

“ WE CANNOT ALWAYS BUILD THE FUTURE FOR OUR YOUTH. BUT WE CAN BUILD THE YOUTH FOR OUR FUTURE. ”

~ FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT



Cuddle Bugs Kindergarten & Pre-Prep | FEB 2017

WELCOME BACK

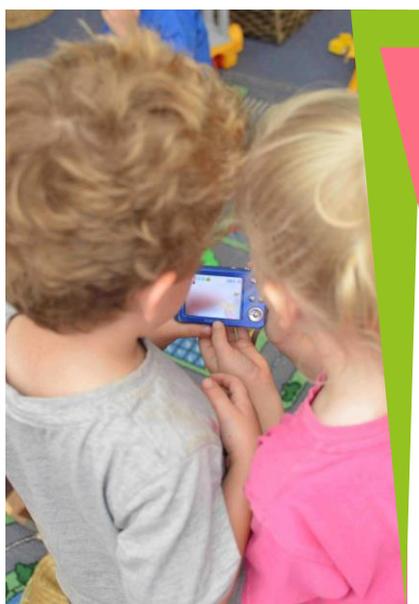


We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families that have recently started with us and a big welcome back to our families who are returning to our Cuddle Bugs family. We have a great year planned with special events, excursions, visits from community members and wonderful learning opportunities for your children. So far, the children have been getting to know the daily routines, our exceptional staff and making friendships with children in their group and the other groups during outside play. The children have been involved in Australia Day and Chinese New Year celebrations within their rooms as well as a lot of water play to keep cool during those very hot days.

2017 Staffing - We welcome back the Cuddle Bugs Team: Miss Jenna, Miss Kathleen, Miss Staci, Miss Andie, Miss Leanne, Miss Irena, Miss Carissa, Miss Chelsea, Miss Meagan, Miss Vassilia, Miss Rodi, Miss Jasmyn, Miss Julie, Miss Nicole, Miss Peta, Miss Leesa and myself, Miss Marianne.

All families should have received a coloured print out of all our friendly team for 2017. If you have not received your copy please check your child’s Special Daily Delivery Folder or see a staff member.

Here’s to a fun filled fabulous 2017!



Parent Suggestions, Feedback and Involvement...

In the past, we have had a ‘Parent Group’, however we recognise that as parents your lives are very busy. We know as parents you are the most important Teachers of your child/children and we want to support you in every way possible. To build our connection with you, we would like to get to know you and hear any stories about your family. In your child’s Special Daily Delivery Folder there is a ‘parent input sheet’ where you can write notes to your child’s teacher and whenever something special happens. This enables ideas to evolve and further planning by our Educators to meet your child’s interests. Maybe you would like to share what you do within our community, with our Cuddle Bugs Children to build their awareness of our community. Or maybe you would like to do an activity, like cooking, read a story, play an instrument or dance with our children. Any ideas???? We would love to hear from you.

DIARY DATES

Make a Wish Bundaberg Trivia

Night
 Friday 5th Feb 7.30pm
 RSL Club \$30 a table.
 Enquiries: 41513942

Bargara Friends Playgroup

Tuesdays (during school term)
 9.00am - 11.00am
 Bargara Uniting Church
 Enquiries: Val - 0447590722

Chinese New Year

Year of the Rooster
 11th Feb 2017

Pacific Inclusion

Saturday 18th Feb from
 5.00pm Lighthouse Hotel
 Free Entry Twilight Markets,
 Jumping Castle, Pig on Spit

Chinese New Year Celebrations

Saturday 11th of February 2017
3.00pm – 9.00pm Free Community Event
Located at Buss park and the Moncrieff Entertainment Centre.

Bundaberg's Regional Council is getting ready to celebrate the Year of the Rooster at the Chinese New Year celebrations. Authentic performances from Bundaberg's sister city Nanning, lively dragon and lion dancing, exciting local acts, lantern parade and a dazzling display of fireworks will highlight the celebrations. Chinese and Asian-themed food vendors, market stalls and a Chinese Animal Zodiac Trail will add to the celebrations.

Please ensure your child's name is clearly marked on all their items as this allows the staff to return the items to the correct child.

Remember to bring sheets for rest time.

LUNCH BOX STARS

Here are some Healthy Hints!



- **Fruit-** Apples (cut pieces dipped in pineapple juice prevents browning), oranges, grapes, blueberries, pineapple, melon chunks, dried fruit. Anything your child loves to eat!
- **Vegetables-** Carrot sticks, celery sticks, cherry tomatoes, olives, cucumber- you can even add dip for them too!



- **Something filling for lunch-** sandwiches- ham, chicken or anything they will eat on them! Also wraps, mini pizza muffins, mini hotdogs, spaghetti, baked beans, left over dinners, croissants.
- **Dairy-** yogurts and cheese varieties e.g. slices, cubes, sticks.
- **Other Healthy Snack to choose from-** kabana and cheese, Crackers and cheese (even with vegemite), Popcorn, boiled eggs. Even some homemade snacks are yummy to nibble on too. These can include- pikelets, a piece of slice, some muffins- banana, apples or anything your child enjoys, homemade biscuits and cupcakes, scrolls- vegemite scrolls. Best thing to do is be imaginative! Children love it!

Admin Messages

Arrival to Cuddle Bugs.

For the security of our staff and families all doors remain locked from 6.00am - 8.00am and from 5.00pm - 6.00pm. Entrance can be gained from the Grasshoppers door by ringing the door bell, where a friendly staff member will greet you.

If you do arrive between 9.00am- and 2.30pm please enter your room via your room door to eliminate walking through other groups of children and interrupting their play.

Signing your child in and out.

