

LEAD Childcare Goondiwindi

# February Newsletter

## SPECIAL DAYS THIS MONTH

- 4<sup>th</sup> February – World Cancer Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> February – Valentine's Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> February – Teal Ribbon Day (Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month)

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## WHATS IN THIS EDITION

- Welcome note from your centre manager
- What's been happening in your rooms
- This month's birthdays
- This month's celebrations
- Important events of next month

This month's promotion!

## No Enrolment Fee!

For all families who enrol in the month of February, there will be **no \$50 enrolment fee.**

***HURRY! Limited spaces available!***

Terms and conditions apply. Please see your centre manager for more details.

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# Happy New Year and Welcome from Lauren!

Hello and welcome to February!

I hope you are all settled back into the swing of kindy and school drops offs. I am loving seeing our Kindy group from last year all dressed in their brand new school uniforms! I hope there hasn't been too many tears.

Thank you to those parents that attended our first parent meeting of the year, we had some great discussions on the centre, fundraising and things to do for the Educators. Most of you by now should have seen the pretty god box on my front desk, this is called our Educator Appreciation box, please feel free to take a piece of note paper and write an educator a special thankyou or shout out for something they may have done this month. I will be reading them out at the end of each month at our Educator Meetings.

Do you all know that every family has their own family pocket? They are located at your youngest child's room and hang outside the door. We use these pockets to get book club, excursion notes and any other important information home t our families, please make sure you check your child's regularly.

We supply Nappies in the centre to our Under 2 rooms only, which is the Nursery and Toddlers. Once your child transitions to the JK room, families are asked to supply nappies. The Nursery is the only room we supple linen for rest time, please ensure your child is sent each day with sheets for rest time.

I work 8:30- 5 each day so please see me during these hours if you ever have any questions, concerns or feedback.

Thank you

Miss Lauren xx

## LEAD Goondiwindi Educators

### Nursery

Miss Claudia

Miss Hannah

### Toddler

Miss Lisa

Miss Leah

### Junior Kindy

Miss Bella

Miss Deb

Miss Krystal

Miss Tiff

### Pre Kindy

Miss Pia

Miss Harriet

### Kindergarten

Miss Britt

Miss Jan

### Schoolies

Miss Crystal

### Cook

Miss Michele



For the month of February, we are focusing on

# Quality Area 1

## Educational Program and Practice.

The aim of Quality Area 1 of the National Quality Standard is to ensure that the educational program and practice is stimulating and engaging, and enhances children's learning and development. In school age care services, the program nurtures the development of life skills and complements children's experiences, opportunities and relationships at school, at home and in the community.

### HAVE YOUR SAY!

February's parent Meeting will be held in the centre on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb at 5pm. everyone is welcome.

Have you seen our Educator Appreciation box on the front desk? Families are encouraged to use this box to leave a thankyou note or shout out to an Educator who has done something special for them.

Did you know we love parent input in all our rooms at LEAD Goondiwindi? You can give this directly to educators or via story park if you don't see them that day.

# What's happening in the Nursery

Welcome to all our Nursery families,

What a great start to 2019 we have had in the Nursery. Myself and Miss Hannah have loved getting to know all of our wonderful new babies and their families. In the month of January the babies have enjoyed getting to know one another. We have started the year off with lots of fun sensory play and artwork. The babies are loving getting their hands dirty and feeling new textures.

This month we will be introducing our new context of learning "The Body." Stay tuned on storypark for our first question about "the body" and how this related to the babies and their learning.

What to pack in my child's bag:

- Your child's bottles for the day
- Water bottle
- A hat
- Spare clothes
- Any comforters

**Please ensure that ALL items are fully and clearly labelled.**



# Toddler Time

What a lovely start we have had for 2019!

