Little Ducks Childcare Bardon

July / August 2021

A note from your Centre Manager

Dear Families of Bardon, we acknowledge the traditional lands of the Turrbal people and recognise the strength and resilience of the Aboriginal people of this land .

It's that time already for the Bardon Newsletter. We are now in Term 3 of our year already!
Throughout June, the children's Educators have been working hard on completing their assessment of learning. You will receive these shortly. Throughout the letters they will share their highlights and their current development and learning in relation to the 5 learning outcomes of the EYLF and QKLG curriculums. After these letters go out, we would like to invite our families to make a time, for a family conference, with your classroom educators to discuss how your child is going. This is a great opportunity to have some one on one conversations with your room educator away from the distractions of the playground and children. Please watch Storypark for more information about how to book a time.
We had Dentist 2 you come to the centre in June, the children enjoyed learning about their teeth and how to look after them and what foods are good for your teeth, The kindergarten children received a little gift with a super special toothbrush for your beautiful teeth.
Entering into term 3 we can see us as educators reflect and unpack the National Quality Frameworks Quality area 6; Collaborative partnerships with families and communities. For a service, collaborative partnerships with families and the community is something that we strive to exceed. We are eager to take you along on the journey with us!



Please continue to read all of the fun and exciting events that will be happening over the next month and read about what has been happening within our rooms.

Kind Regards,
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Calling!

All Early Childhood Professionals!

"Nappy-off" challenge!

Looking for the industries best Early Childhood Professionals to join us for a fun evening out!

When: 6:00pm - Friday 17th September 2021
Where: Little Ducks Childcare New Farm
Address: 55 McLachlan Street, New Farm

Enter the inaugural **"Nappy changing challenge"** with great cash prizes for the top 4 placers!

Join us for the very first Little Ducks 'Nappy-Off' Challenge!
Prizes to win!
1st Prize - $1000
2nd Prize - $750
3rd Prize - $300
4th Prize - $200
Trivia - $500

Italian Drinks "Aperitivo Style"



Get your team ready and register your interest today!
Email: cassie@littleducks.com.au

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Upcoming Events

July

Naidoc week is coming up from 4th—11th July.

We have Aboriginal culture show coming up on 8th July for all children in the center to attend :) This will be a wonderful experience .

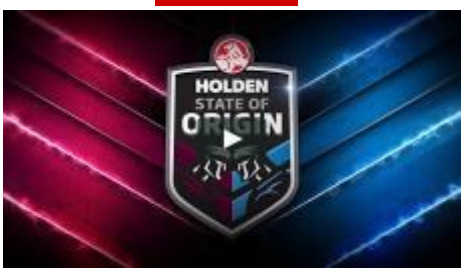
14th July we have state of origin—so wear your favorite team colours.

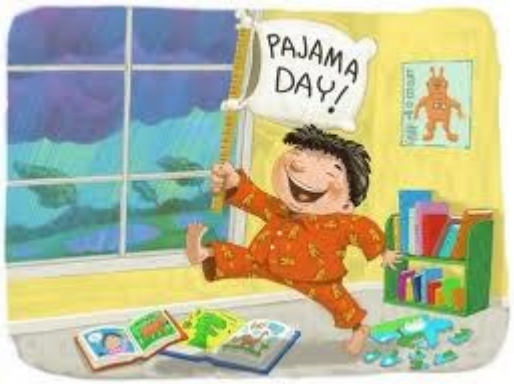
23rd July National Pajama day– what a great way to feel comfy in your pj's at kindy in the winter months.

23rd July– 8th August is Olympic Games held in Tokyo , we will play some games within the center for all ages to explore and have some fun. If there are any games you would like to share please see staff and we can add it to our list of fun games.

26th July is crazy hair day….whoever has the craziest hair will win a prize!!













Policies in Review

We value your input and feedback….The policies in review are:

* Emergency lockdown
* Emergency and evacuation
* Natural disaster
* Corona Virus

Did you know that Policies can be located for parent view at any time in our front Foyer.

Ways to provide feed back are:

Policies are available in the office and you can give feedback by sending an email to bardon@littleducks.com.au.

Your feedback is greatly appreciated and what better way to share this then go on-to google and leave a review !

Educator Spotlight ...

Miss Steff

Please welcome Miss Steff to the Little Ducks team. Miss Steff holds a Bachelor of Early Childhood and will be our Kindergarten Teacher, Mondays and Tuesday's working alongside Miss Charlotte. Steff has worked in the childcare industry for the past 20 years and has experience with all age groups. Steff interests include outdoors and Travelling.
Miss Steff has a passion for working with children to educate them and set them up for the best possible start in life.



Development information

EYLF LEARNING OUTCOME 2: CHILDREN ARE CONNECTED WITH AND CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR WORLD

Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment...









Nursery Natter!

