



# LEAD Childcare Goondiwindi April Newsletter

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS THIS MONTH

- 19<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter Monday
- 25<sup>th</sup> April – ANZAC Day

*Please Note: the centre will be closed on the above mentioned public holidays.*

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

6 April – 22 April

## 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  
competition!

## Easter Colouring In Competition!

**TO ENTER:** Either collect your colouring in page from your local LEAD Childcare centre or visit our website. All submissions must be delivered to your nearest centre or emailed to [info@leadchildcare.com.au](mailto:info@leadchildcare.com.au) prior to 19th April 2019. The winners will be drawn on the 29th April 2019 and will be contacted via phone or email, so please ensure that you provide both on your submission. You don't want to miss out!

Competition closes 19th April 2019.

**Age categories:** Under 3's; 3-6 years; 6+ years

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# Hello and Welcome from Lauren!

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Another month has come and gone in 2019!

We have been super busy here with some changes to our room environments and meal time rituals. Educators are engaging in and being present for meal times with the children and slowly introducing the concept of progressive meal times in most rooms.

Loose parts play has become a massive interest with our children and we are loving our family donations of odds and ends form around the house- scarves, pots, pans, old cameras, curtain rings, straws, pebbles, scrabble pieces, jar lids etc are very much welcome.

Thank you to all of you that ordered pies through our pie drive- we raised around \$350 from the drive and have been able to buy resources for the Nursery and sleep room, and begin some projects in JK and playgrounds.

Thursday April 18 will be our Easter Morning Tea in the centre, we will also draw our raffle winner- tickets can still be purchased at my desk, \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Parent accounts- our fees are due each CCS fortnight by 11am on the Friday. Our fee policy states that all families will adhere to this and ensure they are at \$0 at the end of each fortnight. Direct debit is our preferred payment method. You can choose to pay either weekly or fortnightly. It is really important that you do pay each fortnight on time.



## LEAD Goondiwindi Educators

Nursery

Miss Claudia

Miss Hannah

Toddler

Miss Lisa

Miss Leah

Miss Heidi

Junior Kindy

Miss Bella

Miss Deb

Miss Krystal

Miss Tiff

Pre Kindy

Miss pia

Miss Harriet

Miss Shoniqua

Kindergarten

Miss Britt

Miss Jan

Schoolies

Miss Harriet



For the month of April, we are focusing on

# Quality Area 3

The aim of Quality Area 3 under the National Quality Standard is to ensure that the physical environment is safe, suitable and provides a rich and diverse range of experiences that promote children's learning and development.

The way that the environment is designed, equipped and organised determines the way that the space and resources are used and has the potential to maximise children's engagement and level of positive experience and inclusive relationships.

We are currently working on some projects that we hope will enhance our Outdoor Learning environments for all children in the centre.

## HAVE YOUR SAY!

What would you like to see in our playgrounds?

What skills do you have that could help us achieve some new areas in the playgrounds?

Do you think that our playgrounds have enough opportunities for children's imaginations to run wild?



What's happening in the

# Nursery

Hello to all our Nursery families and welcome to all our new families,

We have had a very exciting month this month. To tie in with our context of learning we have been learning all about our five senses sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch. During the month the babies have developed and learnt new and fun ways of using these senses. The babies have especially been interested in touching, tasting and hearing. We have enjoyed exploring many sensory activities and as you can see in our room have loved using pot and pans to create loud noises.

Within the Nursery you may have also noticed lots of changes. We have re arranged our room, added new furniture for the babies and created lots of new and exciting toys for the babies to explore.

Please remember a few steps when dropping your baby into the Nursery each day:

-  Have you filled in your child's day sheet?
-  Have you placed your child's bag in the lockers?
-  Have you put your child's water bottle in the water bottle container?
-  Have you put your child's bottles away in the correct spot?
-  Have you put your child's formula container away?

I and Miss Hannah are excited to see where the learning takes us next month as we are focusing on the children's interest and what they are intrigued to learn.



# Toddler Time

This month we have been extending on our knowledge of the body and the different textures and opposite textures such as hot-cold, wet-dry hard-soft by creating lots of sensory play using different materials. The toddler children have been very interested in redressing themselves though out the day by placing other clothing on top of the clothes they are wearing just a reminder to have your child's names or initials clearly labelled. On each piece of clothing so we can place the clothing back into your child's bag. This month we have had a few nursery children transitioning into the toddlers room and have been setting into the toddlers routines really well just a reminder of what to pack in your child's bag each day sheets, a spare set of clothing, water bottle, hat.

