



LEAD Childcare Goondiwindi

# June Newsletter

## SPECIAL DAYS THIS MONTH

- 5<sup>TH</sup> June – World Environment Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> June – Queensland Day

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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

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# Hello and Welcome from Lauren!

Welcome to June's edition of our newsletter, we have had another busy month with fundraising, Centre events, new children and Educators joining our LEAD Goondiwindi family.

Our Mother's day Raffle was super successful, Thank you to so very much to Kourtnei Frost for her amazing job organising all the great prizes.

We held our first Day for Dolly on May 10 and are happy to say we were able to bank \$117 towards Day for Dolly.

Thank you to everyone who purchased yummy goodies in our Biggest Morning Tea last week also- we banked \$150 for Cancer Council.

Please, please, please label all of your child's belongings. My team do their very best try and keep all of the children's belongings together but sometimes it's just not possible. When items are labelled but it makes it so much easier for us to make sure they go home in the right bag.

We are slowly making changes throughout the rooms to make our environments more natural and calm and offer open ended play options for children. Loose parts has become a big focus of our daily practices.

Our parent Meeting for June will be held on Monday June 17<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the Pre Kindy room. All are welcome to attend.

Please notify us if your child is going to be away on their booked days, you can call the centre or send me a storypark conversation.

Did you know each family is entitled to 2 weeks half price holiday rates? Let me know if you wish to use this and I will give you a form to complete.

Did you also know Miss Michele can make birthday cupcakes for your child's birthday? See the front foyer for an order form.

Miss Lauren.

## LEAD Goondiwindi Educators

### Nursery

Miss Claudia

Miss Hannah

### Toddlers

Miss Lisa

Miss Leah

Miss Josie

### Junior Kindy

Miss Bella

Miss Deb

Miss Melissa

### Pre Kindy

Miss Pia

Miss Harriet

Miss Shali

Miss Shoniqua

### Kindergarten

Miss Britt

Miss Jan

### Schoolies

Miss Harriet



For the month of January, we are focusing on

# Quality Area 5

The aim of Quality Area 5 under the National Quality Standard is to promote relationships with children that are responsive, respectful and promote children's sense of security and belonging. Relationships of this kind free children to explore the environment and engage in play and learning.

Good relationships early in life help children to connect with others, build positive friendships and support children to self-regulate their emotions. **Meaningful interactions-** For relationships to be meaningful, interactions need to be warm, caring and responsive. When attention is given to building connections and maintaining them over time, children are more likely to feel a sense of security, well-being and belonging. **Social competence-** To build positive relationships with others, children need to develop 'social competence' and the ability to interact with others with care, empathy and respect. Social competence is the foundation that allows children to understand and self-regulate their own emotions and negotiate their interactions with others. **Building quality relationships-** Building positive relationships between educators and children: • help children feel secure, freeing them to explore, play and learn • offer opportunities for children to learn how to interact with others, respect others' rights, be appropriately assertive and caring.

## HAVE YOUR SAY!

- ❖ How do you feel about the relationship your child has with their educators?
- ❖ Do you know your child's Educators by name?
- ❖ Do you have any feedback for ways you wish to see this area of our centre improved upon?
- ❖ Is there someone you want to give a shout out to for their relationship with your child?



What's happening in the

# Nursery

Hello to all the Nursery families and welcome to all our new families. This month has been very busy and exciting. The children have loved engaging in our project focus of rituals and relationships. We have started a new ritual in the Nursery of going down to the Kindy room and having the Kindy children read and sing songs to us. The babies love this so much, they now know what we come down to the Kindy room for and are able to sit down on the mat with the Kindy children ready for the story to start. Lots of the babies have enjoyed making lovely connections with the Kindy children. We will continue this bond with them next month also.

As you can see our room has had lots of changes. We have tried to make the babies feel safe and secure by turning the Nursery into a more home like feel. Also starting in the Nursery next month we will be a “shoe free Nursery” The Nursery at LEAD Goondiwindi has developed a sense of homelike and natural feel in the last couple of months. This progressed from using natural resources to having framed photos and open floor spaces with mats to ensure the children felt at home. This will further be enhanced when introducing the ‘shoe- free- Nursery’. Babies and their families don’t wear their shoes at home, so being able to have a shoe free space in the nursery, will tie in that at home like feel.



# Toddler Time

I would like to make a big warm welcome to our new Assisting Educator “Miss Josie”. Miss Josie is very eager and excited to meet all of our Toddler children and our Families.

This term we have developed a great understanding for trust, support and security with in our room. Together as a team we have implemented new rituals and routines to the day, these rituals and routines have helped the children feel more settled and comfortable with the educators and our environments. Our focus is to continually build upon these relationships to create a safe, fun and nurturing environment.

As the weather is getting cooler we ask that you provide suitable clothing for your child. We will be going outside when the sun is warm and shining. So we definitely will put on or take of clothing depending on the temperatures.

Can I please ask that all items are clearly labelled, this includes socks and shoes. As educator’s shifts start at various times we don’t see what clothing or shoes children arrive with.

The Toddler Team,  
Lisa, Leah and Josie



# Junior Kindy

Hello to all of the Junior Kindy Families!

