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Kuluin Early Learning Centre

'Committed to caring for your child'

Welcome to all new families that have recently commenced care at the centre.

Centre Gymnastics Program:

We are pleased to announce an upcoming gymnastics program will be offered throughout our centre. This program will be offered to all families from the Toddler room- Preschool room at no extra cost. This program will be facilitated by Sylvia van Bommel who is a fully accredited kindy gym coach with many years of experience working with young children, Sylvia previously worked at Maroochy Beach Gymnastics Club at Maroochydore where she ran and co-ordinated the gymnastics program for the juniors before recently joining us as our Preschool assistant..

Miss Maria (Little Champs Dance Class)

Miss Maria is taking a short break between dance terms and will be back for a new exciting term in a couple of weeks.

Staff Holidays:

Annette is on leave FROM 3RD May returning on the 12th May
 Renee is on leave Friday 13th May

Seeking Testimonials

Are you and your family enjoying your experience at Kuluin Early Learning Centre? If so, would you be interested in writing a testimonial of your experience for our website? You can email your testimonials to kuluinelc@gcaweb.com.au or pass them onto Tara or Janet.

On Thursday 21st April the children and team at Kuluin Early Learning Centre celebrated our first Easter Bonnet Parade. The children put on a very colourful parade where they were able to show off the hard work they and their families put into creating their bonnets. The atmosphere was wonderful, with parents, children and staff enjoying the morning together.

Please support our local family owned businesses.

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Centre Students

We have 3 students currently in the centre doing their field placements from Tafe / University. We welcome them their photos are on display in the foyer.

When Your Child Comes Home Messy

Red paint in the hair?
 Blue paint on the jeans?
 Sand in the shoes?
 Food on a favourite shirt?
 White socks that look brown?
 Sleeves a bit damp?

YOUR CHILD PROBABLY....

Worked with a friend
 Solved a problem
 Created a masterpiece
 Negotiated a difference
 Learned a new skill
 Had a great time
 Developed new language skills

YOUR CHILD PROBABLY DIDN'T....

Feel lonely
 Become bored
 Do repetitive tasks that are too babyish
 Do worksheets that are too easy
 Do sit down work that discourages learning

Young children really learn when they are actively involved in play.....not when someone is talking to them.

There is a difference between "messy" and "lack of care." Our team made sure your child was fed, warm, offered new skills and planned fun hands-on things to do because that's how young children learn!

Please remember to dress your children in clothes that can get dirty and shoes that are appropriate for running and playing outside. Pack labelled clothes that suit a range of seasons so your child can change if necessary!

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Current Centre Vacancies

We have days available in some of the rooms throughout the centre. If you would like to pick up an extra permanent day please see Tara.

| | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri |
|-----------|-----|------|-----|-------|-----|
| Nursery | | | | | |
| Toddler | | | | | |
| Jnr Kindy | | | | | |
| Snr Kindy | | * | | | |
| Preschool | * | | | | * |

* Indicates availability on that day

Vacancies
Please Note: These
vacancies may change
daily

Influenza and Vaccines

With winter approaching some of you may wish to explore the option of flu Vaccines to prevent your children from getting some of the nasty influenza infections that will present during the season. Influenza is not a cold. It is a highly contagious disease. If your children are presenting with any of the following symptoms, usually occurring one to three days after infection, please seek medical advice. As per our Exclusion policy children with such symptoms would be best left home to recuperate. Fever, Headaches, Muscle and joint pain, Sore throat, Cough, Runny or stuffy nose

Severe tiredness, and lethargy

For more information on the flu, please visit www.fightflu.gov.au or speak with your family doctor.

Just a quick reminder to all families to bring in their Red Book whenever their child receives another immunisation shot. These need to be recorded here at the centre so we appreciate you keeping us up to date. Please be aware of the centres policy on the exclusion of children who are not immunised as well as our full illness and exclusion policy, particularly during the winter months. You can find our policy folder in front of the office.

[Australian Childhood Immunisation Register](#)

A national register administered by Medicare Australia that records details of vaccinations given to children under seven years of age who live in Australia.

Ph: 1800 653 809



“Children who are not immunised may be excluded from the centre during an outbreak, and families will be required to pay full fees during the exclusion period.”

UP COMING EVENTS

May – Friday 6th Mothers Day Afternoon Tea – 3pm (Preschool 2.30pm)



FROM THE KITCHEN:

CREAMY VEGIE SOUP

A lower fat version of a cream-based soups

10 minutes preparation + 15 minutes cooking

15 serves of vegies in this recipe.

250g pumpkin, peeled and cut into small chunks

Half head of cauliflower, cut into florets

1 zucchini, chopped

1 large onion, diced

2 large potatoes, peeled and diced

6 cups chicken stock

½ cup low-fat evaporated milk

Combine pumpkin, cauliflower, zucchini, onion, potato and stock in a large pot. Cover and cook over gentle heat for 15 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Remove from heat and puree in a blender until smooth. Stir through milk.

