

Little Ducks Childcare January / February 2016 Newsletter

A note from your Centre Manager

Welcome to all our new families and to our 'beginning families'.
The team at Little Ducks Fortitude Valley looks forward to a long and happy journey with each and every family.
Its been an amazing lead up to our Grand Opening after a fantastic turnout at our Open Day. Thank you to all families who attended.
It has been a pleasure so far in getting to know all our families and children.
We value your commitment and hope to meet each and every expectation.
Please keep communicating with us and we will do the very best we can to ensure harmony and contented small people each and every day are exploring new territories in a safe and supportive environment.
A few reminders please:
Tuesday January 26 is a Public holiday.

Arrivals and Departures:
Upon arriving at FV LD's prior to 8.00am – please take your small persons belongings to their 'home room', unpack and sign in (the housekeeping detail please); all children group in our 'family community' on Level 1 – Nurseries from 6.30am – approximately 8.00-8.30am, then our older children move to their own 'home rooms' with their Educators.
Afternoons – prior to 4.30pm all small people will be in their 'home rooms'; if they are not then they've just moved early to the 'family community' on Level 1.
We deliberately leave your small persons belongings in their 'home room' lockers so you are able to read their daily learning journals, and view any current art projects within the room. We feel this is very special for parents to see and then share in conversations with their small people about their day at Du
Happy travelling with us as we journey onwards and upwards!
My thanks to you in entrusting LD's Valley.
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Upcoming Events!

JANUARY …



Australia Day Public Holiday — Tuesday January 26 2016.
Fortitude Valley Little Ducks will be closed.

Australia Day Dress Up — Wednesday January 27.
Come in Aussie dress, for a fun-filled day!

FEBRUARY ...

Friday 5th – **Waitangi Day**
Celebrating New Zealand's National Day (Saturday 6th).

Monday 8th – **Vietnamese new year** & **Chinese New Year**
(Year of the monkey)
Let's celebrate with these wonderful countries.

Tuesday 9th – **Brazil's Carnival**
Celebrate by dressing up in your most dazzling, sparkly Carnival Costume for a day of fun and dancing!

Ocean Life Show — 11th February
Come and explore some of the amazing sea creatures.



Sunday 14th - **Valentine's Day**
Throughout the week leading up to Valentine's Day we will be talking about and celebrating the people that we love.

Saturday 20th **– Love your pet day**
Leading up to this day we will be talking about our favourite pets.



Reminders

We do provide nappies for all children who require them.

Families need to see the office in regards to ensuring their files are fully up to date with required documents and their accounts are up to date for current contact details.

The office is also still following up on children's immunisation schedules and birth certificate. Please provide a copy to as at your earliest convenience.

We urgently need spare clothes packed for each and every child. Donations to stay

Policy Reviews

We value your input and feedback so please refer to the Policy Review Folder downstairs in the foyer for more information; along with our Legislation Regulations and our National Quality Framework Standards.

We welcome families input into policy documentation and will seek family feedback for review on an annual basis. As we develop our Quality Improvement Plan document we will be seeking families input into our Service Philosophy development; our Vision and Centre goals.

We look forward to working closely with our families to offer transparency and a shared vision between the team and families.

Centre Birthdays!



Happy Birthday Hugo. Nursery 2!



Nursery One!

Welcome to Nursery 1.

Over the previous two weeks Nursery 1 have been settling in well, meeting new friends and getting to know Miss Danielle and Miss Sandra.

We have been very creative and have used paints to create an indigenous wall display.

We will be celebrating Australia Day on Wednesday due to the Tuesday Public Holiday. We will be making Australian flags to take home and encouraging our babies to come dressed in Red, Blue and White.

We would like to remind parents of a few housekeeping items:

Please only send formula as pre measured, along with pre measured water. We do not accept formula in the tin.

Could parents please provide a family photograph for display within the room; or please email through to—fv@littleducks.com.au

I would like to welcome all families to feel comfortable in approaching any of the Nursery staff with queries or concerns. Please let us know how we may assist.

We do have an open door policy and we welcome our families to be part of our daily journey.

Thank you,

Danielle & Sandra









Nursery Two!

Hello Everyone!

A very warm welcome from Nursery Two!