We have enjoyed a busy but exciting past couple of months in the nursery room. Welcome back Addaline, Oliver, Sylvie, Elsie, Charlie, Sloan and Anthony. Welcome to our new friends Sylvia, Sylvie, Ezza kai, Archie and Lily. We have been following each child's routine as close as possible to ensure the babies have a smooth transition into their new environment. Please don't hesitate to speak to myself if you have any concerns or your'e child's routine changes.
In the nursery the babies need to feel safe, secure and supported and we do this by building secure attachments with their educators. At routine times, such as nappy changing, feeding and mat play we interact and form bonds through singing, talking and giving comfort to the babies.

As educators we recognise there are times in a child's day that may provoke feelings of distress or discomfort and we recognise these feelings and are able to provide comforting, nurturing support for your child.

The babies are developing a sense of belonging as they learn to interact with their peers in play experiences such as sand play, sensory investigation experiences and block building. The babies have explored playdough, goop and scooping oats. We enjoy putting things into bags, baskets, buckets and then taking them all out again.

Our Family tree is growing with moments we have captured and shared. If you would like to share a photo with us of your family members/grandparents or pet, we would greatly appreciate it.

The children enjoy looking after our outdoor pot plants by watering gives them a sense of belonging and becoming and we will be focusing on Sustainability throughout the Centre though July.

If you have any concerns, questions please let myself or Mr Tyler know.

Thanks Miss Tammie and Mr Tyler.





Senior Nursery Natter!

Welcome to Senior Nursery wow isn't this year flying by so quickly before we know it we will be putting up our Xmas trees. This month we welcomed Arnold, Sloan and Cruz who moved up to our room and welcome them and their families and look Forward to a fun and exciting year in Senior Nursery.

In our Senior Nursery, we have had so much fun interacting with our friends, creating activities together and making new friendships which is such an important part of your child's development.

We have also been busy creating painting experiences which foster our physical and emotional development and embedding relationships with each other to further develop their sense of belonging and circle of security.

In July your child's Summative Assessment will be available for you to be able to see how your child's development is progressing. After you receive these if there is anything that you would like us to focus on for your child then please let us know.

Just a friendly reminder to ensure that your child's belongings are labelled that way it can reduce your items to be misplaced. Please remember that your child needs a hat everyday as per the Sun Safety Policy.

We are also focusing on Health and Hygiene in the room. Having conversation's with the children around hand washing and why this is necessary.

We are also focusing on Healthy eating and asking the children is this a healthy food item and why it is important to eat healthy foods.

Our focus for July will be transitions and routines within the room. If you have any concerns, questions or suggestions then please let us know.

Thanks Miss Reneta and

Miss Nikki





Toddler Tales!

Hello everyone!

We have enjoyed a busy couple of months in the Toddlers. Both Miss Osi and I have been working together, focusing on the children becoming confident and involved learners. It was lovely to see the children are well established in their friendships with each other and are playing so well in both small and large group experiences. Every day, we see the children developing, sharing and taking turns, negotiating roles, showing empathy for a friend who may have hurt themselves or who may be upset.

We have had a great time learning meaningfully in the last 2 months. This is due to the toddlers' room being really focused on healthy eating, dental hygiene, celebrating reconciliation week, learning about insects and doing art and craft activities by using natural and recycle materials for the sustainability.

Occasionally, the children have spotted some insects such as a cockroach, a dead fly in the room and a ladybug seen in the yard, hence we decided to discuss about insects and use them as the basis for our art and craft activity. Children are naturally curious about their world and enjoyed exploring their surroundings, because of their enquiring minds.

During our healthy eating project, we have been discussing the benefits of different coloured fruit and vegetables (red, green, purple, yellow and orange), the children were given the opportunity to serve themselves the fruit and vegetables and taste them, given the opportunity to touch, feel, smell and check the texture of each fruit and vegetables. In order to be able to identify them, we used some vegetables and fruits for art and craft activities, giving the toddlers the opportunity to identify new fruit and vegetables. The children enjoyed playing with toy fruits and vegetables in the home corner.
That's not all! We also had meaningful conversations with the toddlers during mealtimes regarding what healthy foods are, their benefits, what food are good for dental health and what food is unhealthy for dental health and the importance of healthy eating. As of now, we are currently working towards it with rainbow eating and cooking and baking some healthy food.

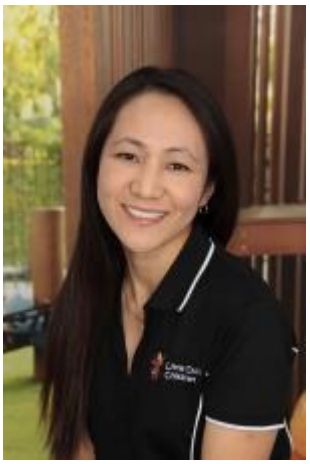
During reconciliation week, we participated in Aboriginal art and craft to respect and gain an insight about the culture of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. In the art and craft activities, the children enjoyed taking part in dot painting, leaf painting and they also enjoyed making an aboriginal flag using collage and enjoyed painting a serpent and a didgeridoo. We also participated in the acknowledgment of Country and read books about Aboriginal culture such as, "How the birds got their new colours". A display table was arranged with so many resources such as Aboriginal rain shakers, some Aboriginal story books, dolls, cushions with Aboriginal dot paintings, and place mats with Aboriginal dot paintings.

