we can continue to provide your child the best of care. All Action Plans will need to be updated for 2026. Action Plans are available from your local GP. If your child needs Ventolin then you must accompany this with a action plan from your GP. **It is against regulations to administer without one.**

Kindergarten families "Free Kindy" will begin on the 23/02/26. Free Kindy is for 40 weeks, please take note that this incentive will end in November 2026. If you have any questions in regards to Free Kindy please see me.

If you need to change your enrolment or require more days please do not hesitate to come and see me. If you don't have enough time, you can get into contact with me by sending an email to donna@allyskindy.com.au or calling 3282 8888.

As the first day of school is fast approaching, I would like to wish all of our Graduating Kindergarten class of 2025 a fantastic first day and year at school!

If ever you have a problem or query please do not hesitate to give Tilly or myself a call. Our door is always open.

Kind Regards, Donna Hayes



REWARDS!

Referral Rewards Program

No Limit on number of rewards you can earn!



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DAILY ESSENTIALS

Does your child have packed for their day?

Water Bottle?

Bed Sheet?

Hat?

Spare change of clothes?

Please ensure your child comes with these daily kindy essentials each day to help your child's day run smoothly. Marking these items with child's name is helpful in preventing any confusion and easier to identify belongings if lost

NOTICE

If your child has an allergy or asthma it is vital that we have a current copy of an action plan supplied by your Doctor.

All action plans have revision dates on them and must be reviewed by a doctor yearly.

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**, 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!



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Centre News

With January brings gradual room transitions. This has been taking place with selected children moving up to their new rooms particularly our new Kindergarten Class of 2026! Prior to this, children have been given some transition time in their new room to help them adjust before moving up full time. We understand that this change can affect each child differently. With our rotating roster and current drop off and pick up procedures, we understand you may or may not get to see your new rooms Group Leader or assistant on a daily basis depending on shifts and drop off/pick up times.

We ask if there are any concerns to please raise them with your Group Leader or our Director, Donna by setting up a meeting or having a chat over the phone. Our team is committed to building open and respectful relationships with our families.

The weather has not been in our favour for outdoor play— between how hot it has been and storms/wet weather we have been enjoying indoor play. Look for your daily posts on your Xplor App to see what your child's room has been up to!

We look forward to having another year of building connections, bonds and proudly watching your children develop and grow!

Staff Holidays

Over the New Year period some staff will be taking some annual leave during this time. We hope our team members have a relaxing break and come back healthy and refreshed!

Miss Cheryl (Granny) Kindergarten Assistant: 01/01/26– 16/01/26

Miss Terri (All rooms, Float/Kitchen): 05/01/26– 16/01/26

Miss Elissa (Nursery, Group Leader): 22/01/26– 27/01/26

Fun Smiles Dental Van

Fun Smiles Dental Van is visiting us on Wednesday 21st of January 2026

If you would like your child to be seen by the dentist for a check up and clean please fill in the following online form:

<https://form.jotform.com/FunSmiles/dental-form>

Alternatively, paper copies are available from front sign in desk. Paper registration forms must be filled in and returned prior to Thursday 15th of January.

While we encourage parents to be present for the appointment, Miss Tilly will be available to take child to and form the appointment. You will need to inform Miss Tilly of this, so permission forms can be signed. All of this must be arranged prior to day of visit, Wednesday 21st of January.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 21st January

Fun Smiles Dental Van Visits

Register now for your child to be seen!

Friday 23th January

Centre Fun Day

To celebrate Australia Day, Ally's Kindy will hold a centre party including some water fun (weather permitting) Please ensure to pack your child a towel, a bag to put wet clothes into, togs and spare set of clothes for this fun filled day!

Monday 26th January

Australia Day Public Holiday

CLOSED

Tuesday 27th January

Term One Begins



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Accounts

Account Controller: Mim: 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.

If fees lapse by two consecutive weeks and no arrangements made, your child's place will upon warning, be considered vacant and may be offered to another child or receive a reduction of days until the account is settled.

