

THE LEAD BULLETIN

Christmas Special!




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Opening Hours

LEAD Childcare Services are open throughout the festive season!

We will only be closed the below Public Holidays:

 Christmas Day Public Holiday
Tuesday, 27th December

 Boxing Day Public Holiday
Monday, 26th December

 New Years Day Public Holiday
Monday, 2nd January

From everyone at LEAD Childcare, we wish you and your family a happy and safe festive season!

Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!



From our Head Office Team!

Favourite moment/memory from 2022:

Finding out I was pregnant with my baby girl!

Professional goal for 2023:

Continuing to learn about our marketing and improving our strategies and overall LEAD Childcare Brand.

What are you looking forward to most in 2023:

Embracing life as a family of three and watching my baby girl grow!

Aleisha, Marketing Support

Favourite moment/memory from 2022

Experiencing 112 baby loggerhead turtles hatch and see them scramble down the beach into the ocean at Mon Repos.

Professional goal for 2023

To expand on my WordPress knowledge by creating exciting new pages for our LEAD Childcare website which will assist families, employees and our wider community.

What you are looking forward to the most in 2023

The possibilities! We have a great team at Head Office and have achieved so much this year, bring on 2023 and let's see what we can do!

Leana, Marketing Coordinator

Favourite moment/memory from 2022:

Taking my girl to Fiji for her first overseas holiday

Professional goal for 2023:

To continue to help take LEAD Childcare to exciting new levels!

What are you looking forward to most in 2023:

Creating new memories with family and friends and finishing the landscaping at my house.

Jackie, Centre Support Team

"Christmas Day is in our grasp, as long as we have hands to clasp! Christmas Day will always be, just as long, as we have we! Welcome Christmas while we stand, heart to heart, and hand in hand!"

-Dr. Seuss



More from our Head Office Team!

Favourite moment/memory from 2022

Getting my rescue dog 'BOY'.

Professional goal for 2023

Continuing on with the sensational job that I already do.

What are you looking forward to most in 2023

Saying goodbye to 2022.

Eddie, Head Office Support

Favourite moment/memory from 2022

Being welcomed into the Head Office team will be a life long favourite moment, therefore it takes the cake for 2022!

Beginning my HR journey with LEAD has been a personal and professional achievement I will always value.

Professional goal for 2023

My professional goal is to further my studies in Human Resources and continue to advance and implement strategies to assist Early Childhood Professionals.

What you are looking forward to the most in 2023

There are so many brilliant minds at LEAD, I am very excited to collaborate as a team and pioneer new ways of providing quality education and care.

Shannon, HR Support

Favourite moment/memory from 2022

The Educational Leader conferences where we have the opportunity to come together as a team to network, strategise, research and put layers in place to continue to guide our services at a high quality standard.

Professional goal for 2023

To identify new challenges within my role and attend professional development through face to face or online to further build my skills and knowledge to enable me to support and guide our Educational leaders.

What you are looking forward to the most in 2023

I look forward to many more conferences and working with the Educational leaders to continue the rich and purposeful documentation which LEAD as an organisation is passionate about.

Amanda, Organisation Educational Leader

Favourite moment/memory from 2022

Starting at LEAD again and working with the awesome Eddie again!

Professional goal for 2023

Supporting our kitchens across LEAD Childcare to make them nutritious and healthy. To educate children and families about healthy eating, and cooking from scratch. Helping to set children up for life with healthy eating and sustainable living.

What are you looking forward to most in 2023

To make our centres GREEN! Gardening organic herbs and vegetables to bring to the table!

Sandy, Kitchen Support

Favourite moment/memory from 2022

Spending time in the Kindergarten room at LEAD Childcare Tingalpa playing group games with the children. It really brought back fond memories of when I first started my Early Education career.

Professional goal for 2023

To continue to grow professionally and take advantage of opportunities to learn something new and evolve with LEAD Childcare.

What you are looking forward to the most in 2023

I look forward to moving into our new house with my family, seeing my family thrive, explore and discover new things.

Tamilea, Compliance Officer

Favourite moment/memory from 2022

My favourite personal memory from this year was watching my best friends get married and getting to be apart of their special day!

Professional goal for 2023

My professional goal in 2023 would be working further directly with the centres and spending more time with the staff and children, commencing my diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care.

What are you looking forward to most in 2023

Most looking forward to a positive year, professional growth and a new puppy

Ashlee, Parent Accounts Support



A Christmas Carol

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes
 Santa Claus,
 Right down Santa Claus lane
 Vixen and Blitzen and all his reindeer
 Pullin' on the reins
 Bells are ringin', children singin'
 All is merry and bright
 Hang your stockings and say your prayers
 'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight!

