Little Ducks Childcare

January /February

A note from your Centre Manager

Dear families,

Welcome to the new year at Little Ducks Annerley, and we hope you all enjoyed a restful Christmas holiday with family and friends. We're excited to announce our new room leaders and educators for 2022, and welcome all new families and children to the service.

Our educators are thrilled to be starting 2022 fresh, enthusiastic, and ready to create a warm, loving, positive environment for all children and families. Our centre has a strong diverse team of educators who embrace each other's cultural backgrounds in partnership with families, which helps us to create our homely and respectful environment.

We are passionate about having a child– centred curriculum and pedagogy, and look forward to guiding your child's development. We aim to strengthen our family and community partnerships in 2022 and continue with our incursions for the kindergarten program. We are fortunate to have two QLD kindergarten funded programs in 2022, having this will enable us to provide excellent resources and opportunities to all kindergarten children.

We look forward to 2022 and building strong relationships with your children and families in the new year.

Kind regards,

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Upcoming Events!

January

Centre Open Day — Tuesday 4th

Join us for a tour of the centre and meet our friendly educators, teachers, and staff.



Walk your Dog Month— 1st to 31st January

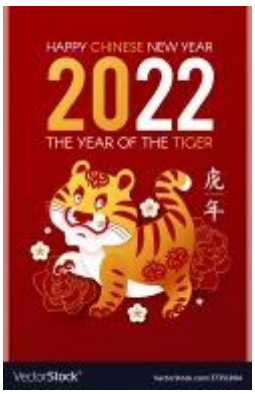


Australia Day/ Invasion Day—26th January



February

Chinese New Year/ Lunar New Year—12th February



Random Acts of Kindness Day—17th February

National love your pet day—21st February

International Mother Language Day—21st February

World Harmony Day—21st February

Policy Reviews

Our policies in review in Jan/Feb are:

- Death of a Child
- Health & Hygiene for Enclosed Outdoor Spaces - Policy & Procedure
- Transitioning Children between Environments
- Centre Presentation
- Physical Environment (Workplace Safety, Learning and Administration)
- Smoking, Alcohol & Drugs
- Staffing & Supervision
- Privacy & Confidentiality
- Transitioning Children between Environments
- Access to the Ground Floor Procedure

If you would like to provide feedback you can do so via email to An-nerley@littleducks.com or via Story Park.



Healthy goals

Help to ensure kids are healthy at home and whilst at early education care.

1. Nurture healthy eaters
2. Provide healthy beverages
3. Get kids moving
4. Reduce screen time



https://healthykidshealthyfuture.org/5-healthy-goals/get-kids-moving/

Book of the Month

Our first book recommendation!

The invisible String – Patrice Karst

Specifically written to address children's fear of being apart from the ones they love, The Invisible String delivers a particularly compelling message in today's uncertain times that though we may be separated from the ones we care for, whether through anger, or distance or even death, love is the unending connection that binds us all.

Parents and children everywhere who are looking for reassurance and reaffirmation of the transcendent power of love, to bind, connect and comfort us through those inevitable times when life challenges us! Let's tell the whole world that we are ALL connected by Invisible Strings!

Why we recommended this book.

Your child starting childcare marks a new stage of family life, and it will take some getting used to. You may worry about how your child will cope without you, and whether a carer will see to her needs as well as you do. Your child may take some time to adjust and it's only natural if she misses you a bit at first. This book will help you explain to your child that while you wont be together during the day anymore, you will always be connected by your invisible sting of love..



Nursery Natter!

We are so excited to welcome you all for the new year; a new beginning for the Nursery!

We will be welcoming you all starting with 'stay & plays' and promoting gradual transitions from home to daycare in early next year. We will invite you to pose for a family photo for the Nursery Community Wall whenever you are comfortable with, the community wall plays an important role in making the little people develop sense of belonging in their new environment. The babies will get the opportunity to build one on one connections with the Nursery Team during theses visits and the educators will be observing for their individual interests and favourites play environments to scaffold on secure attachments.



