

Term 1 2019

Events

6th March Kindergarten Information Evening (School Readiness) – for Kindergarten families only

22nd March National Ride 2 School Day

18-29th March Cultural Diversity Taste of Harmony Week

4th April Beach and Surf Safety Program (Gold Coast City Council)

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Please remember to sign your child/children in and out each day!

A warm welcome to all our new and returning families,

It has certainly been an exciting start to the year as we have watched with delight our new Babies Room evolves. It is amazing how different the room looks and feels, there will certainly be many positive opportunities arising when the move is completed.

Our progress to date includes new flooring, the bathroom and change room has been completely renovated, a new kitchenette and cot room added. We are expecting an informal walk through by the Department of Education and Care our governing body before the amendment to our service approval to encompass 0-5 years occurs.

We appreciate the patience of all our families as we work around an as yet unknown timeframe with the actual date of the move still to be determined pending the service approval amendment process.

**With kind regards
 Robyn & Team**

Staffing News:

We have been joined this week by Ms Chenoa our early Childhood Teacher within our Kindergarten room until Ms Hayley returns mid-April. Ms Kimberley will be leaving on 21 February to travel within Australia before she returns to Scotland. On behalf of our team I would like to thank Ms Kimberley for her valuable contribution to our centre and we wish her well with her future endeavours.

Our staff team for 2019 (when combined):

Kindergarten: Ms Chenoa (ECT), Ms Jacinta (Assistant)

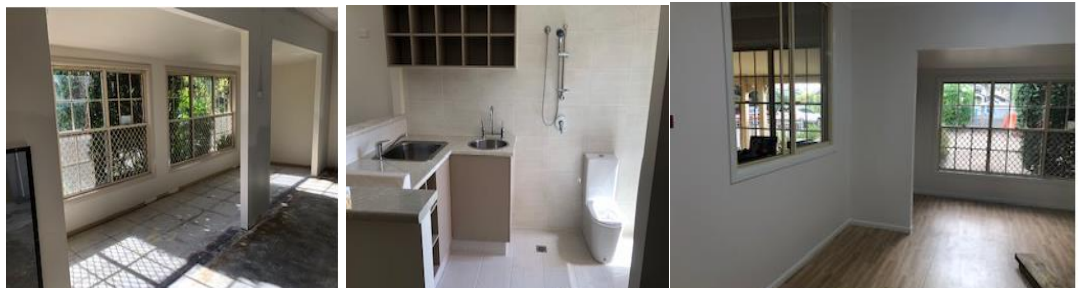
Junior Kindy/Pre-Kindy: Ms Roisin (Group Leader), Ms Asih (Assistant)

Babies: Ms Kanami & Ms Victoria (Group Leaders), Ms Glecia & Ms Emily (Assistants)

After School Care: Ms Delly

Additional Team members: Ms Yzabelle, Ms Lily, Ms Nofia

Maternity Leave: Ms Hayley, Ms Tenika, Ms Teah



**Community Connections:
 PLAYGROUP**

There has been a change to our play group schedule we will now commence Friday alternating with Wednesday.

Friday 22 February

Wednesday 27 February

Friday 8 March

Wednesday 13 March

Friday 22 March

Wednesday 27 March

9.00am – 10.30am

Within our central covered courtyard.



**Playgroup
 Australia**

Let's Count!!

Harbour Town Kindyland has again joined the Let's Count Program.

Let's Count is based on the principle that children are more likely to have positive experiences of mathematics during their early years if their educators, parents and other family members also have positive dispositions towards mathematics. It's underpinned by:

- The use of play, discussion and investigation as its key pedagogical approach
- Strong partnerships between early childhood educators and families
- The recognition that all children, parents/carers and educators can be powerful mathematicians
- A realisation that mathematics learning can be enjoyable for all, when it is undertaken in a relevant and meaningful context

***Let's Count
 at home!***



Use these fun and practical tips to help notice, explore and talk about maths in the everyday.

Here are some tips for getting started with your child:

- When making lunch, discuss how you can cut a sandwich into halves, quarters, squares and triangles. How many pieces do you have now?



