Allys Kindy @ One Mile

Newsletter

May

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Directors Letter

Welcome to all of our families new and old,

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

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 8th of May beginning at 10am. Come for a morning of fun activities with your child at the Centre. Please remember to RSVP to tilli@allyskindy.com.au

I would also like to remind families of upcoming public holidays in May. The following dates the Centre will be closed for: Monday 4th of May– Labour Day. Friday 15th 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

Upcoming Events

Monday 4th May

Closed

Labour Day Public Holiday

Friday 8th May

Mother's Day Morning Tea

RSVP EVENT

Friday 15th May

Closed

Ipswich Show Public Holiday

No Mobile Phones in the rooms

As part of our commitment to the Child Safe Standards, we kindly ask all parents and visitors to leave mobile phones in your bag or pocket whilst in our learning spaces- both indoor and outdoor.

Thank you for helping us create a safe and secure space for every child.

Pay fees easily by using Direct Debt!

Account Name: Betterchildcare

BSB: 084-917

Account Number: 79 33 86 301

Reference: Your account name

EFTPOS available onsite

Stay in the loop! Download Xplor Home app to view your child's time at our Centre!

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 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 Elissa (Group Leader, Nursery): 05/05/26– 08/05/26

Miss Kaycee (Assistant, Toddlers): 25/05/26– 29/05/26

Accounts

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.**

Mother's Day Morning Tea

We warmly invite all of our children's mothers to attend our Mother's Day Morning Tea held on Friday 8th of May.

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

There will be some light refreshments in the foyer, before leaving the centre. 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 to assist with planning. Thank you!

Injury on Intake forms

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.

Home Xplor App

*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.

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

*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)

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!

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

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

Parent Line

1300 30 1300

Available from 6am to midnight, 7 days a week, Parent line offers professional counselling and confidential support with no waitlists and judgement: just someone to talk to. From toddler tantrums, family conflict and highs and lows of parenting life, Parent line is here to support you

Road Safety

Feature Article for National Road Safety Week

17th- 24 of May

Buckle up Ensure you teach children about the importance of buckling-up on every trip.

• Adults should 'model' correct buckling-up behaviour.

• Do not start the car until everyone is buckled up correctly.

• Ensure children know that they are not allowed to unbuckle their seat belts until you say so.

• Watch out for children trying to help you by undoing restraints for their baby brother or sister.

• Never allow children to share a seat belt.

• Never hold a child on your lap whilst travelling in a motor vehicle. This is unsafe and against the law.

Airbags are designed to protect adults in a crash. They deploy at high speeds to the chest height of an average adult. This can be dangerous for children. It is recommended that:

• Children 12 years of age and under should not sit in the front seat.

• Rearward facing child car restraints should not be fitted in the front row of seats in vehicles with an active front passenger airbag

Children are at risk in the driveway:

• Young children are naturally inquisitive, move surprisingly fast and can run into the path of a moving vehicle without warning.

• From the time it takes for the driver to say goodbye and start the car, a child can move onto the driveway and into the path of the vehicle.

• Due to 'blind spots' a small child can be impossible to see from inside a car, especially if they are directly behind it.

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Policy Review

Infectious Disease Policy and Procedure

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

- Ensure the safety, rights and best interests of children are paramount to all decision making and practices.
- Discuss any questions with the Nominated Supervisor or Responsible Person in charge.
- Understand that the service has an obligation to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.
- **Keep children who are unwell at home and notify the service so they can be aware of symptoms to be on the watch for.**
- Consider if your child is well enough to participate in normal activities and able to manage hygiene dependent on their age. Children who are not able to participate fully in the program without additional support due to signs or symptoms of a possible illness should be collected from the service by an authorised contact and cared for in a home environment.
- Understand that the Nominated Supervisor must follow this policy and public health advise and has the right to exclude a child where they reasonably believe that it is not in the best interest of the child or other adults or children at the service for the child to return. This may be the case even where a medical clearance has been provided.
- Provide a medical clearance to return when requested and understand that this will be used in the decision-making process about your child returning to care but does not automatically guarantee they can return to care.
- Understand that, in times of an identified outbreak or pandemic, the service reserves the right to place standard exclusions timeframes for certain symptoms, for instance 24hrs after a fever.
- Understand that the service is required to apply exclusion period for gastroenteritis as per Queensland Health requirements which include:
    - A single case of gastroenteritis in a child or staff member at the centre should be excluded for at least 24 hours after their last symptom, provided there have been no other reports of gastro in the previous 3 days.
    - When there have been 2 reported cases of vomiting and or diarrhoea at the centre within a 3 day period, apply 48hrs exclusion (after last symptom) and contact the local public health unit as soon as possible for further advice.
- Understand that children with a temperature of 38degrees or above must be collected from the service and excluded for the remainder of the day. Exclusion may be longer depending on any other confirmed contagious diseases with the same symptoms and a medical clearance may be requested prior to returning to care depending on other symptoms and other cases at the service with similar symptoms.
- **Not to provide paracetamol, Ibuprofen or other similar products to their child before attending care**, especially if it is for a temperature, this is based on the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) recommendations, this is because:
    - **A temperature or fever is usually a sign of illness,** this may be contagious and result in a circulation of an infectious disease,
    - These products mask the symptoms which may both delay the child seeking required medication attention or rest to recover from and fight the illness, and
    - Your child may start to feel unwell a few hours after being dropped off as these products wear off, this may result in your child experiencing discomfort while is care. Educators will need to contact families to collect their child if they are displaying symptoms of being unwell and are not able to participate fully in the program.
    - Parents complete the Medication Form which is current for 5 consecutive days.
    - As per the Medication Policy and Procedure.
- Follow exclusions as per the Immunisation Policy and Procedure where required.
- Follow any isolation or exclusions which may apply in time of a localised outbreak or pandemic.
- **Understand that where your child is excluded due to an illness normal booking fees apply.**

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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.