



Mitchell Street Early Learning Centre

-Welcome to 2019- Family newsletter

Hello and welcome to 2019,

A big warm welcome to all our new families and children we trust your settling well into our Mitchell St Community.

Happy new year to everyone and for those children who have moved rooms its been wonderful to see how engaged they have been learning and exploring in their new environments and our big Kinder children have now commenced their Kinder year.

Our Centre is looking lovely with the new paint adding some colour to our rooms.

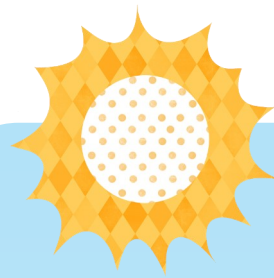
Staffing-

As most families in the Emu explorers room had been notified, Sarah has moved on to pursue another area of the industry, you will see Cath helping out in the Emu room until we are able to find a suitable replacement.

Some reminders:

- Our centre library located at reception please see us if you would like to join.
- Immunisation updates please send us a copy of your child's records every 6 months.
- Drop off/pick up please consider your speed limit
- Entry/Exit and room doors please make sure these are operated by adults only.
- General centre information is always displayed on our notice boards please take the time to read these for upcoming events.

Kerry Lenoble– Centre manager



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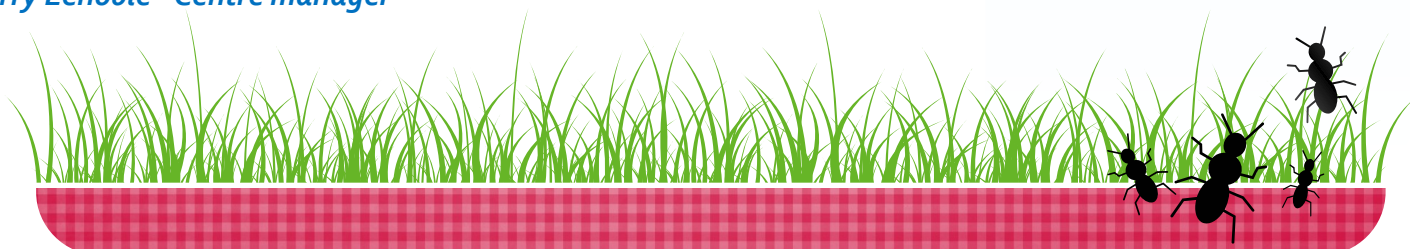
Important Dates

March 1st– Clean up Australia Day
March 5th– Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Day
March 13th– Walk for Johnno
March 21st– Harmony Day
Wear something Orange
Saturday March 23rd– my special child Expo– GMHBA Stadium 10am-4pm

Public holidays

CLOSED

Monday March 11th– Labour Day
Friday April 19th– Good Friday
Monday April 22nd– Easter Monday
Thursday April 25th– ANZAC Day



Reminders

Holiday's

Please give at least 2 weeks notice of any holidays you would like to take, you have up to 4 weeks holiday per financial year, to take at a 50% discounted rate on your weekly fee. All holiday absences should be given in writing either by using the forms provided or email.

Birthday Cake

Forms are available from your child's room and at reception to order Birthday Cakes - 48 hours notice is required when ordering.

Gumnut Grove

Team: Jayde, Melinda Teneile and Tania

A Big warm Welcome to 2019

Starting off the New Year we have some new faces attending Gumnut Grove each day, We have been excited to create lasting bonds between these Children and their Families. Our existing Gumnut Grover's have been amazing at making each new child feel most welcomed into the room, within saying this we also have had staffing changes throughout the building.

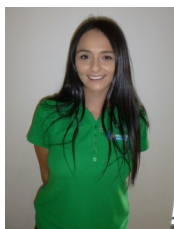
In Gumnut Grove we Welcomed our New Room Leader Jayde. Jayde is thrilled to be working in Gumnut Grove and cannot wait to build secure attachments with each child and their families. Our assistant educators are Tania, Melinda and Teneile. Both Tania and Melinda have worked previously in Gumnut Grove and are boasting with excitement to be able to continue their roles within the Grove for 2019. Teneile is our third and final assistant for the start of 2019, Teneile has previously worked at Mitchell street in our Koala Cove Toddler room, We are thrilled to have Teneile apart of our team for 2019.