- Cook together! Measure ingredients, discuss cooking times and temperatures.



- Use bath time to play with measuring using cups filled with water. Which toys sink? Which toys float?



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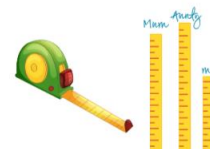


More fun ways to explore maths in the house.

- Ask your child to help you with the laundry. Sort socks into pairs, notice patterns.



- Use a tape measure to find a child's height. Who is the tallest in your family? Who is the shortest?



- In the garden, what can you find? Notice and play with shapes, sizes, and weights.



- Play with blocks of dominoes and discuss the sizes, shapes and patterns.



Notice, explore and talk about maths in everyday life!

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We look forward to sharing more of the information and resources with you as the year progresses. As occurred last year we have Maths activity packs which will be sent home throughout the year. This is a great opportunity for families to be a part of children's learning and for your children to increase in confidence as they demonstrate to you their capabilities.

Community Connections:

STREET LIBRARY



We are in the initial planning stages of launching our Street library. This will host a collection of donated books available for our families and local community. The library will contain a range of books for all ages and is an ideal way to actively promote literacy as well as engaging with our community. Stay tuned for more updates



Take a book
Give a book
Share a book



Creating a Sense of Belonging

Children belong first to a family, a cultural group, a neighbourhood and a wider community. Belonging acknowledges children's interdependence with others and the basis of relationships in defining identities. In early childhood and throughout life, relationships are crucial to a sense of belonging. Belonging is central to being and becoming in that it shares who children are and who they can become' (EYLF, 2009, p.7).

We recently enjoyed celebrating and learning about Chinese New Year and Waitangi Day. Thank you to Ting Jin (Annie Yang's mum) who kindly provided information about a range of activities that we could share with the children to support their understanding about the significance of Chinese New Year. Our Pre Kindy and Kindergarten Children joined together to make fans and a Chinese Dragon that they used to create their own Chinese Dragon Dance.



儿童首先属于一个家庭，一个文化团体，一个社区和一个更广泛的社区。归属感承认儿童与其他人之间的相互依存关系以及界定身份的关系基础。在幼儿和整个生命，关系是至关重要的归属感。归属感是存在和成为的核心，因为它分享了儿童是谁，他们可以成为谁" (EYLF, 2009, p. 7)

Bronfenbrenner believes that fostering positive relationships with children and their families is vital to the development of the child. The way we interact with and support those families will affect the child's development. We need to reflect the needs and expectations of the society, culture and community in which our children live.

Recognising and celebrating special events is an important part of a child's life and contributes to their sense of belonging. We strongly encourage all families to share special aspects of their culture with us so we can all learn and grow through connecting with each other.

Cultural competence encompasses: being aware of one's own world view developing positive attitudes towards cultural differences gaining knowledge of different cultural practices and world views developing skills for communication and interaction across cultures.

Things to remember each day

- * Water bottle
- * Spare clothes
- * Broad Brimmed Hat
- * Nappies (if appropriate)
- * Bed sheets for children who require a sleep

Sun Safety

We have recently established sun screen station in the entrance foyer for families to access on arrival at the Centre. We do ask for all children to have sun screen applied ideally before arriving at the Centre please to ensure sun safety. In keeping with our sun safety policy families are reminded to please provide appropriate sun safety clothing for children: a wide brim hat, no singlets or strappy tops/dresses and enclosed shoes or sandals rather than thongs please. Please see your Parent Handbook for more information. A copy of our Sun Safety Policy is available.



Celebrations

In accordance with our Parent Handbook all families are politely reminded that cakes brought in to the centre to celebrate birthdays and other celebrations are required to be store bought with ingredients clearly visible. As we have children with severe allergies at the service, food prepared at home, including birthday cakes cannot be shared with children at the service. We also do not permit additional birthday products e.g. lollies, balloons, party favours etc.



With kind regards from

Robyn Pointing and Trish Wright

Nominated Supervisors

on behalf of the combined Harbour Town and Babyland Teams.

We look forward to sharing more details and finalising the date for moving as well as organising an opening evening or afternoon to showcase our renovation.