

July 2011

# Lizards Early Learning Centre

Hello everyone and welcome to another issue of our exciting newsletters!

We are past the half way mark of the year and that is pretty scary as that means in a blink of an eye Christmas will be upon us. Keep an eye on your letterbox or head to the website of your favourite store as those very busy and amazing toy sales are nearly upon us.

There are always a lot of exciting projects and events happening around Lizards Early Learning Centre. We encourage our families feedback and input into our programs so please if you have a special talent or just would like to come and join us for a morning or even participate in a cooking experience with the children please speak to the Senior Educators in your Childs Room.

## Staff Corner

As people lives changes and new opportunities arise we at times have to farewell our fabulous employees from our service. Lately we have said Goodbye to Soraya and Lesley . Please rest assure that Management are currently conducting interviews to fill these positions within our service. If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to speak with your Centre Managers.

## Staff Training

We believe it is important for staff to be kept informed and up to date on the many policies and procedures at Lizards. During the month of June the staff undertook training on Safe Lifting, Soiled Clothing Procedures, and Febrile Convulsions in Children as well as the procedures for Children with Temperatures. For the month of July we will be looking at our Supervision, Hat and Sun Safety procedures. If you would like any further information on these trainings please come and see us.

## Kristen and Catherine

### Philosophy, Broad Goals and Policy Reviews

The centre is always striving for high quality care through our procedures and practices. We are always reviewing these practices and procedures within the service. Please feel free to leave your valuable feedback and suggestions on any of the centres policies and procedures.

This month we will be focusing on our Food and Nutrition Policies. This also includes a feedback into our Menu that we provide at the service.

These policies are located in the office foyer if you would like to read them and offer your feedback in relation to the policy.

Please feel free to complete a review form if you would like to leave your feedback.

The feedback forms are located in the office or feel free to ask one of the staff. Your input is valuable and important to us. By providing us with your feedback and suggestions it is ensuring that we provide the highest quality care to the children of our service.

## Websites of Interest

[www.nutritionaustralia.org](http://www.nutritionaustralia.org) – nutrition

[www.immunize.com](http://www.immunize.com) – immunisation

[www.urbanext.uiuc.edu](http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu) – dealing with toddlers

[www.mchs.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.mchs.health.nsw.gov.au) – early childhood health information in multiple languages

[www.ncac.gov.au](http://www.ncac.gov.au) – accreditation council

[www.irsc.org](http://www.irsc.org) – resources for special needs and disabilities

## Quote of the Month

'Our greatest natural resource is the minds of our children.'

— [Walt Disney](#)

