



LEAD Childcare Goondiwindi

March Newsletter

SPECIAL DAYS THIS MONTH

- 3rd March – Clean Up Australia Day
- 8th March – International Women's Day
- 22nd March – World Water Day

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!



KINDY KIDS

For all new families who enrol in Kindy in the month of March, they will go in the running to have their 2020 Prep book list supplied for next year!

HURRY! Limited spaces available!

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

LEAD Childcare Goondiwindi

Centre Manager: Lauren Harris

Address: 63 George St, Goondiwindi 4390

Phone: (07) 4671 2233

Email: goondiwindi@leadchildcare.com.au





Hello and Welcome from Lauren!

Hello and welcome from Lauren!

I have just spent a week in New Zealand touring the Childspace centres and learning lots at their head Office in Wellington, so much amazing stuff to implement in to our service, I can't wait to share with you.

The first change we have made is created our own leadership Philosophy. Each Friday I meet with Bella, Britt and Tiff and we have many discussions about different areas and topics related to our service. I sent this philosophy out on storypark but please let me know if you would like to see a copy in the centre.

During this month's Educator Meeting will be discussing, reviewing and updating our whole centre philosophy, I'll send it all to you once we have made all final changes.

Easter will be here before you know it, and as we do most years, his year we have an Easter raffle. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5, the winner be drawn and notified on Thursday April 18th.

Please don't forget our current Fundraiser, Homestyle Pie Drive, order forms went out in family pockets a few weeks ago. Order forms and money are due back to the office by Thursday March 28th, with Delivery April 4th.

We are currently chasing donations of old household items the children can recycle and reuse here- pots, pans, spoons, wooden trays, microwaves, milk crates, baskets, dvds. Donations will be greatly appreciated.

Have a great Month,
Miss Lauren x

LEAD Goondiwindi Educators

Nursery

Claudia and Hannah

Toddler

Lisa and Leah

Junior Kindy

Bella, Deb, Krystal and Tiff

Pre Kindy

Pia and Harriet

Kindergarten

Britt and Jan

Schoolies

Harriet

Cook

Michele



For the month of March, we are focusing on

Quality Area 2

Children's Health and safety

The aim of Quality Area 2 under the National Quality Standard is to safeguard and promote children's health and safety, minimise risks and protect children from harm, injury and infection.

All children have the right to experience quality education and care in an environment that provides for their physical and psychological wellbeing and provides support for each child's growing competence, confidence and independence.

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Do you think our playground environments are a safe, fun, educational and welcoming space for your children to play in?

Do you feel your child is treated as a capable and competent learner at LEAD Goondiwindi?



What's happening in the

Nursery

Hello to all our Nursery families,
the past month in February we have been focusing on the children's identity. The children have loved all the mirrors we have placed around the room and have loved looking at themselves and exploring their body parts they were able to see in the mirror. This month in March we are looking at our 5 senses and movement of the body. The children have enjoyed exploring their taste sense trying different flavours. We have also set up lots of climbing and movement activities as well as the walkers and the bouncers to further develop each child's milestones.



Toddler Time

Happy New Year and welcome from the toddler room!

Hi Toddlers Families and friends.

What a fun and exciting month we have all had! Our Toddlers have all emerged as independent learners understanding and reflecting their identities. We have focused on language and movement as the key main factors within the room. Each day we reflected and created self-portraits to review and learn. The children use these images as learning tool to express what they can acknowledge and learn all about themselves. Using flashcard of an afternoon has also helped the children with their language skills. Together we have been looking at images and saying what we believe they are. This has been a very fun and exciting game for the toddlers to participate in.

We will begin to extend on new foundations of the body in March. This will include our 5 Sense, We hope to create inviting and educational activities based on our sight, sounds, smell, taste and touch elements. Be sure to look around our room to see our new and exciting learning experiences.

The Toddler Team!



Junior Kindy

Welcome to March!

For the last month we have been looking deeply into 'The Body'. We have been researching within the Junior Kindy room exploring different aspects of the body. We began by exploring our faces and what we could identify eyes, nose, and mouth and ears all of the children were very engaged and knowledgeable about this. We took from this and learnt some of our colours and looked at what we could see with our eyes, the children took photos of what they could see with the iPad and we then displayed this on the walls. The children enjoyed seeing what they had taken photos of displayed around the room. To engage the children more we decided to make a cardboard person and get the children to identify all of the different body parts. The children are really enjoying all of the different engaging activities to do with the body and are showing their further understanding and investigative skills.

We have been doing a lot of water play which the children have been very engaged with running and jumping in the water. Over the month of March we will continue with our context of learning and engage the children in different activities and experiences to further the children knowledge through play.