With the weather being in our favor our Gumnut Grover's have had many exciting days In their outdoor environment. The weather has provoked and encouraged creativity, imagination and exploration in their natural environment.

From all of us here in Gumnut Grove we cant wait to see what the rest of the year has in store for us and we are excited to have you all along with us for an adventurous ride.

- The Gumnut Grove Team -

JAYDE



TANIA



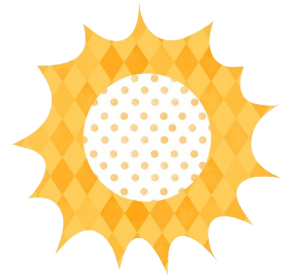
MEL



TENEILE



Koala Cove



Team: Courtney, Rachel, Shakara and Susie

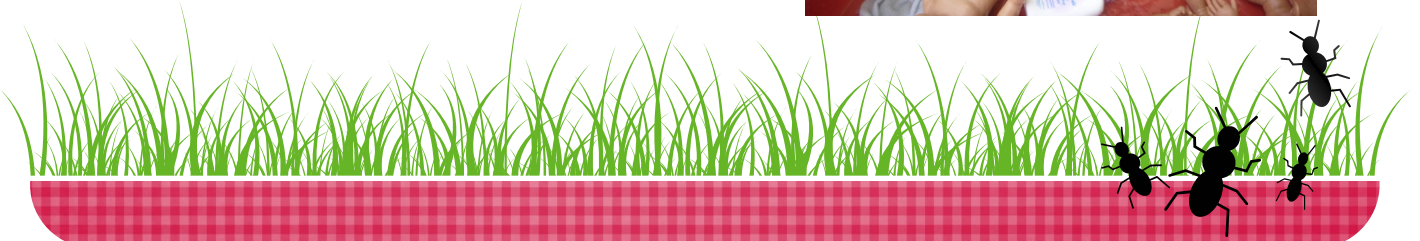
We hope you all had a wonderful and safe holiday season!

What an exciting start to the year we have had here in Koala Cove. With our big room transition well under way we have been busy getting to know each other, all the families and our new environment, we have welcomed many Gumnut Grove families into our room as well as welcoming new families to Mitchell Street!

The educators are doing well learning the new routines of the children and making sure this was a smooth and positive transition for all involved, we are all really enjoying getting to know all of our new children and families and look forward to getting meet and know you all !

The children seem to be really loving the opportunity for indoor/outdoor play ALL DAY with ball games, bike riding, climbing and sandpit play being a few of the favourite things to do. We are seeing the children have so much confidence when engaging in the outdoor yard as well as confidence in forming relationships together!

Over the time in Term 1 we will be focusing on group time participation and language development, with this happening during many planned and spontaneous times throughout the day. We look forward to seeing what the year has in store for us in Koala Cove



Willow Way

Team: Mel Beth.O, Hayley and Amelia

Welcome to Willow Way in 2019. We have started the year with smooth transitions and now are quite settled within our new room.

We would like to wish Mel a huge welcome to the Willow Way family entering the room as our new Room Leader, Mel has been with us here at Mitchell street for 3 and a half years and is looking forward to meeting all of the new and existing families within the room and the building!

We would like to introduce the other members of our willow way team, Hayley, Beth and Amelia. Amongst us we bring a wealth of knowledge and ideas in early child hood care, please let us know if you have ideas, suggestions or resources that you would like us to work on or use in the room with the children. We have set hours that we work and you will see these on the front door.



Over the next couple of months we will be concentrating on enhancing the children's independence skills and so will be doing activities to promote this learning, some of the skills we will be concentrating on are taking care of belongings, assisting with routine tasks such as tidying the room, setting the lunch table, washing dishes, these experiences assist the children to learn, about caring for others, turn taking and sharing.

We are starting a family tree wall and we encourage you to bring a photo of your child's family in so that we can place this on the tree. We are all starting a belonging wall with all the children and Educators photos on display.

Some of the experiences that the children have been engaging in have been art, using different mediums to explore colour, playdough, books, blocks, music and movement and dance. We would like to introduce the children to a broad range of experiences and activities over the year, these may include cooking and painting. We look forward to getting to know all our children and families and building lasting relationships.



Emu Explorers

Team: Shinae, Fiona and Beth.A

Huānyíng! Aloha! Svagat Hain! Ahlan 'Wa Sahlab! Velkommen! Bienvenue!