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes
 Santa Claus,
 Right down Santa Claus lane
 He's got a bag that's filled with toys
 For boys and girls again
 Hear those sleigh bells jingle jangle,
 Oh what a beautiful sight
 So jump in bed and cover your head
 'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight!

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes
 Santa Claus,
 Right down Santa Claus lane
 He doesn't care if you're rich or poor
 He loves you just the same
 Santa Claus knows we're all Gods children
 That makes everything right
 So fill your hearts with Christmas cheer
 'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight!

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes
 Santa Claus,
 Right down Santa Claus lane
 He'll come around when the chimes ring out
 That it's Christmas morn again
 Peace on earth will come to all
 If we just follow the light
 So lets give thanks to the lord above
 That Santa Claus comes tonight!



'Twas the Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
 Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
 The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
 In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
 While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
 And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
 Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,

For the whole poem, click on the link below!

<https://www.teachervision.com/christmas/twas-the-night-before-christmas-full-text-of-the-classic-poem>





Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols

Gather your family and friends for a festive night of carols at the iconic Riverstage for the Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols. This event is an all ages event. This year the tickets are \$5 and free for children under 18 years old. It will be a night to sing along to your favourite carols with some of Brisbane's finest performers.

Where: Riverstage

When: 10 December

Time: 6pm – gates open at 4pm



The Enchanted Garden | Roma Street

The Enchanted Garden Brisbane Christmas lights are back to delight visitors at Roma Street Parkland! This event is super popular so be sure to book your tickets asap!

Running 1 – 23 December 2022, the family-friendly lighting trail combines over 8,000 square metres of custom-made lighting, audio, special effects and sculptures to deliver a world-class digital art experience in the heart of Brisbane.



Pine Rivers Christmas Carols

Bring your best vocals and a blanket to spread out, relax and enjoy a magical evening including carols, free kids activities and workshops, Christmas llamas as well as some last-minute Christmas gift shopping at the twilight markets.

Where: Pine Rivers Park, Pine Rivers

When: Sunday, December 18

Time: 3pm – 8pm





Biscoff Gingerbread Men

Ingredients

125g salted butter, at room temperature
 160g ($\frac{1}{2}$ cup) smooth Biscoff spread
 100g ($\frac{1}{2}$ cup, firmly packed) brown sugar
 175g ($\frac{1}{2}$ cup) golden syrup
 1 egg yolk
 450g (3 cups) plain flour
 1 tbsp ground ginger
 1 tsp mixed spice
 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

Royal icing

2 egg whites
 450g (3 cups) pure icing sugar
 Lemon juice
 Red liquid food colouring, to tint

To decorate

Red fondant icing
 Glucose syrup
 Black writing icing, to decorate

Method

Step 1 - Use a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment to beat the butter, Biscoff spread and sugar until pale and creamy. Add golden syrup and egg yolk and beat until combined. Mix in the flour, ginger, mixed spice and bicarb. Turn onto a lightly floured surface. Divide in half. Knead each piece until smooth. Press into discs, cover with plastic wrap and place in the fridge for 30 minutes.

Step 2 - Preheat an oven to 180C/160C fan forced. Grease 2 baking trays. Line with baking paper.

Step 3 - Place a disc of dough between 2 sheets of baking paper and roll out to around 4mm thick. Use a 12cm gingerbread man pastry cutter to cut out shapes. Arrange on prepared trays. Re-roll any remaining dough.

Step 4 - Bake in a preheated oven for 10 minutes or until browned. Transfer to a wire rack to cool. Repeat with any remaining uncooked biscuits.

Step 5 - To make the royal icing, use electric beaters to cream egg whites in a bowl until soft peaks form. Gradually beat in icing sugar. Beat in a little lemon juice, $\frac{1}{2}$ a tsp at a time, until you have your desired consistency. Transfer two-thirds of the icing to a bowl. Add a few drops of food colouring and stir to combine (you may need more food colouring to achieve a bright red colour). Leave the remaining icing white.





MERRY
CHRISTMAS



Christmas Book

Santa Loves Australia

Join Santa on his magical sleigh ride over Australia where he is always secretly excited to visit to deliver his glittering presents. The stars of the Southern Cross in the Milky Way guide him over Uluru, on to tropical Queensland where he sings Christmas carols with the kookaburras.

His journey takes him to the Great Barrier Reef where he spies phosphorescence he's never seen before and on to Sydney, through the mouth of Luna Park, just for fun. The devils in the Tasmanian forest astonish him and he is amazed by Wilpena Pound. Santa's smile is as wide as that of the crocodile he encounters in the Kimberley.



Important Dates - December/January



Christmas Eve; 24th December



Christmas Day; 25th December



Christmas Day Public Holiday; 27th December



Boxing Day Public Holiday; 26th December



New Years Day; 1st January



New Years Day Public Holiday; 2nd January



Australia Day Public Holiday; 26th January



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