Please remember to name everything and don't forget a drink bottle, hat, spare clothes and nappies (if needed).

Have a fabulous month of MARCH!

Bella, Deb, Krystal and Tiffany

Pre Kindy



February done and dusted and what a month, from 'stinky painting' to exploring sight, touch and a little on sound. The children are settling into the routine, learning through investigation, the environment and of course play. Sight we've observed colour changing experiments, manipulating the torch to create shadows, rainbows and how to change the colour with cellophane. Smell; sensed paintings, mixed herbs into play dough which is building fine motor skills as well children using the mortar and pestle to create their own fragrances. Touch; A mystery box, the frog was a big hit, kinetic sand, cold pudding painting, textures and weight off different fruits. Sound; the water xylophone and experimenting with sound vibration. The children have been loving the variety of book we're hiring from the library specially the interactive books such as 'Press here', 'Let's Play' by Herve Tullet. Christine Topfer (2007, p. 4) explains: 'Playing with rhymes helps children learn about sounds. It is an important part of tuning a child's ear to the rhythms and sound patterns of language.' So do you know any rhymes that we can start practicing? How we document our curriculum is changing you'll notice they'll be a 'Learning Story Thread' each week instead of the individual learning stories, I fell it will show our learning in a better form. Thursday 7th March is our next Parent Meeting if you'd like to attend and ask more about the changes. Outside the children have been enjoying the sandpit, racing around the bike tracks, the different obstacle courses, seesaws and looking after our natural environment. It's great to see our grass growing and flowers blossoming. I'm excited to see where your children take our learning and the knowledge you can share to further our curriculum in the up and coming month.



Kindergarten

Throughout the month of February we had been looking in depth more about the context of learning the body. Within the kindergarten room we are building a sense of autonomy and wellbeing in relation to outcome 3.1 from the Queensland kindergarten Learning Guidelines. The children have learnt about:

The heart; its purpose, how many hearts we have, why it is so important and where it is located in the body. We even made our own model of the heart.

The lungs; its purpose, how many lungs we have, why it is so important and where it is located in the body. We also created model of the lungs.

In regards to QKLG outcome number 5 many discussions and queries have taken place about the other parts of our body. The past fortnight we have been looking at our digestive system. The children are beginning to understand the important organs and body parts used in the digestive system and the process of journey our food takes when we eat. We have also had an underlying project happening where we are discovering our senses. We looked at touch, taste, sight, smell and we will soon to be learning about hear. The children are displaying their understanding of what is being taught to their and interpreting it in their own way. At group time we often share with each other our knowledge and what we have learnt about for those children that don't attend every day. In the kindergarten room we are competent learners who amaze ourselves and our teacher's every day. Throughout this project we are also proving our increasing confidence and involvement as learners to reflect learning outcome 4.2.

This month we will continue to explore the other body parts we are yet to discover. Stay tuned for more details or come and check out our awesome learning in the room.





Schoolies

Happy New Year and welcome from the schoolies room!

Hello Families

How fast has this year gone? I cannot believe that we are already entering the third month of the year. Just shows time does really fly when you are having fun! We have been keeping very busy this month learning about the body and making our schoolies building look inviting and reflecting showcase of their learning. We would like to give a warm welcome to Jakaiya and his family to our centre hoping he and his family will have an amazing time here with us. A BIG congratulations to Ocean and Connor for receiving their class captain badges, super proud of you two. I would like to thank you all for all the positive feedback and support over the last couple of month while running the after school and vacation care program it has been very appreciative. I am taking maternity leave as of the 1st March until further notice and wish all of the best for the school children and families this year! I hope to see you all again very soon.

Best wishes

Miss Crystal



Sustainability

Do we have any clever mums, dad or grandparent who would be interested in making us a tee pee and pirate ship for the playgrounds?

Did you know we have a recycling station in the front fenced section, we would love your donations of cardboard boxes (please no egg cartons), plastic tubs, pots, pans, keyboards, newspapers and bottle tops.

After each meal, the children place their scraps In Miss Melissa's scarp tubs, these go home to her farm to feed the chickens and ducks. We will get some photos of this over the next few weeks.



Happy Birthday

Layla 26th

Zara 1st

Neveah 15th

Mary 22nd

Dexter 8th

Alek 10th

Samuel 19th

Hudson 25th

Bronson 21st

Jack 29th

Miss Britt 12th

Miss Amanda 13th

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

-Walt Disney



April Events

Upcoming events

Easter Parade and Morning Tea Thursday April 18th

Public Holidays Friday April 19th

Monday April 22nd

Thursday April 25th

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!