Thank you



# Junior Kindy

## Welcome to April JK Families

We have been very busy little people over the month of March exploring our environments and becoming more engaged within our play.

The children are loving all of the movement and exploring of our bodies within the room. They are showing understanding through everyday play and also they are beginning to take risks within the room and playground. We have been watching closely as the children climb and explore different things and reminding them that they may get hurt if they go too high. The children are responding very well to this and are showing a lot of confidence and resilience within their play which is great to see.

We have welcomed children from Toddlers and said goodbye to children as they have moved up to Pk, we have had some children have transition days as well which they have enjoyed.

A reminder to please pack a couple of sets of spare clothes for your child, hat, water bottle and nappies if required every day. Please ensure everything for your child is named. Also we have had lots of mozzies at the centre so don't forget to bring in some insect repellent with a chemist label on it please.

We look forward to exploring our learning further in April!

Bella, Deb and Melissa



# Pre Kindy

March we continued learning about our senses, touched on our bodies, disabilities and of course went on our very first excursion for the year. With the sense of touch we furthered our description of textures, through exploring powdery, gooey, spiky, slimy, granular and fluffy play experiences that the children manipulated, squeezed and smelt.

During our walk along the serpentine the children were actually using some of these terms when they felt the different sensations while walking or touching objects. We heard lots of different sounds like the rubbish truck, banging noise that the children thought it could have been a drum, birds, frogs and insects.

We observed how sound vibrates when something is loud the salt moved quickly and when it was quiet it didn't move at all or very little. At first it was the speaker making the noise to different genres of music then the children took turns to experiment with different levels of sound. Children have been using loose parts such as the bottles to make their own music and using our environment to explore sound through different objects such as the cardboard tubes, bracelets and home make xylophone.

At the very beginning on the month we explored our sight and wore sight impairment glasses while the children played. Some children didn't think it's was much different yet others didn't like wearing them at all. We created a soft obstacle course inside for the children to complete while blind folded, they all accepted the challenge and had the proudest expressions on their faces once they had completed the task. This lead us into identifying this as being blind and people who are blind use braille to read and people who can't heard are deaf and they use sign language to communicate. So we've started to learn a few basics of sign language such as hello, how are you, toilet, thirst and food.

While eating or having dinner and your child starts talking about their food pipe, stomach, intestines, veins or poo this is because we have talked about what our body does when we eat food. We spoke about how different types of food help us to grow, provide energy to run and play, our tongue allows us to taste through our tastebuds and we have 20 baby teeth that fall out to grow our adult teeth. We will continue to learn about the body next month.

With children building telescopes to look at the moon and the children's interest in the stars we have started looking at our solar system and touched on earth being the water planet. I can't wait to see where we go with this, if you have any ideas, activities or interests you'd like your child to learn please take to Miss Harriet, Miss Shoniqua or myself. Until next month enjoy April, with hopefully some storms, the show and all of the public holidays.





# Kindergarten

Throughout March we welcomed Stephen, Grace D and Harlequin to our room. These children have settled in beautifully into our room and are forming secure attachment with peers and educators. Throughout March we went from learning about our human body to moving forward and learning about animal body. This past fortnight we have been learning about vertebrates and invertebrates. This will continue on into next month. Children are beginning to understand the meaning of the words and able to identify some of the differences in animals. The children are actively engaging in conversation at group time and sharing their prior knowledge as well as what they are learning throughout the week. Many of the children are showing curiosity in what we are talking about and wanting to participate in activities set. Throughout the month of April we will be continuing on with this learning thread of learning about Vertebrate and invertebrate animals as well as focusing on writing our name, Easter celebrations. We have been really enjoying visiting the library and Kaloma on a regular basis. The residents of Kaloma love having us and we love visiting them. For this month i would like to introduce Loose parts play into the kindergarten room. This will be something I will elaborate on over the next month so keep an eye out on the room and storypark for bits of info.

Wishing you all a happy and safe Easter

From Kindergarten



# Schoolies

Hello School Aged Care Families,

We have had such a busy past month, with myself – Miss Harriet becoming the new School Aged Care Educator. I have loved meeting the new children and continuing on with the old ones.