Account:

View your own personal account on the go via the Xplor Home App downloaded to your phone! Simply open Finance Tab at the bottom of screen. You can also utilise 'Pay Now' feature to pay your weekly gap fee. Statements will still be emailed weekly to families.

Fee increase:

A friendly reminder to all families that our Daily Fees have been increased. Our Centre endeavours to make 2 small fee increases occurring in January and July each year in efforts to make as minimal financial impact on our families. If you have any Centrepay or direct debt payments please ensure you are covering your weekly gap fee to avoid disruptions to your account. Please see Donna if you have any enquiries about your account.

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.

Lose of CCS:

If you lose CCS for any reason, **you are responsible for paying for FULL DAY FEES until it is resolved.** Centrelink does not back pay centre for the time you have lost CCS. The best way to mitigate this problem is calling Donna or Mim immediately to come to a decision about your child's spot and getting in contact with Centrelink immediately to solve the problem.

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.

Parent Helpline

Free, confidential service

Parentline is a **free, confidential** service that provides professional counselling and support for parents and carers of children in QLD and the NT. Parentline phone lines are open every day from 8am – 10pm and WebChat is available every day 8am – 9pm.

Top 5 Concerns of Parents Contacting Parentline



Challenging behaviour and discipline



Parent-child relationships



Parenting strategies



Parent relationships



Parent mental and emotional health

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

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.

C- Here at Ally's Kindy we start educating the children to cooperate with others and negotiate their roles during play. We do this by providing them with the opportunity to interact and participate in group play as well as showing and encouraging them to interact and show empathy and respect towards others. Throughout their experience here we also teach them how to respect their environment. We do this by using recycled materials and allowing the children to assist in growing and caring for gardens as well as our pet fish in Pre-Kindy and Kindergarten.

Safe Sleeping

Article

A safe sleeping environment means that all potential dangers have been removed and the baby is sleeping in a safe place. The ideal place for a baby to sleep is in a safe cot, on a safe mattress, with safe bedding in a safe sleeping place, both night and day.

Unsafe settings for baby's sleep-time include leaving baby unattended on an adult bed or bunk bed, placing baby on a waterbed, beanbag, couch, pillow or cushion, or with a sleeping adult or child on a couch, sofa or chair.

Keep baby's cot away from hanging cords such as blinds, curtains, or electrical appliances as they could get caught around baby's neck. Keep heaters or any electrical appliances well away from the cot to avoid the risk of overheating, burns and electrocution. Never use electric blankets, hot water bottles or wheat bags for babies.

For all babies 0-12 months, Red Nose recommends six key steps to reduce the risk of sudden infant death.

1) Always place baby on their back to sleep

Placing baby on their back to sleep helps keep their airway clear and ensures their protective reflexes work. Back sleeping reduces the risk of suffocation, overheating and choking.

2) Keep baby's face and head uncovered

Babies control their temperature through their face and head, so keeping baby's face and head uncovered during sleep helps reduce the risk of overheating. It also helps keep their airways clear which reduces the risk of suffocation.

3) Keep baby smoke free, before and after birth

Smoking during pregnancy and around baby once they are born increases the risk of sudden infant death – this includes second-hand smoke.

If you or your partner smoke, don't smoke around baby and never smoke where baby sleeps.

For free help to quit smoking call Quitline on 13 78 48.

4) Safe sleeping environment, night and day

The safest place for baby to sleep is in their own safe space, with a safe mattress, and safe bedding. Baby should always be placed on their back to sleep, with their feet at the bottom of the bassinet or cot.

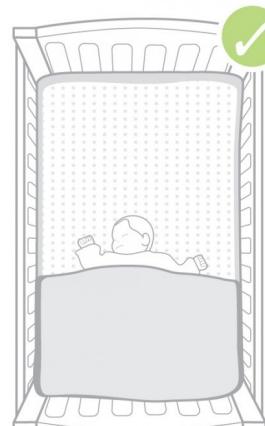
Safe cot, Meets Australian standard AS/NZS 2172:2003., Safe mattress, Firm, flat, right size for your safe cot, meets voluntary Australian standard (AS/NZS 8811.1:2013)., Safe bedding, Lightweight bedding, firmly tucked in and only pulled up to the chest., Safe sleeping bag, Well fitted across the neck and chest, with baby's arms out, and no hood.

