



# NEWSLETTER

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A HOME AWAY FROM HOME WHERE YOUR CHILD WILL TRULY BE CARED FOR LIKE FAMILY...  
*that is LEAD Childcare.*



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THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOSTER CHILDREN'S CURIOSITY AND WONDER ABOUT THE NATURAL WORLD. EDUCATORS SHARE INFORMATION WITH CHILDREN ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE IMPACT OF HUMAN ACTIVITIES.



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Think about  
this...



### What's happening at LEAD Childcare.....

On June 5<sup>th</sup> LEAD will celebrate our 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday. All of our services are celebrating their own way with great themes and activities for our children!! Our Facebook page has been very busy sharing all of the wonderful celebrations, excursions, incursions and learning that is happening across our services. Be sure to like our page and share with your family and friends.

<http://www.facebook.com/LEADchildcare>

Our brand new Mango Hill service is on track to open at the end of this year. Visit our website for updates and information to enroll.

<http://www.leadchildcare.com.au>

### LEAD BARGARA WELCOMES A NEW CENTRE MANAGER TO THE LEAD FAMILY...



Hello! My name is Kieran Molkent and I feel very privileged to be the new Centre Manager here at LEAD Childcare Bargara. I have worked in Early Childhood Education for just over 20 years now and during this time I have gained experience as a Senior Educator, a Family Day Care Coordinator, a Special Needs Teaching Assistant, Director and Staff Mentor. I have extensive experience working with infants and toddlers, however I enjoy all age groups.

I spent most of my childhood and early adulthood on the Sunshine, before my husband and I moved to Emerald, CQ for 5 years. After enduring 2 floods in Emerald we decided to settle in Bundaberg and have recently built our first home. We are active members of our local Baptist church and enjoying boating, fishing and entertaining in our spare time. I also love gardening and cooking so I am eagerly waiting for my vegetable garden to start sharing goodies with me!

I am really enjoying my LEAD journey so far and look forward to leading the amazing team at Bargara as we shoot for the stars and aim for exceeding National Quality Standard!

### LEAD WOOLLOOWIN WELCOMES A NEW CENTRE MANAGER TO THE LEAD FAMILY.....



May I introduce myself,

My name is Antonia Kalatch and I have accepted the new Role of Centre Manager at LEAD Childcare - (Jondur Park Road), Woolloowin.

I am of Greek origin and was born and bred in Australia. I speak read and write fluent Greek. I am the youngest of three children. My parents immigrated to Australia in the early 1950's.

I have been in the childcare industry for over 25 years, and have been the witness to many changes within our role, for the better outcome of children's learning. My philosophy is not only play based learning, but includes Reggio Emilia Approach - stimulate learning also, which enhances children's thinking capabilities whilst being lead on the first steps of their learning journey of life.

I look forward to fostering, leading and mentoring a high quality team of educators that will achieve the best learning outcomes for your children that are entrusted to our care.

I look forward to working collaboratively with all families that attend our service and will foster open communication with you at all times, to ensure we are promoting a feeling of belonging and assurance at all times.

I hold an open door policy, to the local community and will endeavour to work with them to ensure that achieve and gain the vital role in children's lives that research shows achievements within a safe, respectful and compassionate environment.

Should you have any questions, queries or concerns, please feel free to either see me in person or drop me a note in the communication diary (located on the foyer desk), email at any time or ring me to make a personal appointment to discuss.

# Introducing the LEAD H.O team.....

## SILJA

Hi! For those who don't know me, my name is Silja also known as Sylvia, Lydia, Cecilia, Sue, basically anything other than my actual name ☺ Don't worry I know it's a tough one!



I work at LEAD Head Office in Payroll and Accounts Payable. I have been a part of the LEAD team for nearly four years in which I have gained a wealth of knowledge and experience.

I look forward to continue working alongside of you all in the future!

Talk soon,  
Silja ☺

## ALEISHA

HELLO LADIES! Well a lot of you will know my name but not my face, so let me introduce myself. I am Aleisha Elliot and I turn 21 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. I have been with LEAD for nearly 6 months now and my job is to try to make Silja and Victoria's job just a little bit easier, by assisting them in any way that I can. Before becoming part of the LEAD family I had no idea about childcare or accounts/payroll, with the help of everyone here at LEAD I have learnt so much and continue to learn on a daily basis. I would like to thank all of you lovely ladies for your patience and support while I learn and get my feet within the Childcare Industry, it truly has been a huge help! I look forward to meeting you all in the future!

