

Allys Kindy @ One Mile

Newsletter

September

Directors Letter

Welcome to all of our families new and old,

As the weather is getting hotter, I would like to remind families to ensure their child has a **water bottle, hat and summer clothes** packed for the day. To ensure your child's water bottle remains hygienic, I recommend taking the water bottle home for cleaning everyday. Please understand it is not the Educators' job to ensure children's belongings are laundered. At bare minimum your child's Kindy Bag should include a hat, water bottle, spare change of clothes (more if your child is toilet training) and a sheet or blanket (for rest time) Ensuring all of your child's items are clearly labelled, this will assist Educators in returning any lost items. As you can imagine, in a Centre of 72 children per day, belongings can be misplaced!

If your child will be a part of the 2026 Kindergarten Room next year, I would like to remind those families that their child will need to be toilet trained to be moved up to the room as there are no nappy changing facilities for Kindergarten. Please help prepare your child by beginning toilet training and remaining consistent.

We hope all our Kindergarten Families have enrolled their child into PREP for next year. Completing this process now ensures that the school can communicate any transition days or visits to the school to help your child get ready for their next step into primary school!

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all families who have been apart of all of our recent fundraising and family fun days. Our Centre relies on parent involvement and we are all thankful to have such a great community around us!

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!

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Upcoming Events

Thursday 3rd
September

Father's Day Morning
Tea

Thursday 10th
September

RUOK Day

Wear yellow to Kindy

Week of 21st
September

Henny Penny Arrives!

*Watch baby chickens hatch from
eggs*

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

Centre News

All rooms have been enjoying this lovely weather! A lot more outdoor play and opportunities to be in nature- We love this time of year!

Following children's interest in all things sensory, there has been a lot of slime, playdough and themed messy table play in rooms. Children get to explore different textures while encouraging gross and fine motor skills all in the fun of play!

Week beginning 18th of August we celebrated Book Week with children encouraged to come to kindy as their favourite fictional character. We had so many wonderful costumes including princesses and Spiderman's.

Staff Holidays

Some of our team will be having 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): 01/09/26– 11/09/26

Miss GRANNY (Kindergarten, Assistant): 14/09/26- 18/09/26

Miss MONICA (Nursery, Assistant): 21/09/26- 25/09/26

Miss KAYCEE (Toddler, Assistant): 21/09/26- 02/10/26

Accounts

Debit Success has now been launched on the Xplor App! *For families that would like an automated way of paying fees- feel free to sign up to this no fuss method for paying fees. Debit Success Request forms are also available at the office.*

PAY NOW, Direct Deposit and EFTPOS are all still available as per normal.

A friendly reminder to all families that gap fees must be paid weekly or fortnightly. If you are experiencing any difficulties please see our Director, Donna.

Failure to keep account up to date will see a reduction of days or cease of placement at the centre.

Jeans for Genes Day

A massive thank you to all who participated in Jeans for Genes Day this year. ***With your generosity we raised \$72.40 this year!***

The Jeans for Genes cause is very close to our hearts and over the last 5 years we have raised \$4,972.40 as a community, raising funds for the Children's Medical Research Institute.

Research is so important as 1 in 20 children are born with a birth defect or genetic disease, such as cystic fibrosis, cancer, or metabolic disorders.

Fathers Day Morning Tea

A friendly reminder our Father's Day Morning Tea is this Thursday 3rd of September beginning at 10am. RSVP tilli@allyskindy.com.au

Signing in and out

Remember to stay on top of one task as you walk through the foyer- **signing your child in and out!**

This is very important to remember, as Centrelink can reject continual staff sign in/out of child leaving you with full fees.

Having trouble with Xplor software? Talk to Tilly- Or email tilli@allyskindy.com.au It's that simple!

Henny Penny Incursion

On Monday 21st of September our centre will be having our annual Henny Penny Incursion- where children will be able to watch the chickens hatch from eggs and their first week of life. We ask during this time for families not to touch incubator or baby chickens.

At the end of the second week, there is an ability for families to take home some baby chickens. As the incursion is apart of the Kindergarten Program- **Kindergarten families have the first opportunity.** If wanting to be on the list for baby chickens, please email Miss Tilly (tilli@allyskindy.com.au) *You must be able to take a minimum of 3 babies as they are social animals.*



Cadbury Fundraiser

Thank you to all for participating in our Cadbury Fundraiser

All money and unsold chocolates are now due! Please return as soon as possible to settle accounts!