Our context of learning has been “The Human Body”, so us as a group have worked together to learn about a range of different things from bones to movement. The children have learnt knew knowledge about the body and have extended their current knowledge as well. We created slow-motion videos to recognise our movement, we celebrated Bronson and Jack’s birthdays and took note about how our bodies grow in size and age.

I have also spent time with the children to create our vacation care program which will be happening this month, I am excited to have a crazy few weeks with the children and spend more time with them then just the afternoons. After our vacation care program we will then begin our new context of learning which I can’t wait to see what it will be.

Thank you for the past month, and thank you to yourselves and your children for welcoming me into the School Aged Care Program.

- Miss Harriet



# Sustainability

## Loose Parts Play

What are Loose Parts? In a Long Day Care Environment, loose parts are materials that can be moved, carried, combined, redesigned, lined up, and taken apart and put back together in multiple ways. They are materials with no specific set of directions that can be used alone or combined with other materials. Loose parts can be natural or synthetic.

In a Kindy outdoor environment we can provide an array of loose parts for use in play: • stones, stumps, sand, gravel, fabric, twigs, wood, pallets, balls, buckets, baskets, crates, boxes, logs, rope, tyres, shells and seedpods.

### Why Loose Parts?

The versatility of these materials provides children with virtually endless ways to create. Access to a variety of transient materials during play and exploration aids in the following:

Problem Solving

Engineering

Creativity

Concentration

Hand-eye coordination

Fine motor development

Gross motor development

Language and vocabulary building

Mathematical thinking

Scientific thinking

Literacy

Social/emotional development

The list goes on and on...



# Craft Corner





# Recipes of the Month

## Recipe

Put a pot of water on to boil, then stir the white sauce together as the pasta is cooking. It's just that easy to create a rich and satisfying dinner in just 25 minutes. This top-rated recipe is a home cook favourite—try it tonight and find out why.

### Ingredients

8oz uncooked fettuccine  
½ cup butter, cut into pieces  
½ cup whipping cream  
¾ cup grated Parmesan cheese  
½ teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon black or white pepper  
Chopped fresh parsley  
Buy Ingredients Powered by Chicory

### Steps

1. Cook and drain fettuccine as directed on package.
2. Meanwhile, in 10-inch skillet, heat butter and whipping cream over medium heat, stirring frequently, until butter is melted and mixture starts to bubble. Reduce heat to low; simmer uncovered 6 minutes, stirring frequently, until slightly thickened. Remove from heat. Stir in cheese, salt and pepper.
3. In large bowl, toss fettuccine with sauce until well coated. Sprinkle with parsley.

## Recipe

### INGREDIENTS

4 large over-ripe bananas, mashed, plus extra sliced banana to serve  
1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda  
4 eggs  
1 1/3 cups smooth peanut butter, plus extra to serve  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

### METHOD

- Step 1. Preheat oven to 200C/180C fan-forced. Line a 12-hole (1/3-cup capacity) muffin pan with paper cases.
- Step 2. Place all ingredients in a food processor. Process until just combined (don't over process or muffins will be tough).

### How to store and prepare banana

- Step 3. Divide mixture evenly among prepared holes. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until firm to touch. Stand in pan for 5 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.
- Step 4. Top each muffin with extra peanut butter and a slice of extra banana. Serve.



# Happy Birthday

Charlotte 8<sup>th</sup>

Lincoln 17<sup>th</sup>

Owen 19<sup>th</sup>

Mia 27<sup>th</sup>

Keya 4<sup>th</sup>

Justin 8<sup>th</sup>

Bill 11<sup>th</sup>

Eligh 18<sup>th</sup>

Madeline 4<sup>th</sup>

Rubi 4<sup>th</sup>

Penny 13<sup>th</sup>

Sophia 28<sup>th</sup>

Briath 2<sup>nd</sup>

Johanna 15<sup>th</sup>

Zoe 15<sup>th</sup>

Jax 1<sup>th</sup>

Ace 20<sup>th</sup>

Mia 20<sup>th</sup>

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

-Walt Disney

Learning    Enjoyment    Activity    Development



# May Events

## Upcoming events

Good Friday (centre closed) - 19<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Sunday – 21<sup>st</sup> April

Good Morning (centre closed) – 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Term 2 Starts – 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Photo Day – 24<sup>th</sup> April

ANZAC Day (centre closed) – 25<sup>th</sup> April

Show Holiday (centre closed) – 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Labour Day (centre closed) – 6<sup>th</sup> May

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

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