



Centre News

March 2021



From the office

The year is off to a great start and all the children are settling into their new rooms and have already built on some new and existing friendships. We would like to officially welcome all our new families and hope that you are all settling in well.

Upcoming Events

During March for Harmony Week Celebrations we would love for our families to bring along a plate of food that's special to your families culture on the 25th to share with your child's room or send along some photos of you doing something that you love to do as a family that your child can share and talk about with their friends. We have a teddy bears picnic coming up on the 30th March so bring along your teddies for a fun filled day of activities.

For the Families

On the 17th March at 5:15pm you are welcome to join us for an information session with Josephine Laphorn on "Understanding Behaviour as Communication... attachment seeking versus attention seeking.. " If you would like to attend please see us at the office to register.

Hats, Bags, Shirts and Drink Bottles – We have just got some new stock in so if you would like to purchase any extra bags, shirts, hats or our new back packs please see the office. Bags, shirts and hats will be \$10.00 each and drink bottles \$5.00

Fees

As you are aware we will have the new fees in place as of the 1st March. Please let us know if you need to adjust any payments you may have set up. Please ensure accounts are kept up to date to avoid \$25.00 late fee being applied. If you would like to set up direct debit or centrepay payment please come and see us at the office.

Have you confirmed their 2018–19 income? Centrelink is asking us to remind families to do so otherwise you will lose your Child Care Subsidy and will be left paying full fees. For more information please see us at the office.

Health and Wellbeing

Temperatures and sickness

There seems to be a variety of sickness going around at the moment. Recently RSV has been a common strain that is going around and is highly contagious. If your child is showing signs of sickness through temperatures, coughing, shortness of breath, lethargic or lack of appetite we ask that you keep them at home until they are feeling better to avoid the spread. Our policy states that if your child has a temperature they must stay away from care until 24 hours after their last high temperature. This is to ensure that whatever their bodies are fighting off has passed.

Head Lice – Please remember to keep an eye on your child/ren's hair for any signs of lice. It's important that if you are treating for headlice that this is done regularly to avoid any reinfestations occurring. For more information please feel free to come and chat to us.

Sharing Photos and Communication – We are looking at trialling an app which we hope to have rolled out by the end of March. This app is called OWNA. You can download it on your phone ready for us to invite you. If you don't wish to be a part of it you don't need to. I will have more information on the front door in the coming week.

May God bless you all as we move through the year together.

Regards, Helen Hopkins - Director

March Events

7th Clean up
Australia Day
16th Close the Gap
Day
17th St Patrick's
Day
25th Taste of
Harmony Day,
bring along your
favorite food to
share)
22nd World Water
Day
30th Teddy Bear's
Picnic

**My flesh and my heart may fail, but
God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.**

(Psalm 73:26)

Nursery News

March 2021

The year is just flying by already! So far this year we have been enjoying settling into our routines and getting to know each other in our Nursery. We welcome our new friends that are joining us for the year.



Miss
Stacey

Miss
Vera

Miss
Ella

Our focus has been settling in and getting used to each other and building relationships with the children.

This year I will be taking a day off to complete some studies in the area of psychology. This is an exciting venture for me but I continue to look forward to the time we have together the other 4 days.

Miss Vera will run the room when I am away. As we are still a little quiet in the nursery we have Miss Ella and Miss Chelsea joining us throughout the week and also Miss Rhi coming in to join us at times. We all look forward to the journey together. Please make sure that you leave any notes in the children's books of messages you want to pass on. We are looking at trialling an app this year though so that will be a great way for us to communicate. Look out for that information.

Throughout February we have been focusing on sensory profiles and exploring different textures during our activities and experiences in the room. This has been through different feeling materials, objects, food and craft items.



For the Christian curriculum in February we learnt about how God created all of us special and moving into March we will be singing songs and doing activities around the fruits of the spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness and self-control. We will do some fun activities that highlight these traits.



Kind Regards,
Miss Stacey, Miss Vera and Miss Ella

Toddlers News

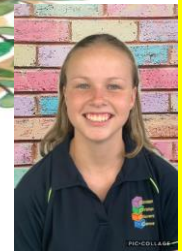
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Miss
Bec



Miss
Nicky



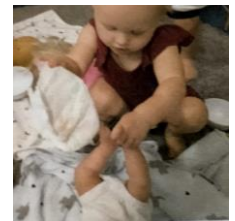
Miss
Chelsea

Welcome to our first newsletter. The year has just flown by already and we are all settled into our new Toddler family. The children have absolutely loved playing in their new space and being the big Toddlers.

The children are settling well with their routines in their new environment and building relationship with their educators. We welcome our new friends who have joined us this year and look forward to the year ahead. As we grow in number we are excited to have Miss Chelsea join us in the Toddlers room over the 5 days. I will be there Monday to Thursday and Miss Nicky will be in the room for a 9 day fortnight with Miss Vera filling in on any days that we are away.