All money raised will be used for new resources for children to play, grow and learn from!

Educator Spotlight

Every monthly newsletter will feature an Educator Spotlight— Helping families to get to know our team.



Miss Laura

Room: Pre Kindy, Assistant

Qualification: Diploma in Early Childhood

What motivated you to become apart of the childcare industry? Wanting to help all our little people to get the best start to their learning journey

Favourite place to be? On the surf and sand at North Stradbroke Island

Hobbies or interests? I love playing soccer

Something you may not know about me... I can play 4 different instruments

Parent Works Online Program

www.parentworks.org.au

ParentWorks is a free online program for Australian parents and caregivers of children 2 to 17. It is an 'evidence-based' program, which means that the program has been tested in research and found it be effective in improving parenting skills, parenting confidence and child behaviour.

Parents and caregivers may find this program helpful for:

- Managing challenging child behaviours such as tantrums, aggression, noncompliance, inattentive or hyperactive behaviour, sibling conflict, getting ready for school and/or bed, and behaviours outside the home, such as problems in the supermarket
- Increasing their confidence in parenting
- Working as a team with their partner

Under 5's Esafety

Feature Article for Online Child Safety

We can help our children safely navigate the online world by taking some basic steps to reduce the risks. Online activity can offer children under 5 opportunities to learn through exploration, play and social interaction. It can also help develop their digital literacy and learning.

But there may be risks if they use connected devices without supervision or for extended periods of time. Your child may accidentally come across content not designed for children, be exposed to potential contact with strangers and miss out on physical activity. You can find more information in the eSafety Early Years – Online safety for under 5s. For ways to start conversations about online safety and difficult topics like child sexual abuse online, see our advice for talking with children aged 0 to 12.

Advice for parents and carers

- Take the time to find content that is right for your child's age and understanding, and aligns with your family's values. See are they old enough?
- Limit the time your child spends online to ensure a good balance with physical activity. See screen time.
- Try to stick to the rules you set and encourage good online habits, as this will benefit your child now and in the future. You can do this by explaining that rules and good decisions around technology, like when to take a break from gaming, are there to keep them safe and healthy, See our family tech agreement for under 5s.
- Start the conversation about safe and respectful behaviour online. It is never too early to do this and to help your child understand that what they say and do online is important.
- Ensure your own devices are protected by a password or passphrases or PIN, so your child cannot accidentally go online without you.
- Set parental controls on your computer, phone and any other devices your child will use so you can restrict available content to apps and sites you have chosen. Choose a handful of sites you are comfortable with, and bookmark them on the device your child uses. You can add to the list as they get older and need greater access

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Policy Review

Online Safety Policy and Procedure

Educators and Other Team Members will:

- Ensure the safety, rights and best interests of children are paramount to all decision making and practices.
- Be proactive in fulfilling the requirements of this service policy and related legislative requirements.
- Seek further guidance where required to fulfil your requirements.
- Report any concerns or non-compliance immediately to the Nominated Supervisor or Approved Provider.
- Participate in the review of documents and provide constructive feedback to the Nominated Supervisor or Approved Provider.
- Participate in the creation and/or review of the risk assessment, at least every 12mths, and as soon as practicable after becoming aware of any circumstance that may affect the online safety of children.
- Follow the recommendations for sedentary screen time and restrict to use over 2yrs and no more than 1hr per day.
- Incorporate active screen use such as dancing or yoga.
- Only use Apps, website and view programs with children approved by the Approved Provider or Nominated Supervisor on the “Approved Digital Programs and APP’s Record”
- Share information with families on technologies used and the educational benefits.
- Closely supervise children using devices.
- Teach children what to do if there is a pop up on the device they are using or if content seems different.
- Regularly discuss concepts of ‘being online’ and ‘using the internet’ with children so they continue to develop their understanding.
- Collaboratively establish safe rules when using devices, such as:
 - I will ask before I use a device.
 - I will follow our rules when I use technology.
 - I will take turns and use kind words when I use a device.
 - I will ask before I take a photo of anyone.
 - I will tell my teacher if I see something that makes me feel sad when I use a device



Article 13: Children have the right to share freely with others what they learn, think and feel, by talking, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms other people

The convention on the Rights of a Child is an important document at Allys Kindy. Every month will feature an article to raise awareness about how adults and governments should work together to make sure that all children have access to all their rights.