The toddlers' room has been really focusing on, spontaneous learning and child-initiated play. By using them, we focused on valuing and being responsive the children's strengths, abilities, skills, knowledge and interests. Even though they had cool weather, we encouraged children to play outside to develop their gross motor skills, coordination skills, balancing, manipulation, social interaction, communication, imaginary play and creativity. Other than outdoor activities, the toddlers enjoyed singing, dancing, home corner play, self-help skill activities such as packing away, putting things in the correct places and emptying dish-

Toddler Tales!







Junior Kindy Jumble!

Winter has certainly arrived in full force; We hope you are all managing the winter chills and enjoying the winter sunshine! With this cold weather here, the children in Junior Kindy are learning how to be responsible for keeping warm and practising putting on our warm jumpers and doing up tricky zips and buttons. The mornings and the afternoons have been pretty cold, so don't forget to pack a jumper. Enhancing little people's independence, children who are toilet training need tracksuit pants or alike, so they can pull them up and down by themselves. No tights or jeans as they haven't quite captured the ability to undo buttons and zippers quickly enough.
A very warm welcome to Hunter and Baily, who joined us recently; we look forward to getting to know you better. Happy Birthday to Billie and Ivy for June, which was celebrated with their peers in Junior Kindy.

These two months have been very eventful and jam-packed with many activities for the children to enjoy. They have learned a lot and developed many skills in all areas, which are continuously improving.

The children have been learning about the relationship between health and the pleasure of food through our 'Eating the rainbow' experience. Each day we explored different coloured fruit and vegetables to enhance their knowledge and help them construct positive values about healthy eating. To broaden children's knowledge of fruit and veggies, we extended the importance of healthy eating, such as talking about the importance of water through various experiences and incorporating some fun cooking activities. We also created a fruit and vegetable shop for the children; this allowed children to demonstrate their creativity and imagination through play. Problem-solving skills were encouraged as children used play money to purchase their fruit or vegetable items. The learning environment was flexible and open-ended, aiding the children to develop literacy and numeracy skills too.

Our tea ritual has been prevalent indeed, and the children have loved sitting down together on Mondays and Wednesdays and tasting new tea flavours each week. Ms Francedid and I sit down with some yummy treats, and we chat about the day and what we did on the weekend. This is an excellent opportunity for children to unwind and take a deep breath and have all kinds of conversations about different topics.

In the few months, we will continue to explore more shapes and colours in our environment as children have been showing a lot of interest in these areas. We have also noticed that children are beginning to show interest in what letters are in their names as they begin to recognise them when we are reading books together or through play episodes throughout the day. We have also started sending out the family books, and I have posted a community post with what you can do with them. We will begin to focus on "All about me" in the coming months, and the family books will be an excellent way for the children to introduce their families to their friends.

Junior Kindy Jumble!







Miss Fiona and
Miss Francedid



Kindy Catch Up!

Hello to all families in the Kindy room for this month's catch up.

Throughout June Miss Charlotte and Miss Aimee had many focuses on fine motor and gross body developments. Fine motor skills involve movement of the smaller muscle's groups in your child's hand, fingers and wrist which effectively strengthen the skills which are then used for prewriting skills, pencil-based task's and independence skills with everyday activities such as dressing and eating. Gross motor skills which can be running, jumping, climbing, balance and strength for confidence for exercise and physical activity, developing these skills helps with more complex skills in the future.

The obstacle course was a massive hit with the kindy's setting it up outdoors as a group using collaborative, cognitive skills and expressive language with a lot of attention to detail and a lot of participation and interest in their contribution to the outdoor area.
Another highlight was setting up a ice cream shop. This activity was child initiated with the teachers working alongside the children, scaffolding and assisting with problem solving. It was positive experience with a lot of happy outcomes for this activity.

Throughout the term we had also had very successive termly programs with Music beats and Raw art. The kindergartens loved Music beats with Miss Ally, they were able to experiment with a variety of instruments and learn the name of several percussion instruments, learn a variety of songs and movement pieces alongside their friends. We will continue to use the songs throughout the day in our kindy program .



Raw art activities throughout the term gave us opportunities to learn about the world around using natural resources.

In term 3 the kindergarten will also be starting yoga on a Thursday.

We welcome Miss Stephanie to the kindy room who will be permanent on Monday and Tuesdays. She holds a Bachelor of Teaching (0-5 years) from Charles Sturt University and is looking forward to assisting the kindy kids towards school readiness. We have so many wonderful resources in the kindy room and I am really looking forward to programming around the children's interests and extending on all skills to assist with all areas of school readiness being tasks around the further development of emotional, physical, communication and cognitive skills. If families have any suggestions or input for the program, please let us know and I look forward to supporting the children and families throughout the year at Little Ducks Bardon.

Kindy Catch Up!









Our Community ...





Healthy Habits!



Tips for eating well during winter

Find nutritous comfort food

Cook in batches

Eat well to stay well

Don't forget your fluids

Be kind to yourself

