

LEAD Childcare Goodna

# February Newsletter

## SPECIAL DAYS THIS MONTH

- 4<sup>th</sup> February – World Cancer Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> February – Chinese New Year (PIG)
- 6<sup>th</sup> February – Waitangi Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> February – Valentine's Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> February – Teal Ribbon Day (Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month)

## 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



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# Happy New Year and Welcome from Jilly!

## WOW!! FEBRUARY ALREADY FAMILIES

Welcome to all our new families and returning families

How cute are our 'big schoolies' returning for our Before School / After School services? Our Kindergarten room are super excited for this year as they know they too will be joining the schoolies next year.

Your educators have now settled into their classes and are eagerly getting to know your child/ren in their uniqueness.

Please do not hesitate to help our team by letting us know your child and how we can get the best learning outcomes for them.

This month we will be reviewing our Centre Philosophy and would appreciate your input and feedback. I will post this up on Story Park and in our foyer. Our aim in doing this, is to collaborate with you, the core values and practices that will guide our Lead Goodna team for 2019

This term our service context of learning is on **LITERACY**

You will see lots of projects in your child's room on their progress.

You will see the individual idea's from the children.

You may even be surprised by the different paths literacy will take them down.

Our **Centre Project** is to set up a lending/swapping **Community Library** for us to recycle the books your child may have grown out of **OR** you may borrow a book your child really enjoys at day care.

We are always looking for new story time readers if you have a spare time of the day we would **LOVE** to have you read for us

We have an open door policy at Lead Goodna feel free to join us anytime

## LEAD Goodna Educators

### Nursery

Miss Tiffany

### Toddler

Miss Keely

### Junior Kindy

Miss Stacey & Miss Sina

### Pre Kindy

Miss June

### Kindergarten

Miss Frances

### Cook

Miss Rene



For the month of February, we are focusing on

# Quality Area 1

Quality Area 1 focuses on ensuring that the educational program and practice for children in early childhood settings is stimulating and engaging, and enhances their learning and development. Here at Lead Goodna, we implement this in a number of ways, through providing exciting experiences, to individual reflections, which allow us to ensure continual improvement, and enable your children to get the most out of their days at kindy.

Each week, each child's current knowledge, strengths, ideas, culture, abilities and interests are considered, and used to formulate the perfect combination of activities, tailored just for them, to ensure a quality program.

You can find these displayed in each room, to browse at your leisure!

## HAVE YOUR SAY!

Write about how your parents and families can get involved within your centre and have their say.

Provide them with questions in relation to the quality area that you are working on this month.

E.G. Staffing; questions you could ask; what you love about the staff in your centre; what we can do to improve the staff and your experience.

You can either make this a questionnaire for your parents to fill out and return back to you with their feedback or another form of contact i.e. email, Storypark, face-to-face.

# Nursery & Toddlers

Happy New Year and welcome from the junior end!

A lot of our babies have moved up to the Toddler room over the last few weeks, so to prepare them for the transition we have been coming together to share and learn our play/craft and sleep/meal routines.

Leading up to Australia Day we explored and celebrated the multiculturalism of our centre, building respect for diversity. Everyone has the right to feel a sense of belonging and we are lucky to live in a country that embraces and welcomes these different cultures.

The children enjoyed a variety of craft activities and familiarised themselves with the Australian and Aboriginal flags, as well as, flags from around the world. This assists the children to develop a positive self-identity, which leads us into our identity display, helping the children to feel like part of the group.

Over the next month, we will be exploring a series of stories, investigating the many elements of literacy. We will be breaking it down to the fundamental skills necessary to one day pick up a book and browse it at our leisure. This will include: fine motor skills, comprehension, visual tracking, reading expressions, cognitive skills, and much more.

We look forward to a very busy, and very fun month!



# Junior Kindy

Happy New Year and welcome from the junior kindy room!

Welcome to 2019! This month we have welcomed our new friends Ariana and Zara to the Junior Kindy room. We have been exploring our sensory development through a variety of fantastic experiences! We explored a sand table, using our fine motor skills to draw and create pictures; we formed a rock band, clapping rocks together to make music, exploring rhythm and melody; we used shaving cream to explore touch and smell; and lastly, we used wet paper, exploring cause and effect as the ink from the coloured paper dispersed into the water.

Over the next month, we will be engaging with a number of stories, dissecting them and using them to inspire further learning. There will be lots of artwork, discussion, and investigation, as we explore all elements of literacy.



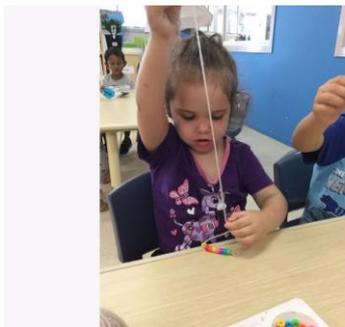
# Pre Kindy

What a month! February already!

The Pre-kindy children had a blast in January, celebrating Australia Day, and exploring all the wonderful things that make our country unique. We developed fine motor skills through a variety of creative activities, including: threading bracelets, colouring, and sticky contact exploration. We've been having a great time getting in touch with nature, as we engaged in a multitude of outdoor experiences, using natural resources, and learning to care for our environments.

In February, we look forward to exploring different cultures, as we celebrate Chinese New Year, and Waitangi Day. We have begun a literary journey, investigating the letter 'A' and engaging with a series of stories, which we will be looking further into over the next month.

Have a great month!



# Kindergarten

My name is Frances Thomson. I am the new kindergarten teacher at Lead Childcare Goodna. I come from a background of special needs teaching in school settings and Early Childhood Teaching work for about five years in a variety of other centres across Brisbane. After spending some time getting to know your children we plan on embarking on an adventure of learning about what our bodies can do which will encompass not only our bodies but our minds as well and activities will range from gross motor activities to sitting quietly and reading inside. We know we will have a fun-filled educational journey along the way!



# Happy Birthday



7<sup>th</sup> - Miss Keely

22<sup>nd</sup> – Layla-Rae



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

-Walt Disney



# March Events

## Upcoming events

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| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>    | Daniel Morcombe Day – Wear Red in recognition of Daniel and child safety and awareness  |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>   | Saint Patricks Day – Exploring and celebrating Ireland and their customs. Come dressed in Green   |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> | Harmony Day – Each child attending will create a large canvas painting for our Harmony day display, each room will be offering experiences and discussions to highlight the importance of equality and inclusion. |

## 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!