As Permanent Nursery Educators we believe in strong positive relationships with all the babies under our care. Through implementation of Circle of Security from the start of the year the Nursery Team is hoping to form strong bonds with babies. Acknowledging how challenging it is for parents to leave the babies in care for the first time, we would always go above and beyond to support you all. Please don't hesitate to call us for any queries or check on your baby's day.

Let's have a Partnership Dance with the Babies!

"What is important is that we learn what is essential. What is essential is to observe! If you really recognise what the child needs, if you feel what is causing grief, feel what is needed, then you will respond in the right way. You will guide and bring up your child well." Dr Emmi Pikler

We regard working in partnerships with families is the best way to settle children in care. Looking forward to meeting you all in the new year!



Ms Manoja and Ms Achal

Senior Nursery

Greetings Families!

Happy New year, hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with your families.

Welcome to the Senior Nursery room. This year is Miss Abigail's 3rd year working here at Little Ducks. She has worked in the Senior Nursery Room as an educator for the past 2 years and this year she is excited to step up in her new role as a Lead Educator alongside Miss Concy. She holds a certificate 3 and Diploma in early childhood education and care. This year she would love to start off by building positive and long-lasting relationships with the children; especially the children that are beginning care for the first time. She really enjoys encouraging the children to participate in sustainable practices such as watering the gardens, placing leftover scraps in the compost bin etc, as well as encouraging them to get involved in music and movement activities such as dancing to action songs. She is very excited to get to know you all and can't wait for what the year will bring.

This year is Miss Concys 6th year working in the under 2 year's age group after a 6months off on maternity leave. She holds a diploma of children services and education. Miss Concy strongly believes in children learning through play, she encourages independent learning to assist children for the future. The environment plays a big role in assisting the children to expand on their curiosity and imagination. Environment will be set to stimulate learning for the children. Being a new mum, she has gained an even deeper new nurturing and caring skills for the children.
At the start of the year we will mainly focus on building relationships with the children and getting to know their current interests to build a strong sense of belonging. We are so excited to learn, grow and flourish with our new families.





Toddler Tales!

I would like to thank the Jagera people for sharing their land with us, to play, learn and have fun each day.

Welcome to our Toddler room, we hope you had a wonderful Christmas. We have so many wonderful experiences planned for this year.

Hi, I am Miss Di, for those who don't know me, I have been working at Little Ducks for over 15 years, I am Diploma qualified and am dedicated to provide a nurturing environment and helping children develop their skills, to achieve their milestones, in a play- based atmosphere. I am very committed to creating an understanding and awareness for our First Nations People, endeavouring to help close the gap.

On a personal note, I am a Mum 5 children and I have a grandchild, before working at Little Ducks I began my professional career in the school environment
Lauren is approaching her fourth year at Little Ducks and this will be her third year in the Toddler room. She holds her diploma and values creating a warm welcoming environment for all children to build their sense of belonging- a home away from home.
Miss Kasia will be joining our team this year, she has been on maternity leave after the birth of her second child. Kasia will be working, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Over the coming couple of weeks there will be an emphasis on child-lead activities. We will provide open-ended choices for the children to make discoveries where we can learn their strengths and areas that may need extra support. This will allow us to set the children's Goals for Term 1.

Reminders: Please ensure that water bottles are going home daily and are washed in between uses. Bedding (including sheets, blankets, comfort items) need to be with a bag and taken home at the end of your child's week. We also would love for you to bring in a family photo to add to our gallery on our wall as this aids children building their sense of belonging to the room.

We are eager to work in partnership with you, the parents and caregivers, in order to achieve the best outcome for your child at Little Ducks. Feel free to have a chat with one of our educators when you see them.

Diane, Lauren and Kasia





Junior Kindy Jumble!

Welcome to our Junior Kindy room for 2022! Our lead educators for this year are Miss Leighanne, Miss Sarah, Miss Sinead, and Miss Claudia.

