

Allys Kindy @ One Mile

# Newsletter

October

## Directors Letter

Welcome to all of our families new and old,

Tilly and I will be personally handing out our Re-Enrolment packs which contain vital documents of events happening at the end of year and forms for holidays and request booking for 2027. It is important to hand a completed pack back by November to help assist in planning over the coming months.

Kindergarten Free Kindy in Queensland is a significant milestone that has positively impacted families and children throughout 2026— and it's continuing in 2027. All **Kindergarten children next year** will have access to 15 hours a week extra paid subsidy on top of CCS. This subsidy goes for 40 weeks beginning in February. Date to be advised.

For all 2026 Kindergarten Families who currently receive **Free Kindy**, please be aware that the **last week of the Free Kindy subsidy is on the 27/11/26**. This means from **30/11/2026** your original gap fee will be charged to account. Please check with myself or Tilly your original gap fee and make changes to any direct debit payments you may have set up to ensure a smooth transition and no disruptions to your account.

I would like families to be aware that our Centre follows the National Model Code for Taking Images or videos of children. In doing this we use service issued devices. We only carry or use personal devices for authorized essential purposes such as emergencies. Authorized purpose is only permitted by myself, the Director. We have strict controls for storage and retention for images of children. All permissions for images and videos for each child is gathered upon enrolment and updated each year with re-enrolment. Please understand that you have the right to change your permissions at any time. We ask families not to take images at the service.

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

### 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.**



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## Upcoming Events

**Monday 5th October**

**CLOSED**

**Public Holiday**

**Thursday 22nd October**

**Grandparents Day MT**

*RSVP event*

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**Day for Daniel**

*Wear Red to Kindy in support of Day for Daniel*

**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

Our Centre has been enjoying a range of experiences including silkworms and our Henny Penny Hatching Incursion. It has been very exciting to see children experience and witness chickens hatch from eggs and their first days of life as well as the life cycle of silkworms. The baby chickens have now found loving homes to go to. We hope their new families enjoy them as much as we have!

During September we celebrated Early Childhood Educators Day and Father's Day Morning Tea. Thank you to everyone who made both events a success! It is fantastic to see how our community comes together to show appreciation for each other.

Miss Fleur will be away for a month for more fire training- we wish her all the best.

## 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 Kaycee (Toddler, Assistant): 02/10/26– 20/10/26

## 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.**

## Kindergarten Graduation

Kindergarten Graduation for Class of 2026 is just around the corner! The official invite has been sent out along with the Re-Enrolment Pack.

Some important things to remember:

Date: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of November

Venue: Immaculate Heart Primary School Hall

Time: 4:30pm for guests. Children must arrive by 4:15pm to prepare for ceremony.

*It is the parent's responsibility to prepare and take their child to the hall for graduation.*

RSVP: Due by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of November. *We ask that families limit to immediate family only for consideration of others.*

As we only have the hall booked until 6pm, celebrations will end at 5:30pm to allow time for pack up and cleaning.

## Grandparents Day Morning Tea

We warmly invite all our families Grandparents to our annual Grandparents Day Morning Tea held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October. Please RSVP attending grandparent name to [tilli@allyskindy.com.au](mailto:tilli@allyskindy.com.au)

It is vital to remember that personal mobile phones are not permitted to be used pass the foyer door in our commitment to providing a child safe environment. *Please inform attending family of this to avoid confusion or embarrassment.*

## 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/outs of child leaving you with full fees.

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



# No Hat, No Play

To prepare our Kindergarten Children for their next step into PREP, we will be fostering the No Hat, No Play Rule to allow children to become more independent and responsible for their belongings going forward into school.

Children without hats will have to play indoors during 8-4:30pm

## Educator Spotlight

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



**Miss Carlyn**

**Room:** Nursery, Assistant

**Qualification:** Studying Cert III in Early Childhood

**What motivated you to become apart of the childcare industry?** To try something different and explore other adventures

**Favourite place to be?** At home with my daughter

**Hobbies or interests?** I love singing, crochet at times and journaling

**Something you may not know about me...** I am learning how to skate with my daughter

## Kids Hubs

Medicare Mental Health Kids Hubs provide a safe and welcoming place where children, and their families, carers, and kin, can access free mental health and wellbeing supports and services.

Kids Hubs are designed for children aged 0 to 12 years who are experiencing mild to moderate developmental, emotional, relational and/or behavioural challenges.

**Connecting with Kids Hubs is easy:**

- Contact your nearest location to make an appointment or enquire about walk-in availability. No diagnosis or referral is required.
- You can also call **1800 595 212** for information about the Kids Hubs and other mental health and wellbeing supports in your local area.

Kids Hubs are not a crisis service. If you need urgent help, call 000 or access crisis support services.

## Being a Sun Smart Family

### *Feature Article for Sun Safety*

Families love being outdoors and being active. But being outdoors means you and your family can be exposed to UV radiation.

To protect your family's health and create habits that your children can carry with them through life, make sure your family know when the UV hits 3 and the best ways to cover up from UV.

If the UV is 3 or above, make sure your family uses five forms of sun protection by wearing a hat, clothing and sunglasses, applying sunscreen and enjoying shady areas outdoors to give you extra coverage.

Parents and carers are powerful role models.

When you use all five forms of sun protection, not only is it protecting you, it means children are more likely to use them too.

Make sun protection part of your daily routine to show how to be SunSmart. Help make sun protection a part of the daily routine and encourage children to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide.

Guide children to choose SunSmart clothing, create a sunscreen station for easy application before going outdoors, make sure hats and sunglasses are within reach, and promote outdoor play in shaded spaces.

*Advertise your business here! Supporting our community*



## Policy Review

### Sun Protection Policy and Procedure

#### Educators and Other Team Members will:

##### Sunscreen

- Ensure a minimum of SPF50 broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen is applied at least 20mins prior to going outdoors to yourself and children in your care.
- Ask families each morning if sunscreen has been applied and if needed apply. Encourage families to apply sunscreen prior to arriving at care to ensure a smooth arrival.
- Sunscreen must be re-applied before going back outside and at least every two hours.
- Apply liberally to clean, dry skin. Apply lightly, don't rub in.
- Use a separate tissue or cotton wool ball when applying to individual children's faces to prevent the spread of germs from skin, noses, mouth, ears and eyes.
- Encourage children over 2yrs to apply their own sunscreen under your supervision.
- Always store sunscreen as per the manufacturer's instructions, which may include being kept out of reach of children. It should be stored in a supervised location.
- Monitor sunscreen expiry dates for both service and individual sunscreen and notify the Nominated Supervisor immediately of any expired products.
- Ask families to provide an alternative sunscreen where children have allergies or sensitivities to sunscreen. This should be clearly labelled and communicated to all team members.
- Notify families and the Nominated Supervisor where it appears a child has a reaction to the sunscreen used.

##### Environments and exposure to the sun

- Before children enter play spaces that have been exposed to the sun during the day, check the temperature of a range of outdoor surfaces, including artificial grass, mats, decks, pathways, bikes and climbing equipment. Test with both a thermometer and a palm check – placing your palm flat on the surface comfortably for at least a few minutes. If you are unable to hold your palm flat comfortably for at least a few minutes or it is 45° or more, it is too hot for play.
- Refer to the Providing Safe Environments Policy and Procedure for guidance on managing hot surfaces.



**Article 39:** Children have the right to get help if they have been hurt, neglected, treated badly or affected by war, so they can get back their health and dignity

*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 have access to all their rights.*