Wow! What a huge first two weeks it has been. We have enjoyed bonding with our babies and getting to know our families.

These past two weeks have mainly been about developing connections with the children and getting to know routines in order to help our babies settle in and feel comfortable in their environment.

Over the next few weeks as we continue to bond with our babies we will start to document your child's learning journey. You will be able to find observations, pictures, art work and day to day jottings of your child's progress in their learning portfolio. The portfolios are located on the
lockers towards the back of the nursery. If you are unable to find these please ask Danielle or Alichia. We are happy to help you with any enquiry you might have.

If you are looking for information on your child's day please find their daily book also located on top of the lockers and this will have all the information about how much they have eaten, how much of their bottles they have drank and their sleep times. Again if you need any further information please do not hesitate to ask.

We are really happy with the progress of the babies in Nursery Two over the past week as they have begun to settle in and we look forward to developing long term warm and trusting bonds with both our children and families.

Until next time Danielle and Alichia!









Senior Nursery!

Welcome to Senior Nursery!

Welcome to all our new families! It's great to have you all a part of the Senior Nursery this year. We are looking forward to watching our babies grow and develop over the year.

During the month of January and February, we will be focusing on 'getting to know you' becoming familiar with each child's routine, interests and dislikes. Please make sure you have completed a routine chart for your child and feel free to up-date this at any time. Babies thrive on repetitive stories and songs, by applying this, their language and memory skills further enhance and develop. Nursery rhymes are also based upon children's interest.

We will spend a lot of time during our day singing and ready stories and using puppets with our babies to enhance their development. Daily programming focuses on language enrichment, cognitive development, social-emotional development and physical development. We encourage parent input, so please feel free to contribute to our program at any time so we can incorporate a particular interest your child may have, an upcoming event, or weekend experience.

We will have a family tree displayed in our room. Could you please bring along a family portrait so we could add it. This creates a sense of belonging for your child as they recognise their families.

Please ensure there are a range of spare clothes packed in your child's bag each day. All personal items including: clothes, socks, hat, shoes, blanket, sheet and bottles, should be labelled. If your child is prone to nappy rash or a "red bottom" please bring along some powder and cream (clearly labelled) for staff to apply at nappy change time.

Have a great couple of months. Thank you
Amy; Theresa and Jyoti.











Toddler!

Welcome to Toddlers 1!

A big welcome to all our new Toddler 1 children, parents and families!
It has been amazing getting to individually know everyone, your children are a delight to work with.



In your Toddler's bag there should be:

- Water bottle
- Bed sheet and blanket
- Sun hat
- Spare clothes
- Comforter if needed

Main routine times for Toddler 1:



- 6:00 – Centre Opens
- 8-8:30 – Transition from Level 1
- 9:30 – Morning Tea
- 11:30 – Lunch
- 12-2:00 – Rest time
- 2:30 – Afternoon Tea
- 4-4:30 – Transition to Level 1
- 6:00 – Centre Closes

Toddler's Room Goals:

- Individually grow at own age and stage of development
- To be able to treat others with care and respect – especially to share resources
- To form strong bonds with peers and educators
- To develop in all aspects of development
- To be a pro at toilet training
- But most importantly – TO HAVE FUN!







Kindergarten Program!

KINDY NEWS

Welcome to our new families that have started with us in our Kindy room. The Kindy children have really enjoyed getting to know all the other children and assisting the Educators to look after the younger children!

Our Kindergarten Program will be child focused and play based, as per the guidelines set out by the Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guidelines. Activities will be based on the children's interest, needs and abilities. Through play, discovery and exploration, the children will be guided towards developing knowledge, skills and attributes that will enable them to become responsible, independent learners.

Kindergarten education is designed to provide a bridge by which young children can be assisted to make a smooth transition from learning at home to the more formal learning setting at Kindy. The Kindergarten program is designed to cater for the particular ways in which young children learn.

Our philosophy in the Kindy room is to provide a safe, caring environment which enables educators to offer provisions for the development of the whole child and cater for the needs, interests and differences of children, educators, families and the wider community.

We have an open door policy so please feel free to come and join us. We believe working closely with families will assist in forming a close relationship between the home environment and centre life.

Until next time :) Maria