## Poem of the Month

### PATRNSHIP

They bring their child to me  
and hope I'll come to know.  
How much the offspring  
means to them,  
their trust in me bestowed.  
They bring their child to me  
with love and hope and pride,  
looking for a helping hand,  
a teacher who will guide.  
They bring their child to me,  
and our partnership is clear:  
To nurture and allow to  
bloom  
a life we both hold dear.  
They bring their child to me, a  
step toward letting go  
and trusting in our special  
plan  
to help the child grow.

~~~By Gloria Weber  
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## Centre Availability

If you would like to pick up an extra permanent day on these days please see Kristen, Catherine or Lesley.

| Room/ Days   | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri |
|--------------|-----|------|-----|-------|-----|
| Nursery 1    |     |      |     |       | *   |
| Toddler 2    | *   | *    |     |       |     |
| Pre-Kindy 3  |     |      |     | *     | *   |
| Preschool 5  | *   |      | *   |       | *   |
| Nursery 6    | *   |      |     |       |     |
| Toddler 7    | *   | *    |     | *     | *   |
| Pre Kindy 8  | *   |      | *   | *     | *   |
| Kindy 9      |     |      |     |       |     |
| Preschool 10 |     |      | *   |       |     |

- \* Indicates availability on that day

Please Note: These vacancies may change daily.

## REFER A FRIEND PROMOTION

If you know someone interested in Child Care please refer your friend to Lizards and you can get \$100 credit on your account.

Please see any staff or the ladies in the office for further information or you can go and look on the Guardian Website where you can download your brochure.

Not only do you benefit with \$100 credit but your family and friends will benefit by receiving High Quality Care from Highly motivated, committed and trained staff.

**Referral Rewards**

**\$100 for me**  
For referring a friend to a Guardian Childcare Alliance Centre, you will receive a \$100 credit to your account.\* Ask your Centre Manager for more details.

**Trial day for my friend**  
Guardian Childcare Alliance will also give your friend a No Cost Trial Day. Please complete the details below.

Existing enrolled family name: \_\_\_\_\_  
New family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Referral Rewards will not be paid out until the end of a month to your account. There is no limit to the number of Referral Rewards you can refer to a Guardian Childcare Alliance Centre. Referral Rewards must be new families to a Guardian Childcare Alliance Centre, and must complete the enrolment at a cost. \*Not the amount per week for a week for you to be eligible to receive your \$100 Referral Reward. The Referral Rewards are valid from 1/1/11.

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## Songs we Like To Sing

### Monkey's....

Three cheeky monkeys swinging in a tree, Teasing Mr Crocodile you can't catch me, Along comes Mr Crocodile as hungry as can be and SNAP! Gobbled him up for tea.



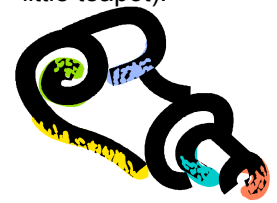
### Chinese Hello Song...

Let's wave and say Nee How. Let's wave and say Nee How. Let's say hello to all our friends. Let's wave and say Nee How. Nee How Everybody!!



### Tube of Toothpaste....

I'm a tube of toothpaste on the shelf. Here is my body, here is my lid, When you go to use me Then I shout! Flip my lid and squeeze me out. (To the tune of I'm a little teapot).



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## LIZARDS ELC CALENDAR of EVENTS

3<sup>rd</sup> July – 10<sup>th</sup> July

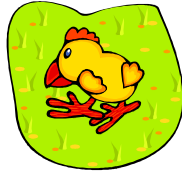
**Naidoc Week is when we will be celebrating history, culture and achievements of Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islander People.**



25<sup>th</sup> July – 29<sup>th</sup> July

**Henny Penny Hatching**

**The children will have an opportunity to observe seeing chickens hatching. The cost for this is \$3 per child paid directly to the office.**



### **Fruity Salsa Tortillas**

#### **Ingredients:**

- 1 egg white, lightly beaten
- caster sugar, to sprinkle
- 2 teaspoons extra cinnamon, ground
- 250 grams strawberries, hulled and chopped
- 2 fresh mangoes, flesh chopped
- 2 kiwi fruits, peeled and chopped
- pulp of passionfruit
- 4 scoops Peters Light & Creamy Ice Cream

#### **Method:**

Preheat oven to 180°C (350°F).

Heat tortillas in microwave on HIGH for 30-60 seconds or until warm and flexible, then brush one side of each with eggwhite and sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon. Cut in half.

Fold each half into a cone shape, sprinkled-side folded inwards.

Stand in a muffin pan, wide-side down, and bake in oven for 7-10 minutes or until brown. Leave to cool in pan.

Meanwhile, combine strawberries, mangoes, kiwifruit and half the passionfruit pulp in a bowl to make a fruit salsa. Sprinkle with a little cinnamon.

Combine remaining passionfruit pulp with a little water and extra 2 teaspoons sugar. (If using passionfruit in syrup, use straight from can – do not add water and sugar.)

Spoon salsa into cones and lay on a plate. Pour passionfruit mixture over the top and serve with ice-cream.

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## **News from Nursery 1**