A big warm welcome to Emu Explorers 2019!

We have had a busy, exciting and fun first few weeks in Emu Explorers. We have been focussing our time on getting to know each other, making new friends, and beginning to develop the routine of our room.

As part of our learning program we provide the children with long periods of uninterrupted play time for the children to follow their interests and ideas. Educators are always close by looking for opportunities to engage and find moments for intentional teaching. If you would like more information about our learning program it is on display next to the art centre and you are welcome to have a peruse.

In February we look forward to participating in planned activities such as cooking, science experiments, special sensory play and more. We will have these activities/events posted on the Family Communication Board above the sign in kiosk.

The children have been very engaged in our dramatic play centre which is currently a supermarket. The children have been exploring the roles of customers and cashiers and experimenting with the dialogue and conversations that fit in that setting.

Our investigation centre has been an area of quiet concentration as the children learn how to use a screw driver to work screws into a pre-drilled piece of wood. We have also been discussing the importance of using tools in a safe way, by sitting, wearing shoes and safety glasses.

We also have participated in 'Storytime in Space' where we tune into a space station and watch on as an astronaut reads a children's story. The last video we watched was about sunsets. We learnt that on the space station, they view 16 sunrises and sunsets every day. We then got to watch a sunset from the space station. It raised so many space questions from the inquisitive Emu Explorers minds.

Have you seen our Parent Pockets yet? These are located to the immediate right of our door. There is a pocket for each child, in alphabetical order. We will use these to send home communication from the room and other bits and pieces like party invitations.

I hope you have had the opportunity to meet the three staff members in the room: Beth, Shinae and Fiona- if not, please feel welcome to come over and say 'Hi!'

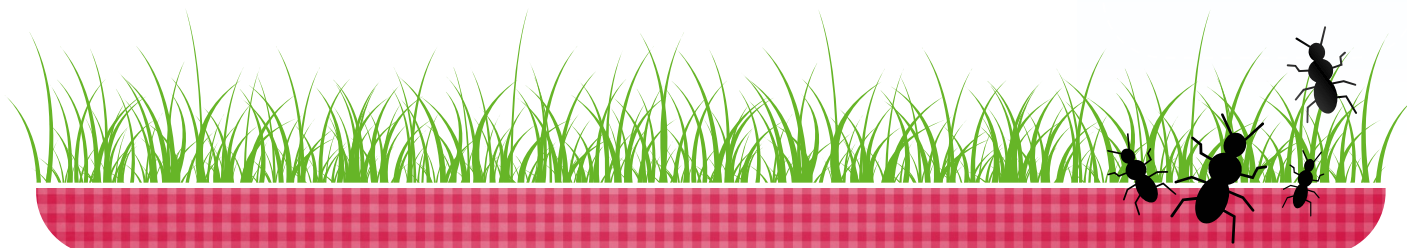
As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to discuss them with myself or a member of the Emu Explorers team.

See you soon!

Medicare and dental information

This website has some helpful information outlining the CDBS with Medicare for any parents that were not aware or would like some information

http://www.kidspot.com.au/health/family-health/real-life/i-will-have-no-choice-but-to-neglect-my-kids-teeth?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=post&utm_campaign=editorial



Kangaroo Kinders

We would like to welcome all new families and continuing families here at Mitchell Street Early Learning Centre, to the Kangaroo Kinders room. Firstly, lets introduce you to the Kangaroo Kinders Team for 2019!