We have welcomed children from the Nursery and said good bye to our older Toddlers who transitioned to the Junior Kindy Room. Together we have been busy creating and making our room inviting for our Toddlers. We have collaborated many photos and placed them around the room for the children to reflect and identify, this has been a fantastic mini project as the children have enjoy looking at themselves and their friends. Behind the door in the Toddlers room you will find our Parent Information wall, we will add specific information for your knowledge based on our age group. This will include items such as milestones, our menu and entre events.

General reminder

In the toddlers room we provide the following: Nappies, wipes, meals and sunscreen.

What you need to pack: A spare set of clothing, sheets for rest time, a sun safe hat and any creams necessary for your child. (All Creams and medications need to be labelled with a chemist label).

Our context of learning for this term is "Our Body". We look forward to investigating and exploring all things body related. To begin our learning we have looked at our face and the children are confidently recognizing their eyes, ears, noses and mouths. We are very excited to see where this leads us over the next few months.

If you have any questions please feel free to see Leah or Myself or alternatively send us a message on Story Park.

Thank you, The Toddler Team!!



Learning    Enjoyment    Activity    Development

# Junior Kindy

Welcome to all of the new Junior Kindy Families!

We have had a lovely start to the 2019 year with lots of new faces coming through the door, which we love to see. I hope everybody had a lovely Christmas and a happy new year and enjoyed a well-earned break. As we are start the school year off with a bang I would like to introduce to you the Educators that will be in the JK room on a daily basis Miss Bella working Monday - Friday, Miss Deb Monday - Friday, Miss Krystal Monday - Wednesday, and Miss Tiffany Thursday and Friday.

This Term our Context of Learning is 'the Body', we will set our own questions to ask the children and extend on their learning within the room. If you have any activities or some family input about the body we would love your input into the children's learning. You will see the children's learning within and what evolves from these questions.

Please remember to NAME EVERYTHING, if they do not have a name on them and they are out of your child's bag I will be putting them into the lost property box. Water bottles and hats need to come to Kindy EVERYDAY please.

Remembering that if your child is still in nappies or rest nappies that you need to supply these, at least 5 a day.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask

Bella, Deb, Krystal and Tiff



# Pre Kindy

Can't believe you're into February already where did January go? During January we shared our room with the vacation care children and we've been learning about Australian people, flags and touched on Australian animals. For our Australia Day celebration we had sausages on bread for lunch, did some dot painting and enjoyed the endless fun of balloons. Amongst all of this the children have started to settle into our routine and enjoy exploring their new environments. February we're starting our new learning of context 'the body'. From talking to the children we've started to explore the 5 senses, if you have any suggestions of activities please let us know.



# Kindergarten

In the kindy room this month we have welcomed many new faces. We will be focusing on constructing a positive relationship between staff and children as well as with each other. We are learning the routine within the room in order to get the children settled for 2019. Our context of learning for this term is “the body”. Last month we celebrated Australia Day. The children had group discussions about what they do to celebrate Australia Day, we discussed some of the iconic Australian animals and also sung the Australian national anthem and the song I am Australian. This month we will also be looking at our numbers, letters, colours, and shapes and assessing what level the children are at. We will be sending home many things that will need to be returned to start our year such as information for families and would love if you can send in a family photo for our family tree. Welcome to the Kindy room

From  
Miss Britt and Miss Jan



# Schoolies

To start of this amazing year we were focusing on making our new building look amazing and colourful with doing paintings, arts and crafts. For a couple of weeks we spend time in the Pre Kindy room while they were finishing off the new schoolies building. We done lots of fun things in the Pre Kindy room with Miss Pia and Miss Harriet. Miss Pia done an awesome job with rearranging the veranda so most of the time the boys spent time out there building awesome creations out of the wooden blocks and playing their bay blades of course. While the girls had fun exploring home corner, helping out with the little children and doing arts and crafts. We learnt a lot about Australia during Australia Day week and Miss Pia has some awesome books she read to us. The schoolies also helped out with explaining to the younger children what Australia Day is about and why we explore it. We ended the week of Australia Day with a yummy sausage sizzle and ice blocks. Thank you Miss Pia and Miss Harriet for letting us join your room and have an awesome time. Cannot wait to see what exciting things the following month has planned ahead.