Serves 6.

Hint

If you do not have a blender, push soup through a sieve.

Variation

This soup can be made using 1 ½ kg of any chopped vegetables. Try sweet corn and sweet potato and 5 minutes before the end of cooking throw in a few outside lettuce leaves and a handful of parsley or mint, then puree.

Serving suggestion

Serve with crusty bread.



Nursery News

This month in the Nursery our little ones are continuing to practise their climbing through the use of small obstacle courses being provided each day. We are also continuing to further extend the children's use of simple key words such as: up, milk, drink, water, yummy, nigh nigh! hat, more, please and ta just to name a few.

Over the last few week's staff, have enjoyed sharing in the children's milestones, early crawlers, walkers and confident climbers.

As the weather is starting to cool please ensure that you provide clearly labelled jumpers, trousers and socks/shoes for staff to change your child in to as the afternoon cools down.

Our favourite songs at the moment:

Row your boat

Old Mac Donald

Der Glumf

Wheels on the bus

If you're happy and you know it clap

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| <p>See you in the Nursery Janet, Hiromi and Jasmine</p> | <p>your hands.</p> |
| <p>Toddler News Hello All, We hope that everyone had a great time over Easter and had a lovely break, the bonnet parade was a great success and we seen some wonderful creations. May has been a busy month for us already with Mother's day preparations well under way the children have all been working very hard on their presents for their mums and they are looking wonderful. In the toddler room we love having parents come and spend some time in the room and it very much encouraged. We have a family input sheet located next to the sign in and out book, if you would like to come spend some time in the room please write what day and time best suits you and we can plan an extra little activity for you to help out with. In the toddler room and throughout the centre we try to encourage healthy eating and help the children make healthy choices when choosing food. The toddler's lunches are all wonderful and are full of a variety of healthy food. It can be difficult trying to pack an exciting lunch every day for your child if you ever get stuck for new lunch box ideas please feel free to speak with Renee and Nina and we can give you some ideas, over the next few weeks we will be setting up a healthy lunch box ideas fact sheet and receipts that will be displayed on the fridge so please feel free to take a copy. As the weather is getting cooler children tend to eat more and get hungry more often especially children who are here past 5pm so please try to pack a little extra food for your child too much is better than too little Toilet training in the room is going great and we are so proud of all the children. Toilet training can be hard and it can take longer for some children if you do decided to start toilet training make sure you are consistent with it even if you feel they are just not quit getting it, they will pick it up eventually and practice makes perfect. Just a few reminders please remember to pack warm clothes such as long pants, jumpers and socks as the weather is getting cooler especially in the later afternoon, we ask that sheet bags and hats be taken home at the end of each week for washing if you child only attends one or two days a week it is fine to take them home every second week if you prefer. We are also finding that a lot of items are not being named and clothes have been getting mixed up please label ALL belongings that come to day care even undies as with all the toilet training it is easy for them to get mixed up, also please make sure you check the wet clothes bucket each day for any wet clothes your child might have we write the names of the children who have wet clothes on the communication book. Love Renee and Nina 😊</p> |    |
| <p>Junior Kindy Hello 😊 Junior Kindy would like to welcome our gorgeous new friends James and Thomas to the room. We Junior Kindy kids have been very busy bees this past month with our Easter craft and our Mother's day craft creations. The Easter bonnet parade was a great success and a joy for the parents to watch. The</p> |  |

bonnets were all very amazing and looked like very hard work – great job parents. The Easter egg hunt afterwards was loads of fun and very enjoyable – yummy chocolate eggs!

We now have moved on from our Beach and ocean life experience and now are slowly creating a forest which we will be extending on and learning about our Australian animals, aboriginal culture and other interest the children show throughout this period.

Check out our Pet Wall!

Cooper and Hayden.J have brought along a picture of their pets to share with the group. Cooper has a pet dog called Millie and Hayden.J has a pet dog called Max. Please bring along a photo to share – this is a great experience for the children to learn about different kinds of pets and communicate between one another.

Parent communication is very important within the room; we have many ways of communication. Please feel free to leave a message on my desk, also parents have the opportunity to leave feedback on your child's day, ideas or import into the curriculum in our curriculum folder.

USB's please feel free to bring in and I can copy all photo's we have of your child onto the USB for you.

Til next month, enjoy,

Love The Junior Kindy Children, Sophie, Chloe and Nathalie.



Senior Kindy News

Oh my Goodness! It's May already! Yes, we've changed the room around again! We had to. Our new computers wouldn't fit the way we had the room set up. Now we have a little work station with a computer area, a writing table and a quiet reading space. Just perfect as we re-introduce Letterland. We will use the computers to explore Letterland, learning more about each letters sound, how to use them and letter recognition. We will enhance these skills with pre-writing tasks such as drawing, shape and letter tracing, scissor skills and Letterland worksheets.