Welcome to Edgerrin, who has recently begun care at Lizards. Eloise, Jamie and Thomas have also joined us, having graduated from Nursery 6. To all our new children, and their families, we would like to extend a warm welcome and hope you enjoy your time with us.

As always, we are sad to say goodbye to children as they move to the next age group, however, their continuing development is our top priority, so they must move onto bigger things. We have recently farewelled Alissa, Riley, Levi and Taylor as they graduated to the Toddler Room.

Jack will be celebrating his birthday on July 5<sup>th</sup>. From all your friends at Lizards we send you best wishes for your special day.

At Lizards we provide a stimulating, educational program to enhance the children's development. We always welcome parental input into our program, as we believe a well rounded education begins with parents and educators working together towards a common goal. Please feel free to offer suggestions or feedback to the room staff, or place a note in our suggestion box.

We are constantly experimenting with resources to enhance the children's development, as well as decorate their space, to give them a feeling of ownership and accomplishment. This month we have experimented with bubble painting, patty pan collage, potato masher painting, pipe cleaner collage and rolling pin painting. Many household items provide interesting crafts ideas, all you need to add is just a little imagination and you are well on your way to creating a masterpiece.

Please feel free to speak to us if you have any questions or concerns. We are always available to discuss any issues or to just have a chat. Our aim is to help you and your child have a positive experience at our centre.

Bye for now,  
Miss Nicole and Miss Emma

## **Toddler 2 Tales**

The fabulous toddlers have been very busy developing many new skills. It is a wonderful opportunity to work with toddlers as we discover and witness first hand the amazing little personalities that they all begin to develop.

We have many budding little chefs in our mist. The children have been very busy having a wonderful time developing many skills and concepts as they participate in a variety of cooking experiences. The favourite one of all time must be the double choc muffins.

In the toddler room we have been assisting them in developing their self help skills. The children have been practising washing their own hands and faces after meal times, as well as helping to make their beds at rest times and learning to put their shoes on and off. All the children are doing a wonderful job in giving this a go.

## **Pre Kindy 3 Broadcast**

### **Hello to all of our Pre Kindy families**

The year is flying by and our wonderful Pre Kindy Children are developing leaps and bounds.

At the moment we have been focusing on the topic of Safety. We have been discussing Safety in the classroom and Safety in the home. We have been developing the concept of this with discussions at language time using flash cards and the use of stories.

The children have had a wonderful time developing their imagination and creativity as they participate in a variety of art experiences. By participating in creative experiences it develops the children imagination and creativity as well as developing many other skills that assist the children in their development.



In the coming months we are going to be further developing the children's creativity and imagination through role playing. This is when we will change our home corner into a variety of other areas, including café, doctor's surgery and shop.

The terrific Pre Kindy 3 ,  
Miss Rosy and Miss Angela

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We have also been developing the children's language skills with a variety of activities. These have included the use of flash cards, singing many action songs and reading many stories.

From the Wonderful Toddlers, Carol and Jade

## The Preschool 5 Bulletin

Hello! To everyone from Room5

A big thank you to the parents in assisting your children in bringing in their show and tell. Show and tell is enabling the children the opportunity to develop their confidence in front of a group. Next month we are asking parents if their children could bring in one of their favourite books from home.

We have been doing cooking in our room on a weekly basis where the children not only enjoy participating in the cooking experience but it further develops their science and math concepts. Children measure the ingredients, count the number of eggs. The best thing about cooking experiences is that we get to taste the creation at the end. It also promotes social and physical skills in the Childs development.



Next month we will be planting herbs in our herb garden. This is bringing us back to nature and learning about the environment and how we can use herbs in our cooking.

## **That's all for now**

**Goodbye from Preschool 5 – Miss Kokila and Mr Jason**

## News from Nursery 6

Hello and Welcome to Nursery 6

Well we have said goodbye to some of our friends who have graduated to the Nursery 1 room. They will do really well in the older nursery participating in a variety of learning experiences continuing on with their development.

A big warm welcome to Ashley and James who have joined the Nursery 6 children.