During the last month we have been looking at building positive relationships with one another, Educators and Families. The children have been very involved and excited about building these relationships through play and social interactions. We have started looking at our room rituals and routine along with family input we decided to implement a ritual/ routine of eating morning tea outside every morning. The children are really loving this, they love pointing out the birds, planes, different bugs and lots more. The children are becoming more confident within their learning and play.


Over the next month we hope to further all these experiences and welcome all the new children to the JK room and make them feel safe and secure within their environment.

Please don't forget about packing a top sheet as well as a bottom fitted sheet as it is starting to get cooler. Make sure you are packing warm spare clothes and nappies. Also please name everything as we can't keep track of everything and we would hate it if something went missing.

Hope you have had a great May and we can't wait for June!

Miss Bella, Miss Melissa and Miss Deb





# Pre Kindy

Hello Families,

What a busy past month we have had in the Pre-Kindy room, we have learnt about our emotions, rituals and creating positive relationships.

We have embedded new rituals into our room, such as setting the tables each meal time, serving the food ourselves and even learning how to respect and use our new glass tableware.

Along with our emotions, rituals and positive friendships we have also started to learn our phonics and recognition of our names and letters. This will slowly become a new ritual during our morning group time.

Thanks for a great month,  
Miss Pia, Miss Harriet and Miss Shoniqua.

# Kindergarten

This month in the Kindy room has been all about building positive relationships and embedding our new rituals from parent feedback. We have established a strong routine for our good morning greeting ritual and decorating the tables at each meal time as well as a new ritual at hand washing time where we sing a special song as we wash our germs away.

It's quite catchy so ask your kiddies to sing it to you. This has come from family input of children doing this ritual at home. Our new rituals for the coming weeks is pouring our own milk from jars and learning about the date, day, month and year. We have been building a beautiful bond with our baby friends who have been coming and visiting us this month. We started off reading books with them now we are moving onto introducing them to some of our resources and showing them around the room. We have started to learn all of their names and look forward to this time each day they join us. This month we welcome Solomon, Bella, Eliza and Porschia. We are now half way through the year and 6 months away till prep time. We will begin to focus on getting ready for prep by practising sitting on the mat quietly without being distracted, learning to spell and write our name, respect our belongings, practise our listening ears.

Until Next Month,

Miss Britt and Miss Jan







# Schoolies

**Positive relationships! The school aged children have been focusing on building positive relationships within our group.**

**We have had a month of bonding games where the children have learnt new things about all the children. Everyone has enjoyed our activities and I love seeing all the children engaging with one another.**

**Along with our embedded ritual of Bully Beans, we have also started to give/receive compliments to one another before receiving our bully beans. This is our new ritual we are slowly embedding into our learning focus.**

**- Miss Harriet**



# Sustainability

**SUSTAINABILITY TIP!!**

**UPGRADE YOUR LIGHTS!**

Light emitting diodes (LEDs) and compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) will cost you far less to run than halogen and other incandescent lights. Energy-efficient CFLs can also last up to ten times longer than traditional ones. The light from these bulbs will give off light as bright as your old bulbs while saving you money.



## Sustainability tip of the week!



Encourage children to dress appropriately for each season to minimise the need for heaters and air conditioners.


# Craft Corner



Loose Parts play to mak face collages



Loose parts play with playdough



# Recipes of the Month

Recipe

## Mini Meatballs in Tomato Sauce

1 basic meatball mix (mince, onion, egg, bread crumbs, salt and pepper) made with beef

1 table spoon freshly chopped parsley

2 table spoons olive oil

1 onion finely chopped

400g can chopped tomato with herbs

1 teaspoon tomato puree

Mix meatball mix with parsley. Using damp hands, divide the mixture in 24 portions and shape into balls. Fry in pan for 5 minutes to brown. Remove from pan. Fry onion for 5 minutes until soft. Stir in chopped tomatoes and puree. Return meatballs to the pan. Bring to the boil and then simmer for 20 minutes.

Serve on bed of spaghetti

Recipe

## Chocolate Fondant Pudding

175g Plain chocolate broken up

175g butter

3 eggs plus 3 egg yolks

1/3 cup caster sugar

3 teaspoons plain flour

Icing sugar to dust

Pre heat oven to 230 degrees. Grease individual pudding basins. Melt chocolate and butter in heatproof bowl set over pan of gently boiling water.

Whisk eggs, yolks and sugar until thickened. Then whisk in chocolate mixture. Sift in the flour and quickly fold in.

Divide the mixture between the basins. Bake for 6 minutes until the outside is cooked but the centre is still runny. Turn out carefully onto serving plates, dust with icing sugar and serve immediately.



# Happy Birthday

Lachlan 13<sup>th</sup>

Ava 22<sup>nd</sup>

Maggie 10<sup>th</sup>

Chelsea 15<sup>th</sup>

Angus S 21<sup>st</sup>

Noah T 23<sup>rd</sup>

George M 29<sup>th</sup>

Freddy 10<sup>th</sup>

Bodhi 2<sup>nd</sup>

Brayden 24<sup>th</sup>

William 11<sup>th</sup>

Jasmin 17<sup>th</sup>

Phoenix 23<sup>rd</sup>

Esther 21<sup>st</sup>

Miss Bella 8<sup>th</sup>

Miss Crystal 21<sup>st</sup>

Miss Rowie 17<sup>th</sup>

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



# July 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!