Our new 'construction area' will also be used for our group sessions now, where we extend on a variety of life skills such as listening, taking turns when talking, vocabulary and language. We are also learning a good morning song, and about the weather. We will also be starting 'show and tell' in the next few weeks, a roster will be sent home about this so you know when it is your child's day for show and tell. This also enhances other life skills such as speaking in front of a group, confidence and organization.

Over the last month we have also been discovering another very

important skill, recycling! Reduce, Re-use, Recycle! As well as having a rubbish bin for our scraps (reduce); we have added a box (re-use) and a red tub (recycle). The children are showing great interest in this and have been doing very well at putting things in the correct places. Our yogurt containers are now going into our 'washing up' tub instead of the bin and after they are washed and dry they are put into our Re-use box. You may have noticed we re-used some of these in your mother's day gifts!

We would like to thank all our wonderful families for participating in their child's early learning experiences. It was fantastic to have so many families join us for our Easter Bonnet parade and for all the effort put in to making the bonnets. We can also see the time and effort you put in at home as the children demonstrate their abilities and knowledge in areas such as language colour and shape recognition, etc.

Our Australian Adventure has slowed as we ventured through the Northern Territory and into Western Australia, we are still doing some investigating and exploring, just at a slower pace. Your input into this or any of our activities is more than welcome.

We have really enjoyed getting to know our Senior Kindy friends and their families please remember to let us know if there are any changes at home or anything that may affect your child's day, so we can assist your child with the adjustment. It's all about the children and making things easier on them.

Until next time.
Terissa, Sally & Annette



May In the Preschool Room

It has been a fantastic month in the preschool room- the excitement of Easter, talking about the festivities, creating our gifts and parading our bonnets. Thank you to all the families who took part.

We have been focusing on our letters of the week, formation starting from the green light and ending at the red light, pencil grip and perfecting our name writing.

Recently the children have displayed a great interest in measuring, so we have been learning how to use a tape measure and a ruler.

We have been busy getting our Mother's Day gifts ready and talking about 'why we love our mum's'.

The preschool room morning group begins at 9:00am and we do encourage the children to arrive before this time, as it is a great and positive way for your child to start their day.

May House Keeping

Warm Clothing Please ensure you pack a jumper or warmer clothes in your child's bag as the weather is slightly cooler in the mornings and late afternoons.

Toys from Home Please remember that the only toys coming along to Preschool should be for show and tell. Any show and tell items should be given to your child's teacher on arrival or placed in the 'show and tell' box located on top of the fridge. Toys in bags often find their way out during the day and it can cause problems if they are misplaced. Please help us by keeping toys at home.

Kristin and Sylvia



Chook , Chook, Good Morning Mrs Hen

Chook, chook, chook, chook,
chook good morning Mrs Hen,
How many chickens do you
have? Madam I've got ten.

One of them is yellow and
one of them is brown, eight
of them are

Speckled the finest in the
town.

Chook, chook, chook, chook,
chook good morning Mrs Hen,
How many chickens do you
have? Madam I've got ten.

Two of them are yellow and
two of them are brown, six
of them are

Speckled the finest in the
town.

Chook, chook, chook, chook,
chook good morning Mrs Hen,
How many chickens do you
have? Madam I've got ten.

Three of them are yellow and
three of them are brown,
four of them are

Speckled the finest in the
town.

Chook, chook, chook, chook,
chook good morning Mrs Hen,
How many chickens do you
have? Madam I've got ten.

Four of them are yellow and
four of them are brown, two
of them are

Speckled the finest in the
town.

Chook, chook, chook, chook,
chook good morning Mrs Hen,
How many chickens do you
have? Madam I've got ten.

Five of them are yellow and
five them are brown, none of
them are

Speckled the finest in the
town.

MONTHLY POLICY REVIEW

As a part of keeping our policies and procedures current, relevant and up with industry standards, we encourage both staff and parents to have input into the review of our policies. Our policies are always available for parents to have a look at and we have policy review forms available for parents to give feedback. Staff are involved in having feedback into policies at our monthly staff meetings. If you would like to review any of the policies below you can collect a form from the foyer and return it to the suggestion box.

In May we will be focusing on our Administration (ADM1.1 – ADM1.21)

Parent Centre Policy Review – Feedback Sheet

Date reviewed _____

Are these policies meeting current requirements? Yes No

Comments

Parent Signature:

Parent Feedback Survey

We are always seeking to improve our service and meet your needs. To assist us to do this better we have attached a feedback survey consisting of key questions. Please feel free to give us your honest answer as this will greatly assist us to improve our service.

How well do you think we performed in assisting you and your child to orient into our centre?

How well have we established and maintained positive and nurturing relationships with you and your child?

How welcome do we make you feel?

Do you feel our centre is inviting to your family?

How well do we meet your needs with providing you information about your child's day and routine activities?

Do members of our team discuss your child's day with you?

Do you have any suggestions that could improve educators and parent Communications?

Are you satisfied with the curriculum and resources that we provide for your child?

Do you feel your child is safe at our centre?

Do you have any safety concerns regarding our centre?