The children have been focusing on their farm animals and this will be just extended when we have our chicken hatching program at Lizards. We are also being introduced to colours. To introduce children to colours we will be exploring this through craft activities and song.

The children have also enjoyed exploring our environment as we head outside for play. The children have a wonderful time observing the children.

## Toddler 7 Tales

Welcome to an update from the Toddler 7 children

As the cooler weather is now here please ensure that you pack warmer clothes for your children. Remember to change over that spare set of clothes in their bag to warmer clothes.

The language skills of the toddlers have been improving dramatically. The children have been very busy learning the alphabet. We have also been learning very simple words with the toddlers and looking at the sound of the letter.

Our focus at the moment is developing the children's colour recognition. This includes being able to recognise the colours blue and green. The children develop these skills by participating in many craft activities focusing on these colours.

To further develop the children's communication skills we have been looking at sign language. The children have been learning how to sign basic words such as food, drink and stop. They are also learning to sign good morning. The children learn through memory and repetition and are doing a great job in developing their

The terrific Toddler 7, Miss Louise and Miss Mel

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On a final note a Big Happy Birthday to Eloise, Jamie, Thomas and Darcy who have all celebrated their first birthday.

Miss Lynne, Miss Reeja and the wonderful, adorable children of Nursery 6

## **The Wonderful Pre Kindy 8 Room**

Welcome parents and Families

The children have all been enjoying their time out in the big playground exploring, and making many new friends. It is great to see their little faces light up each time we head out to the big yard.

We have been very busy focusing on cooking experiences. The children have had a wonderful time making pizza. The children all assisted in adding our sauce, ham and cheese to our pizza. The end product was delicious and we enjoyed eating it.

Music is a big part of the children in Pre Kindy 8. The children have a wonderful time with free movement and expressing themselves through dance. They have also been developing their appreciation of music through the use of musical instruments.

Farewell till next month,  
The Pre Kindy 8 children, Miss Vivien and Miss Rosalind.

## **The Superb Kindy 9**

We would like to say a Big Happy birthday to Jake, Mikayla, Matilida, Jack, Aurora, Indiana and Lachlan. We hope you all have a fabulous day.

This month we have been continuing on our focus of colours and shapes. The children are doing a wonderful job in being able to identify and recall the names of many of the shapes and colours.

In the coming months our focus will be changing to Space and Nature. Here we will be using the children's ideas and interests to discuss what they would like to see implemented for these topics. So stay tuned to see our room transform again.

We are also going to be focusing our interests on members of the community and more importantly the members who can assist us, such as Police, Ambulance and Fire Fighters.

Our safety discussions this month will be on Fire Safety, where the children will be practicing our centre's fire drill as well as talking about fire safety at home. We will also be discussing the importance of carpark safety.

The children are making good progress with their self help skill. They are doing a great job in packing away their sheets and putting their belongings in their lockers.

If you have any questions or would like anything added to our program please do not hesitate to see Rosa or myself or leave a message in the communication book. Also if anyone would like to spend some time in our room please do not hesitate to let us know.

Miss Vicki, Miss Rosa and Kindy 9 Friends

## **The Superb**

### **Preschool 10 Family**

This month we would like to wish all of our friends who are celebrating an upcoming birthday a very special Happy Birthday.

A big thank you to for all of the donations for our room.

This month will see an extension on our pet and alphabet topics. The children are still displaying a lot of interest in these areas.

As we are over the half way mark of the year we are continuing on the development of pre writing skills for the children.

Last month we celebrated Queensland week with the children. It provided a great discussion point with the children as we discussed the Queensland culture and what we like most about Queensland.

At the moment our Home Corner is a great hit as we have set up our very own Lizards Supermarket. The children are developing their role playing skills and math concepts. It is wonderful to be able to witness the children developing their imagination and creativity in our supermarket.

We have also been discussing health and hygiene and discussing how we wipe our noses and cover our mouths, and most importantly washing our hands.

Farewell from the Superb Preschool 10 children, Miss Dipti and Mr Iain