Thank you,  
Aleisha ☺



## VICTORIA

Hi, my name is Victoria and I work in Parent Accounts at LEAD Head Office. I have been in the childcare industry for the last nine years and part of the LEAD team for nearly three years.

My love for children is what inspires me to be so passionate within my role at LEAD Childcare.

I am grateful to be able to work with such a wonderful and inspiring group of women and look forward to what the future brings!

Thank you,  
Victoria ☺



## EDWINA

Hi, I'm Edwina.....Eddie to most of you!

I work at LEAD Head Office in Kallangur, I've been part of the LEAD TEAM for just over four years now.

I've done a lot of things in my life...none were connected to the childcare industry.

I have always worked in a team environment and enjoy feeling part of a family rather than a company number....LEAD is a family, I like that!

So what do I do???? I do a variety of different jobs.

When you call H.O I am normally the first contact you will have. I look after the everyday receptionist duties including the printing and binding, ordering of supplies, and bookings! My day starts by collecting the morning mail. Arriving at the office sorting the mail, checking the emails that have come into my inbox overnight and replying where required. Filing all of the new enrolments and exit forms...I look after the insurance, all of the 38 LEAD vehicles, food orders (I have been known to deliver them too), purchase everyday necessities, arrange fire checks, pest control, air conditioning and bus inspections.

A bit of EVERYTHING.....which explains my title of Head Office Support.

*"A JACK OF ALL TRADES AND A MASTER OF MANY.....I'm HERE TO HELP THE HUGE WHEEL THAT IS LEAD KEEP TURNING"*



# HEALTHY EATING FOR CHILDREN

AT LEAD CHILDCARE WE AIM TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN HEALTHY CHOICES AND HABITS TO PREPARE THEM FOR A HEALTHY LIFE!!



WE BELIEVE THAT THE KITCHEN IS THE HEART OF A HOME AND OUR SERVICES KITCHENS AND QUALIFIED CHILDRENS COOKS PLAY A FUNDAMENTAL ROLE WITHIN THE SERVICE. OUR MENUS ARE BASED ON NUTRITION AUSTRALIA GUIDELINES AND GET UP & GROW. WE PROVIDE HOME COOKED MEALS THAT MEET 50% OF CHILDRENS DAILY NUTRITIONAL NEEDS. CHILDREN ARE INVOLVED IN PLANTING, GROWING, HARVESTING AND PREPARING SEASONAL INGREDIENTS FOR THE MENU. WE PROVIDE MORNING TEA, LUNCH, AFTERNOON TEA AND LATE SNACK, PLUS MILK AND WATER. PARENTS AND CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON MENU CHANGES. WE CATER FOR INDIVIDUAL CHILDRENS DIETARY NEEDS AND PROVIDE NUTRITIOUS ALTERNATIVES AS REQUIRED.

**ON MONDAY THE 12<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE OUR SERVICES WILL BE INTRODUCING A CHANGE OF MENU TO PREPARE FOR THE CHANGE OF SEASON AND THE FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES AVAILABLE FOR OUR NEW MENUS..... LOOK OUT FOR THESE IN YOUR SERVICE!!**



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AUSTRALIAN DIETRY GUIDELINE FOR CHILDREN PLEASE VISIT

[HTTPS://WWW.EATFORHEALTH.GOV.AU/SITES/DEFAULT/FILES/CONTENT/THE%20GUIDELINES/N55F\\_CHILDREN\\_BROCHURE.PDF](https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au/sites/default/files/content/the%20guidelines/n55f_children_brochure.pdf)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH LEAD CHILDCARE

- **LEAD Childcare - Tingalpa**

LEAD Childcare is currently recruiting a highly skilled and passionate Early Childhood Teacher for our 75 place centre in Tingalpa. Salary packages are negotiable for the right person. This position is available immediately.

- **LEAD Childcare - Goodna**

LEAD Childcare is currently recruiting a highly skilled and passionate Early Childhood Teacher for our 75 place centre in Goodna. Salary packages are negotiable for the right person. This position is available immediately.

**For Further information visit [seek.com.au](http://seek.com.au)**

- **LEAD Childcare - Toowoomba**

LEAD Childcare is currently recruiting a highly skilled and passionate Early Childhood Teacher for our 205 place centre in Toowoomba. Salary packages are negotiable for the right person. This position is available immediately.

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- **LEAD Childcare - Sunrise**

LEAD Childcare is currently recruiting a highly skilled and passionate Early Childhood Teacher for our 75 place centre in Mackay. Salary packages are negotiable for the right person. This position is available immediately.

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