5) Sleep baby in a safe cot in parents' or caregiver's room for the first 6 months

The safest place for baby to sleep is in their own safe space, in the same room as their parents or adult caregiver for the first 6 months.

6) Breastfeed baby

Breastfeeding has been shown to reduce the risk of sudden infant death.



- **Safe cot**
(should meet current Australian Standard AS2172)
- **Safe mattress**
firm, clean, flat, right size for cot
- **Safe bedding**
soft surfaces and bulky bedding increase the risk of sudden infant death

Ally's Philosophy

Families please read through our Centre Philosophy. If you have any suggestions to add or would like give feedback please email info@allyskindy.com.au Subject: Philosophy. Thank you.

(C-H-I-L-D-R-E-N)

C- Here at Ally's Kindy we start educating the children to cooperate with others and negotiate their roles during play. We encourage children to have a strong sense of identity. We do this by providing them with the opportunity to interact and participate in group play as well as showing and encouraging them to interact and show empathy and respect towards others. Throughout their experience here we also teach them how to respect their environment. We do this by using recycled materials and allowing the children to assist in growing and caring for gardens.

H-Here at Ally's we like to provide an environment where the children feel safe and secure. We do this by spending time with each child and getting to know them, this way we can find out what makes each child feel safe in their environment. We provide comfort to the children during times of need and we initiate interactions on a regular basis. We take on the Abecedarian approach to enrich caregiving and one to one reading.

I- We welcome families of all religious and ethnic back grounds. We like children to feel connected with and contribute to their world. We try and gain as much information as possible in relation to each family and their beliefs, as we then use this information to educate the other children about different cultures. We help assist children to respond to diversity with respect.

L- Here at Ally's we provide a variety of activities to help the children develop their physical state of being. We aim for children to have a strong sense of wellbeing. We do this by providing nice healthy home cooked meals for the children, during meal times the staff sit with the children and educate them on healthy eating habits. The children also participate in structured activities where they are encouraged to engage in learning relationships with their educators, this is often done in small groups. We help the children to become strong in their social and emotional wellbeing.

D-During your child's time here at Ally's their journey is recorded in electronic form using "Xplor". We collect and record your child's milestones using a variety of different methods. Xplor Home 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.

R- Upon enrolment here at Ally's Kindy we work with the parents to get to know each individual child so that we can provide a happy, healthy and loving environment for the children, as **we know that it is the parents/care givers that know the children the best**, this is to ensure children are confident and involved learners. We do this by providing the parents with "All about me" forms, questionnaires and most importantly general conversation. We also have an open door policy for the parents to come and spend time in the room with the children. We send all parents weekly newsletter from our rooms. We encourage children to interact verbally and non-verbally with others for a range of purposes.

E-We like to provide a variety of activities that encourage the children to learn during play. We have found that children absorb more information during play. Therefore we provide a range of learning experiences that encourages curiosity and enthusiasm. It is this basis that assists the children to develop the ability to follow on/extend on their ideas during play, persevere with difficult tasks and engage in learning relationships with not only their Educators but their peers as well. We also provide a music program which encourages the children to participate in physical play whilst responding positively to music. We provide a lot of messy play to encourage the children to enhance and develop their sensory skills. We aim to help children develop dispositions for learning such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflexivity.

N-Most importantly we believe that each child is different therefore we as Educators spend as much time as possible nurturing each child and their needs. We try to ensure that Children are effective communicators and have their own voice within the centre. It is through inclusive practices and the knowledge that we gain through these interactions with both the children and their families that we can educate each child in a loving and caring environment to continuously develop their skills.