Miss Crystal

# Sustainability

## Sustainability at Goondiwindi

The children at LEAD love using items brought in from home in their play. On our most recent trip to empty the donation recycling bins we found old bottle lids, plastic bottles and large pieces of cardboard. These were then added to the growing pile of recycled materials on the art trolleys and the children use them in the morning to make a variety of things from robots and towers to birthday cakes. We can't wait to see that else the children will build and create with these items, the possibilities are endless.

What does reduce look like in our centre

- Buying in bulk from suppliers
- Buying what we need and making sure what we buy goes to good use
- Selecting products that are made from recycled materials
- Using durable items that last and are well made rather than plastic
- Growing our own vegetables and herbs with the children

What does reuse look like in our centre

- Donate large items to other services or local organisations
- Looking at op shops for items for the centre
- Using items donated from families in our rooms for use in art and craft area
- Using old pots and pans in home corner and the music wall

What does recycle look like in our centre

- We have set up a recycling station for families to donate paper and plastic products for use in the construction and art area
- We have a separate paper recycling bin in each room that is placed in our outdoor paper and cardboard only bin and collected weekly





# Craft Corner

## PLAYDOUGH

- 1/2 cup salt
- 1 cup plain flour
- 2 tbs cream of tartar
- 1 cup water
- 1 tbs oil
- 3 drops liquid food colouring

### Method

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- **STEP 1** Mix all ingredients together in a medium-sized saucepan.
- **STEP 2** Stir over heat until dough is pliable.
- **STEP 3** Allow to cool, and store in a well-sealed plastic bag or container

# Recipes of the Month

## Recipe

### Healthy pancakes

- \* 1-2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats\*
- \* 1 cup Greek yogurt
- \* 3 eggs
- \* 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- \* 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- \* 1/8 teaspoon salt
- \* 2 tablespoons agave nectar (can sub honey, maple syrup, sucunat, or coconut sugar)
- \* 1 teaspoon baking powder
- \* coconut oil, butter, or oil of choice

#### Method

1. Put all ingredients in the blender and blend until very smooth.
2. Heat a pan with about 1 tablespoon of coconut oil.
3. Pour a small amount of batter into the pan. Cook about 4-5 minutes on the first side and 2-3 minutes on the second side.
4. Repeat until all the batter is gone (or cook them all on one large griddle)
5. Enjoy!

## Recipe

### Zucchini Slice

- \* 5 Eggs
- \* 150g (1 cup) self-raising flour, sifted
- \* 375g zucchini, grated
- \* 1 large onion, finely chopped
- \* 200g rindless bacon, chopped
- \* 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- \* 60ml (1/4 cup) vegetable oil

#### Method

- \* Preheat oven to 170C.
- \* Step 2 Beat the eggs in a large bowl until combined. Add the flour and beat until smooth, then add zucchini, onion, bacon, cheese and oil and stir to combine.
- \* Step 3 Grease and line a 30 x 20cm lamington pan. Pour into the prepared pan and bake in oven for 30 minutes or until cooked through.



# Happy Birthday

Mayalie 13<sup>th</sup>

Rokket 20<sup>th</sup>

Joseph 26<sup>th</sup>

Elsie 17<sup>th</sup>

Vera-Mae 28<sup>th</sup>

Archie Schulte 11<sup>th</sup>

Marcus 4<sup>th</sup>

Harrison 1<sup>st</sup>

Whyatt 6<sup>th</sup>

*"All your hopes and dreams can come true if you have the  
courage to pursue them"*

-Walt Disney



# March Events

## DO YOU HAVE A SMALL BUSINESS?

### YOU CAN ADVERTISE HERE!

We are continuously striving towards supporting and promoting our local and small businesses. If you are a local or small business operator and would like the opportunity to feature in our monthly newsletter, please send a small digital advertisement for your business through to the centre's email address and look out for your ad in the next issue!