Our junior kindy teachers are thrilled to implement a child—centred program that uses the child's voice and interests to guide the curriculum and learning. Miss Leigh advocates for movement and gross motor skills, Miss Sarah loves arts and crafts which helps to build our emotional and social skills, Miss Sinead enjoys building strong relationships with children, and Miss Claudia is passionate about setting good routines for children.

Together the junior kindy team are full off experience, knowledge, and care for your little one's and hope to create a warm, safe, and loving environment for the room in 2022.









Senior Kindy Catch Up!

Welcome to our Senior Kindy room for 2022!

This year we're incorporating our QLD kindergarten program with our senior nursery children and educators. This year have Sidra our Early Childhood Teacher and Miss Rabia as our experienced team of educators in the Senior Kindy room.

This year will be a year of collaboration for the senior kindy children and teachers, as they will work closely with our kindergarten children and teachers Miss Yin Yin and Mr Tim. This is a great way for children to scaffold each other and teach each other emotional, social, cognitive, and language skills.

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Kindy Catch Up!

Here in the Kubbi Kubbi room, Ms. Yin and Mr. Tim are very excited for 2022's new curriculum.

A child who is enrolled in the Kubbi Kubbi Kindy program is a child who will be cared for and catered to in order to fully maximise their potential and ensure that they emerge as a confident and capable graduate. During their time in our care, the Kubbi Kubbi class of 2022 will embark on new adventures and experiences, such as various incursion programs – some recurring weekly and some as an exciting one-off experience, as well as planned experiences and classroom lessons.

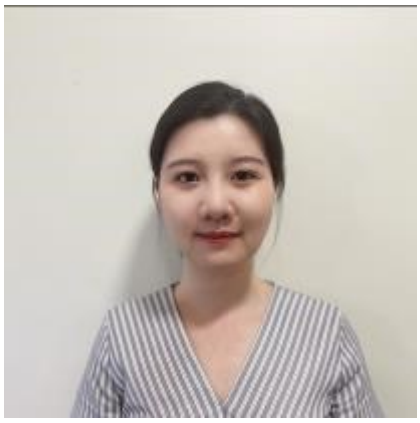
We are looking forward to working closely with the Kindy families to create and meet developmental goals, and to foster an environment where continuity of care and child's voices and interests are promoted to provide an educational and entertaining atmosphere.

Ms. Yin went to Queensland University of technology for her second master's degree in early childhood teaching. She has been working in a kindergarten and a college for over two years. Ms. Yin believes that children have different intelligences, impacting the way they learn and interact with the world around them. She believes putting the children at the centre of her decision making is vital. In doing so, students actively engage in the learning process, reaching their learning outcomes. Ms. Yin believes that it is her role to help the children find strategies to help build positive relationships as well as to find ways to meet the challenges that arise during the school day.

Mr. Tim is currently studying towards his Diploma of Children's Services and believes in a positive environment fuelled by love and nurture, citing the Circle of Security as his inspiration and a key part of his education philosophy. Building trust through support and play is vital for Mr. Tim in order to create safe and secure relationships with each child so that the child's interests and personalities can be documented most accurately, and steady improvement can be seen.

See you soon and please do not hesitate to ask us any questions regarding your time with us!

Miss Yin Yin



Mr Tim



Healthy Habits Corner

Banana Smoothie

Ingredients

2 banana's
Half an orange
2 cups Greek Yoghurt
Water or Milk to blend

Method

Place all ingredients into a blender, blend until smooth!



Our Community ...

Join Summer Reading Club with your family and enjoy free and fun entertainment over the holidays!

Uncover tales of mystery, intrigue and discovery as you complete reading challenges that let you enjoy stories in unique and exciting ways, while building on knowledge and skills learned over the school year.

Don't forget to jump online to collect badges for completed challenges and to explore what other club members are reading. Register at your local library or vis-

