



LEAD Childcare Goodna

April Newsletter

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS THIS MONTH

- 19th April – Good Friday
- 22nd April – Easter Monday
- 25th 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

Competition
time!

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 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 Brenda!

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Wow, how fast is this year going!

Easter is nearly upon us and as you would have already read on Story Park we are having an Easter Bonnet Parade, with this in mind we ask if you could assist your little one to get creative and design a spectacular Easter bonnet to wear on the day.

We will be doing an Easter egg hunt with the children throughout the morning session and placed in your child's bag to take home.



Anzac Day falls on the 25th, we will be recognising this event on the 24th at 10am with a minute of silence at our yarnning circle. a wreath will be made by each room and donated to the local service club.

Miss Brenda will be attending the Bundamba Dawn Service and laying a wreath at the memorial park on behalf of the Ulysses Ipswich branch. We hope to see some of you there.

LEAD Goodna Educators

Nursery

Miss Tiffany

Toddler

Miss Keely

Junior Kindy

Miss Stacey & Miss Tessa

Pre Kindy

Miss June

Kindergarten

Miss Frances

Schoolies

Miss Charlotte

Cook

Miss Rene



For the month of January, 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.

Here at Lead Goodna, we are committed to ensuring that our environments are designed and organised to maximise children's engagement and level of pleasant experiences, as well as, foster positive relationships.

We do this by ensuring that resources and equipment are appropriate for their use, and maintained to a high standard. We encourage the children to join us in designing spaces that they want to use, and that will support their learning.

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Have a question about our outdoor program?

Have a question or concern about our physical environment?

Have a suggestion or idea you'd like to share?

Any resources you'd like to donate?

Don't hesitate to speak to one of our lovely team members! You could even contact us via Storypark or by emailing us at goodna@leadchildcare.com.au



What's happening in the

Nursery

Welcome to April!

We are very excited to be welcoming a new friend to the Nursery over the coming weeks! We can't wait to play and learn alongside her as she grows.

The nursery room will be focusing on building strong relationships, developing a sense of belonging, and becoming comfortable in routines.

We hope to begin building strong motor skills, allowing us to sit unassisted, and make intentional movements with our bodies, as we transition from tummy time, to rolling, crawling, and one day: walking!

We would love to get to know more friends, and build our social circle in the nursery. We encourage you to come down and check out the room, and introduce your child to the first step in their educational journey!

Miss Tiffany ☺



Learning Enjoyment Activity Development



Toddler Time

Is it really April already?

The toddler children have been very busy over the past month!

We celebrated Harmony Day, and St Patrick's Day. We began learning about fire safety by practicing our crawling and embedding the concept of 'get down low and go go go'. We further developed our literacy skills, particularly verbal literacy, by exploring a number of our favourite nursery rhymes, reading and singing together, and working on our pencil grip. We engaged in a variety of out of the box experiences that take a holistic approach to literacy, attacking it at everyone angle. This involved visual tracking through soccer, Bubble play, and hitting a balloon; building cognitive skill with obstacle courses; and developing the muscles in our mouth by bubble blowing.

Over the next month, we will recognising Anzac Day, and we can't wait to show off our best bonnets at our Easter party! We hope to see you there!

Miss Keely :)



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Junior Kindy

We have some exciting news in Junior Kindy!!! Elsie and Ariana are both about to become big sisters! Elsie's mummy is having a baby girl, and Ariana's mummy is having a baby boy.

To build up the excitement and help prepare the girls for the new additions to their families, Miss Stacey has created our own little nursery area. The Nursery and baby dolls have been very popular with all the Junior Kindy children as they role play and display care and respect for the dolls. The nursery area has also provided an opportunity for Miss Stacey to engage the children in conversations about new baby's and the exciting and important role a big sister will play in helping mummy with the baby.

We look forward to lots of Easter themed fun over the month of April! We will be preparing for the Easter Bunny's visit at our Easter party, and can't wait to see everyone's beautiful bonnets.





Pre Kindy

This month in Pre-Kindy we have been exploring our puppet theatre. The children just can't get enough of manipulating the puppets, which are helping them to learn letter recognition, sing nursery rhymes, and read story books using voice modulation and body language. The puppets have helped us to explore stories like, '10 Silly Wombats' by Ed Allen Andrea Edmonds, "Hush Little Possum" by Wendy Binks, "If you're Happy and you know it" by Chris Kennett, "There was an old lady who swallowed a Mozzie" by Louis Shea, and "Down by the station" by Jess Stockham. The children are very enthusiastic and have mastered how to manipulate the puppets.

We have also been extending our understanding of literature and language through songs, rhymes and phonetic awareness. Using puppets is also a fun way to introduce numeracy skills. We have begun to count in sequence, through action songs, and playing musical chairs for recognition of numbers. In April we will go bowling out in the yard to enhance numeracy skills as we count the number of pins we knock over.

We have been working on our fine motor skills, by using our scissors to cut out pictures from catalogues, painting, drawing and colouring. We started off by creating our own musical instruments using recycle materials. We made maracas, a drum set, and a guitar. To extend the children's interest in music and creativity, we explored different nursery rhymes. We then created an alphabet train using recycled materials to help with letter recognition and association.

In order to celebrate St Patrick's Day we explored the colour green. We did this by painting clovers, doing a green ribbon dance, and had fun chasing a green balloon, which the children participated in enthusiastically.

We celebrated Harmony Day by sharing our knowledge of the various beliefs and cultures within our community that make Australia so diverse and special. Pre-Kindy discussed the importance of the day and how it is ok to be different. We then listened to a song that reinforced this message of multiculturalism.





Kindergarten

This month, amongst other things, we have been talking about Daniel Morcombe and stranger danger, using this topic to help increase awareness of our world, and allow us to develop a sense of responsibility for our wellbeing.

We also celebrated St Patrick's Day by talking about Ireland, St Patrick and painting some shamrocks green.

We've continued reading our Australian stories, one of our favourites being 'Sail Away! The Ballad of Skip and Nell!' The Kindergarten children have loved exploring literature together, and are always eager to share some of their favourite books with the class.

We've been exploring number and counting, working our way up to ten. This paired with a visit from our local prep teacher (who read us a story which we all enjoyed immensely!) has gotten the children very excited to prepare for their journey to big school.





Schoolies

Hello and welcome from the schoolies room!

Edward has been an amazing helper over the past month, assisting Miss Debbie with all of the morning craft experiences, and helping us to celebrate our calendar events. Edward has become our star playdough maker, ensuring the mornings are set and ready for all of his kindy friends.



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Happy Birthday

James McCaroll 8th

Jayden Fisher 9th

Mia Faulkner-Romans 11th

Ezra Lacey 15th

Maliyah Lacey 15th

Elsie Adams 19th

Brad Tran 24th

Michael Brockman 26th

Bazil Khan 27th

Miss Tiffany 11th

Wishing you all the happiest of birthdays



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

-Walt Disney



May Events

Upcoming events

Labour Day Monday 6th

centre will be closed on this day

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Crafts and gifts will be made throughout the week prior to Mother's Day

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Ipswich Show Day Friday 17th May

centre will be closed on this day.

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Sunday 26th May

National Sorry Day 2019 in Australia

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