Upon arrival and departure please ensure that you **sign in two different spots. The iPad** is permanently positioned in the office to sign your child in or out. There will also be an iPad outside in the afternoons. All parents need to sign their child in or out under their own phone number and code. Please do not share your code as this is like your digital signature. Plus, the **Teachers Roll** is always with the children, to sign your child in or out.

Siblings in Care

If you have another child/children attending another service receiving CCB, ensure that you inform us as this will effect the percentage we are using to calculate your fees. We rely on you informing us of this information, as the computer system does not automatically update, without us manually submitting this information.

Face Book.

Another great way to keep informed with events planned at Cuddle Bugs is to 'Like' us on face book.

We regularly post important dates, educational information, updates and reminders. Please feel free to share any of these posts with your family and friends.

24 hour Exclusion Periods.

Please be aware that to prevent the spread of contagious infections our service has a 24hour exclusion period if your child has vomiting, diarrhoea or a high temperature. The 24 hours exclusion period begins from the last episode of vomiting, diarrhoea and /or high temperature. Please inform our service if your child does become ill as we are required to keep a register of any reported illnesses.

Four Year Old Needles.

If your child has recently had their four-year-old needles, it is your responsibility to provide our service with an up to date immunisation record. We can photo copy your 'red immunisation book' filled out from your doctor or your immunisation history from Medicare are acceptable documentation. Failure to provide this, may result in full fees being charged.

Special Daily Delivery Folder.

These are the children's special folders where they take home their 'work'. Giving you the opportunity to share a special moment with your child about their Cuddle Bugs day - seeing their art work, an observation or maybe a 'moment captured'. This system replaces our previous 'Journal Book' handed out at the end of the year. We encourage families to purchase a book if you wish to put your child's special pieces into, for a memoir.

Administration information and newsletters are also placed in these folders. Therefore, it is important that you bring the folders back each day with your child.

Play Produces Well-Wired Minds

Playing is **CRITICAL** to brain development.

Children gain all the skills they need physically, socially, cognitively, emotionally, and creatively through play.



When children play they are:

- Building imagination
- Developing language and reading skills
- Strengthening physical skills
- Enhancing self esteem
- Building math and science skills
- Forming friendships and social skills
- Gaining self control
- Solving problems
- Learning how to think
- Discovering their world
- **Getting ready for success in school, work and life!**

“Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning.”

— Fred Rogers

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From The Dragonflies...

MTW Group

Welcome new and old Dragonfly friends. Our new children have settled in well getting to know our routines. We hope everyone had a great holiday and have lots of wonderful memories. We are already heading into a busy year with lots of things being planned and happening. During January, the children have been celebrating Australia Day and involved in an on-going recycling project which has been lots of fun. We have been chatting about our emotions and body part recognition. Plus, singing nursery rhymes which is one of our favourite things to do. Please remember to pack nappies/lots of spare pants for toilet training and healthy snacks & meals in the lunch box. Please feel free to have a chat at anytime.

Until Next time

Miss Staci, Miss Carissa, and Miss Vassilia.

Th,F Group

Welcome to all our new families. We have all enjoyed meeting you and your children. The children have settled in beautifully meeting lots of new friends. Last week we celebrated Australia Day in true fashion. The children played many fun games including thong throwing and getting to make their own vegemite sandwiches and trying a lamington. Lots of gorgeous vegemite faces. This week we celebrate our sister cities country China with activities set for the Chinese New Year. It is still very warm outside. Our children will continue to have outside play from arrival until 9 am in which they will transition upstairs for inside play. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning ahead.

Stay cool Miss Andrea, Miss Carissa, Miss Rodi, Miss Vassilia and Miss Peta.

From The Grasshoppers...

A very big welcome and what a wonderful start to the year we have had in the Grasshopper room. Both groups have settled in well after our short break. They are making new friends and reacquainting with friends from last year. The children are quickly becoming familiar with the routine in the Grasshopper Room. Parents, just so you are aware: during our Summer Routine both pre-prep rooms are down in the playground until 9.00am and again in the afternoon from 2.30pm. This gives all the Pre-Prep children time to play together and form friendships across the 2 pre-prep rooms.

MTW Group

We have been focusing on colours and shapes over the last couple of weeks.

Thank you from

Miss Kathleen, Miss Chelsea and Miss Irena.

Th,F Group

We have been focusing on dinosaurs, following the interests of the children.

Both groups have been busy making a poster about themselves with their hand prints and answering questions. Please take the time to read your child's poster, displayed on the wall backing onto the office. I am sure it will put a smile on your face.

Thank you from

Miss Kathleen, Miss Megan and Miss Leanne.

From The Bumble Bees...

What a fantastic start to 2017! We welcome the returning Cuddle Bugs friends as well as new members of the Bumble Bee Group. We are so excited to see what the year brings for us. We recently celebrated Australia Day by exploring the Australian culture, flag, animals and environment. The children designed their own flag and created an Australian animal out of colourful clay.

MTW Group

The children have shown an interest in cooking and we made some delicious rainbow cupcakes and have enjoyed role playing chefs in home corner. We are also interested in cities and have been exploring Bundaberg and other cities around Australia and the world. Cheers from Miss Jenna, Miss Leanne and Miss Irena.

Th,F Group

The children have shown an interest in music, dancing and instruments. We put on a show for the Grasshoppers and have explored lots of different genres of music including classical, hip hop, dance and pop.

The groups has settled really well and have quickly learnt the routine. We have been exploring patterning, shapes and name recognition. We will be starting some activities exploring sounds to help develop the children's language.

Cheers from Miss Jenna, Miss Jasmyn and Miss Irena.



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