Brooke.C
Kindergarten
Teacher



Brooke.H
Kindergarten
Teacher



Elisse
Co-Educator

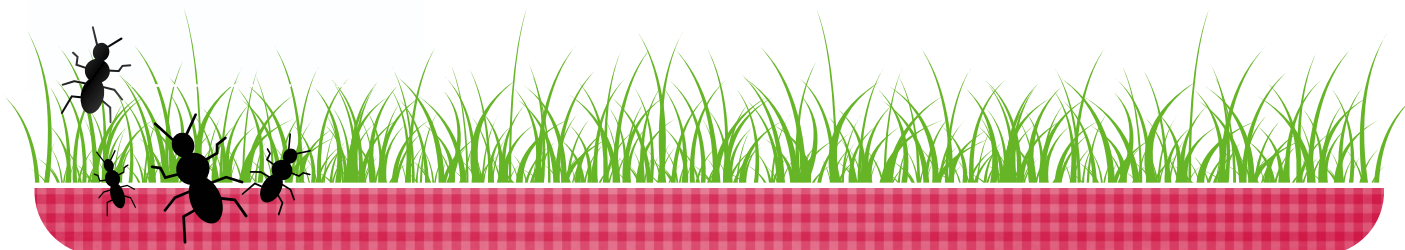


Caitlin
Co-Educator

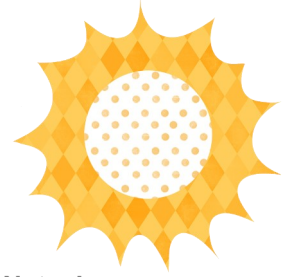
Some of the focus' we will work on in Kangaroo Kinders is school readiness which is seen through the children enhancing their self-help skills and independence, as well as learning about letter, number, shape and colour recognition. We also have started learning French which you'll notice throughout the year as the children use this language in their everyday practise. We will also be there to help your guide child to create meaningful relationships with other children to help enhance their social development and sense of identity.

The Kindergarten Program is run between the hours of 10:00am-3:00pm Monday-Friday. Each week we have a 'theme' or 'focus'. Our planner will be available near our program board, which will indicate the themes/focus for each week, with the corresponding activities. We will also provide copies starting term one for families to take home, so you can keep up with our progress throughout the term. We are extremely lucky to have an upstairs room available for us to use on a day to day basis, for our learning, play and development. This will mean smaller group sizes during the day which provide more one on one time with the children. Children participating in the Kindergarten Program here at Mitchell Street will also take part in four excursions during the year (usually one per term), as well as incursions.

Now lets see where this year takes us!



A word from our chef Cale



First of all let me take this opportunity to formally introduce you all to Natasha,

Tash is employed as our kitchen assistant and she is also undertaking an apprenticeship in commercial cookery, she will be in the kitchen 5 days a week assisting me with the daily running of the kitchen.

We have really enjoyed being able to interact with the children in the room participating in hands on cooking experiences with them especially over the Christmas period, it's wonderful seeing the children have such a great interest in cooking and helping prepare their meals.

We really love hearing feedback from our families about meals the children have enjoyed as well as any ideas or input you may have for the centre meals.

Thanks for all the positive feedback!

Cale and Tash!

Upcoming menu

February 25th– March 1st

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST	WHEATBIX AND TOAST	WHEATBIX AND TOAST	WHEATBIX AND TOAST	WHEATBIX AND TOAST	WHEATBIX AND TOAST
MORNING TEA	FRESH SEASONAL FRUIT WITH MILK	FRESH SEASONAL FRUIT WITH MILK	FRESH SEASONAL FRUIT WITH MILK	YOGHURT AND GRANOLA CUPS	FRESH SEASONAL FRUIT WITH MILK
INGREDIENTS				YOGHURT, BERRIES, OATES	
LUNCH	MONGOLIAN BEEF WITH HOKKIEN NOODLES	CHICKEN QUESIDILAS	ROAST LAMB	LENTIL SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE	SWEEDISH MEATBALLS WITH STEAMED POTATO AND VEGETABLES
INGREDIENTS	BEEF, HOKKIEN NOODLES, SOY SAUCE, STOCK	CHICKEN, TORTILLAS, SPICES	LAMB, POTATO, CARROT, GRAVY	LENTILS, TOMATO, PASTA	BEEF AND PORK MINCE, POTATO, MILK, CHEESE
AFTER LUNCH	APPLES TO CLEAN TEETH	APPLES TO CLEAN TEETH	APPLES TO CLEAN TEETH	APPLES TO CLEAN TEETH	APPLES TO CLEAN TEETH
AFTERNOON TEA	RASPBERRY BUTTER CAKE	AVOCADO AND CHOCOLATE MUFFINS	BANANA CUSTARD WITH CARAMEL POPCORN	FRESH SEASONAL FRUIT WITH MILK	PIZZA SCROLLS
INGREDIENTS	RASPBERRY, BUTTER, FLOUR, SOY	AVOCADO, COCOA, FLOUR, SOY MILK	BANANA, MILK, POPCORN		FLOUR, MARGARINE, TOMATO, PINEAPPLE, CHEESE
LATE SNACK	DAILY SELECTION	DAILY SELECTION	DAILY SELECTION	DAILY SELECTION	DAILY SELECTION



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