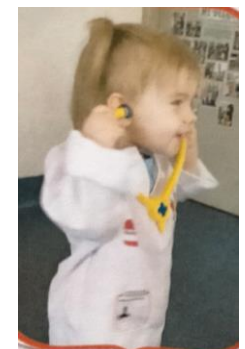
Children's Interest and learning

During February the children have been interested in home corner, feeding dolls, bathing dolls, cooking with our home corner toys and it's great to see them exploring on their creativity. We have seen a lot of amazing role play in the nursery. They especially love to wrap their dolls in their blankets and rock them while they carry them around. We have extended this into other dramatic role play experiences like our Toddlers Clinic!

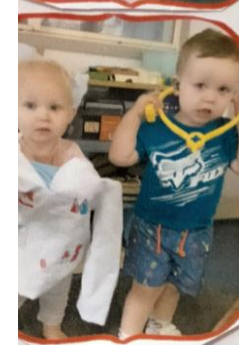


Christian Curriculum

We have been talking to children about how wonderful God made us and he loves us, as part of our Christian curriculum for this month! We have been doing some fun activities where we are looking at how much God loves each one of us and how he made each of us special. During March we will look at the Fruits of the Spirit which highlight our traits like being kind, loving and patient just like God is with us. Our Toddlers are already navigating through these areas and learning each day 😊

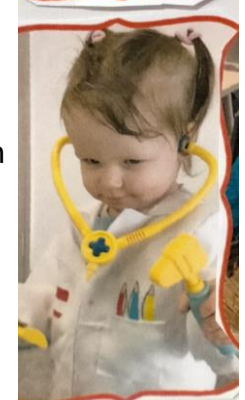


As it's still been a little warm we will be doing water play so please put some spare clothes in your child bag and please label all your child items to help us.



Music Time

Next month we will be exploring on music! Please you are welcome to share any idea or bring in some instrument that your child like to play with. If you play an instrument or sing we would love to have you join us and share your talents.



We have our daily communication book in front, please use it for any information that you want us to know. This month we hope to have an online app starting so look out for this information. We will be able to share photos with you and you can also send us messages.

God bless you and your family,
Miss Bec, Miss Nicky and Miss Chelsea

Juniors News

March 2021



**Miss
Janet**

**Miss
Kian**

**Miss
Rhi**

We would first of all like to officially welcome Declan, Olivia, and Melody into our room and say how wonderfully all of the children have settled into our room and our routine.

We are now well into the year and there have been some exciting interests in the room! During January and February, the children enjoyed exploring their senses as we looked at each sense through some fun and exciting experiences. A big favourite is still physical touch and as we move out of sensory exploration, we are still finding ways to incorporate unique textures into our daily activities.

Child Interest and learning

The main interest in the room at the moment is colours. This is something that many of our families have said that they would like their child to be learning about this year as well as being something that the children really love. From learning about how colours mix to learning about sorting and identifying by colour, we've done art, construction, dramatic play, science and more! The children have loved seeing how the world is full of colour and we will continue to see where this interest leads us in March.



Christian Curriculum

This month's Christian Curriculum is based on God creating each child to be special and unique and to have a purpose. The children have been able to learn about and discover a stronger sense of self identity as we discovered all about them, their families, and their own personal culture. Next month's Christian focus is the Fruits Of The Spirit and we will be taking a look at how we can each poses these individual virtues in different ways. We will learn about Love, Joy, Peace, patience, kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. Many of these we often learn from our children as much as they can learn from us.

We have absolutely loved being able to build relationships with each child and look forward to further getting to know our families so, as always, if you have any questions or would like to share something about your child or your family in general, please feel come and have a chat. From now on I will be here until late in the afternoons and Miss Kian or Miss Rhi will usually be here in the mornings so come and see us anytime.

God Bless Miss
Janet, Miss Kian, and Miss Rhi

Pre Kindy News

March 2021



Miss Paige



Miss Kerry



Miss Charity

The year is going so fast already. What a great start to the year. We have started off very busy this year and our focus has been on establishing nurturing relationships with each of the children.

This year I am excited to be working in the Pre Kindy room alongside some amazing Educators. Miss Kerry and Miss Charity will be the other core educators in the room with Miss Eryn and Miss Rebecca helping out also throughout the week. Together we look forward to reaching goals and creating some fun times of learning together.



Miss Eryn



Miss Rebecca

Children's Interests and learning

Over the past month the children have been engaged in a variety of experiences as we have a large range of interests in the room. A lot of our children are loving the variety of constructive play and recently some of the children have shown an interest in caring for our babies so we have set up an area for the dolls.

We are exploring a lot of sensory experiences too. Sensory play is important to help children regulate their feelings and emotions throughout the day so a lot of our children are drawn to these fun activities. We will continue with providing a variety of sensory activities inside and outside over the coming months.

Gardening and Cooking

The children have been enjoying helping with the gardens in the yard also. We are looking forward to the tomatoes being ready to pick and excited to see our first Sunflower bloom. Last month the children enjoyed making a cake from the bush tucker mulberries on the tree in our meeting area.



Christian curriculum

During February we learnt about how God created all of us special. The children enjoyed looking at the parts of their bodies and creating a unique picture of themselves. Moving into March we will be singing songs and doing activities around the fruits of the spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness and self-control. We will do some fun activities that highlight these traits.



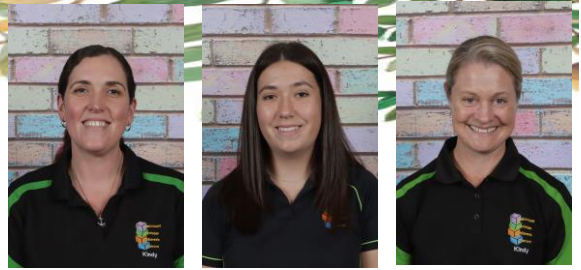
Parents and Community

During March we are looking to get to know our families more and would love to hear from you. We would love for you to share some photos of anything you love to do as a family or if you would like to come in and cook your favourite meal with us we would love to have you. Or join us for some arts and crafts.

God bless, from Miss Paige and the Pre Kindy team.

Kindy News

March 2021



Miss Alida

Miss Abi

Miss Shaylee

Hello and welcome to our first Kindergarten newsletter. I'm thrilled to be your child's Kindergarten teacher this year and look forward to teaching your child along with Miss Abbi and Miss Shaylee, preparing them to be emotionally, socially, physically and spiritually ready for their first formal year at school.

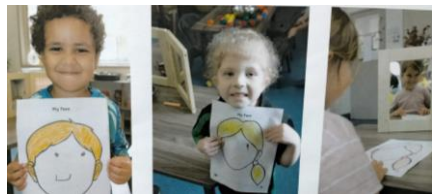
The first term we will be focusing on developing social and emotional competencies through reciprocal relationships, consistent routines and safe inclusive learning environments, this is basically about making connections and building strong relationships with each other setting the foundation of trust and learning about safe boundaries with each other and in the environment. I look forward to meeting you all and discovering what your aspirations are for your child so we can develop goals and work together to achieve the best possible outcomes.

Program check in

Firstly, we will be developing relationships, getting to know each other and establishing a routine that will support your child's development and school readiness other areas of focus this term will be:

- Emotional and social competencies – strategies for emotional regulation, mindfulness.
- All about me
- project based learning – stories and storytelling
- Emergent curriculum – following on from children's interests as they emerge.

Christian curriculum – Our Christian curriculum focus in February is 'God made me and I'm special' We will be discovering that we are all special and unique and God loves us all no matter what!



House Keeping

Please ensure that your child has their drink bottle every day.

Sun safe clothing needs to be worn, sleeved shirts please!

Minimum 2 spare change of clothes as we have been enjoying the indoor / outdoor play even in the rain.

Please also ensure that your child has a named fitted cot sheet and blanket everyday.

Kindergarten meet and greet

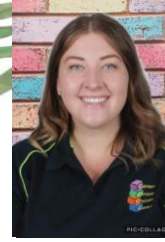
I will be available on the **16th & 18th of March from 3:30pm – 5** if you would like to book in a meeting with myself to find out about the kindergarten program and have a chat about your child and the aspirations that you have for them.



God Bless,
Miss Alida, Miss Abi and Miss Shaylee.

Schoolies News

March 2021



**Miss
Eryn**



**Mr
Jarrod**

Hello schoolies and schoolies families!

Straight into a new year and new grades. The schoolies have been so excited telling us all the stories about their new teachers, new friends, how hard the learning is and how much fun they are having.

This term at after school care the schoolies have been loving doing face painting, sewing, drawing competitions, handball and just getting to know each other more.

Our Christmas vacation care program was a big hit with the all the schoolies that attended. Over the next couple of weeks we will be doing up the program for the Easter holidays. If you have any suggestions please let us know, we would love to hear them!

Over the past couple of months our Christian Curriculum has been focused on creation, God made me and we are about to start talking about the fruit of the spirit. We have had a few discussions abouts these topics over afternoon tea after our "Thank you" Prayer that we do each afternoon before we eat.

We are looking forward to trialling an APP in the centre where we will be able to share pictures, stories and announcements with families. If you are interested in joining up to this please see the office for more information.

Vacation Care

Easter Holidays will be here before we know it so book now to avoid missing out as we can only take a small number of children.

We look forward to another year ahead and wish you all safety and blessings throughout the school year of 2021.

God Bless,
Eryn and Jarrod