

“ A child has a special way of adding joy to every day! ”



## Cuddle Bugs Kindergarten & Pre-Prep | May 2017

### Notes from Management

As everyone is aware Cyclone Debbie caused flash flood damage to our playground and under the building. Over the last couple of weeks, we have been very busy obtaining quotes for the repairs. Most of the work is about to commence. Unfortunately, it will be at least another 3 weeks as the retainer wall was damaged and awaiting engineering advice. But rest assured we have many wonderful handymen ready to start ASAP. There will be a period of time that the car park area beside the building will be closed off. All street parking will be available for parents to access the service.

It is our great pleasure to announce that Miss Chelsea and Miss Megan are now officially our Lead Educators in the Grasshopper Room. On a MTW we have Miss Chelsea and Miss Nicole and on a Thursday and Friday Miss Megan and Miss Leanne. Miss Julie will continue Thursday, Friday but in a floating role over the service. These Educators provide a wonderful and inspiring educational program for your children.

Miss Nicole has had to take some family time over the last couple of weeks. Unfortunately, Miss Nicole's son Bailey was involved in a car accident and has been recovering in hospital. We hope they will be home soon. Miss Nicole will return next week in a reduced hour capacity so she can continue to be with Bailey and her little family. Thanks to all of our wonderful staff that have been able to do extra hours in Miss Nicole's absents. It has been dearly appreciated.

Mother's Day Celebrations are sneaking up quickly. We all look forward to spending some time with you and your children. The children have been making so many wonderful arts and crafts.

National Simultaneous Story Time is also fast approaching. It is a wonderful day of dress-ups, activities and our special story time.

Miss Nicole & Miss Andrea



## National Family Day

Each year, over a hundred thousand people and hundreds of organisations celebrate National Families Week, Australia's annual celebration of families.

National Families Week has been run by Families Australia, with Australian Government support, every year since 2003.

National Families Week is a time to celebrate with family, make contact with extended family and friends, and share in the enjoyment of family activities within the wider community. It is a time to celebrate the meaning of family and to make the most of family life.

National Families Week is held between 15 and 21 May to coincide with the United Nations International Day of Families. Hundreds of thousands of people around Australia participate in hundreds of community level National Families Week events annually.

[Go to the National Families Week website.](#)

### DIARY DATES

**Mother's Day Morning Tea**  
**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday Groups**  
**Wednesday 10th May**  
**Dragonflies** 9-10am  
**Bumble Bee & Grasshopper** 9.30-10.30am

**Mother's Day Morning Tea**  
**Thursday & Friday Groups**  
**Friday 12th May**  
**Dragonflies** 9-10am  
**Bumble Bee & Grasshopper** 9.30-10.30am

**National Simultaneous Story time**  
**MTW Group**  
 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May @ 11am  
**Th/F Group**  
 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May @ 11am

**Bundaberg Show Day**  
**CLOSED**  
 Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June

**2017 Fee Increase**  
 As of the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2017 there will be a fee \$82.50

[Agrotrend 2017](#)

05/05/2017 - 9:00am to 06/05/2017 - 3:00pm

[Shalom Markets](#)

07/05/2017 - 6:00am to 12:00pm

[Bundaberg Powerboat Club Inc. Bundy Fun Day](#)

07/05/2017 - 10:00am to 3:30pm

[Shalom Markets](#)

14/05/2017 - 6:00am to 12:00pm

[Bundaberg PCYC Markets](#)

14/05/2017 - 8:00am to 12:00pm

[Mother's Day Lunch & Dinner Special](#)

14/05/2017 - 12:00pm

[Mother's Day Concert](#)

14/05/2017 - 2:45pm

[2017 Bundaberg Careers Expo](#)

23/05/2017 - 9:30am to 5:30pm

[Biggest Morning Tea](#)

26/05/2017 - 9:30am to 11:00am

**PARENTLINE**

Parentline provides help through counselling, information and referral that is tailored to meet each callers' needs.

**1300 30 1300****LUNCH BOX STARS****BUCKWHEAT APPLE AND CINNAMON PIKELETS****INGREDIENTS**

- 1 cup plain flour
- 1/2 cup buckwheat flour (see note)
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 cup reduced-fat milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 medium red apple, peeled, coarsely grated
- Olive oil cooking spray
- Vanilla yoghurt, to serve

**METHOD****Step 1**

Sift flours, baking powder and cinnamon into a bowl.  
Add milk, eggs, sugar and apple. Stir to combine.  
Cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.

**Step 2**

Lightly spray a non-stick frying pan with oil.  
Heat over medium heat. Using tablespoons of batter at a time, cook pikelets, in batches, for 1 to 2 minutes or until small bubbles form on surface. Turn. Cook for 1 to 2 minutes or until golden and cooked through.

Transfer to a wire rack to cool.

Serve with yoghurt.

**Admin Messages****Easter raffle winners**

1<sup>st</sup> prize Benson family and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Neumann family.  
Thank you for your support with the Easter raffle.

**Mothers Day Morning Tea**

All Mum's, Grandma's, Nana's are invited to our Mother's Day morning tea.

**MTW GROUP** – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dragonfly Room 9-10am

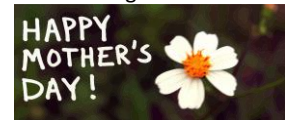
Grasshopper and Bumble Bee Rooms 9.30-10.30am

**TH/F GROUP** – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dragonfly Room 9-10am

Grasshopper and Bumble Bee Rooms 9.30-10.30am

Come along and participate in some special Mother's Day activities with your child and have some morning tea.

**National Simultaneous Story time**

**MTW GROUP** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2017 @ 11am

**TH/F GROUP** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 @ 11am

Children can wear dress ups to Cuddle Bugs.

Each year here at Cuddle Bugs we participate in National Simultaneous Story Time. This year the story is "The Cow Tripped Over The Moon". In celebration, of this we will be dressing up like farm animals. We can't wait to see all the dress ups.

**Bundaberg Regional Show Holiday**

Cuddle Bugs will be closed on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2017 for the Bundaberg Regional Show Day.

Reopen on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2017.

**Gymfinity Excursion**

All children will be attending the Gymfinity Excursion.

**MTW GROUPS** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2017 at 11am

**TH/F GROUPS** Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2017 at 11am

Bus will leave at 10.50am, be at Cuddle Bugs Kindergarten by 10.30am

Cost will be advised in next newsletter. (cash only)

**2017 Fee Increase**

As we head towards the end of the Financial Year (June 30<sup>th</sup>), we have been in contact with our accountant and due to the increase in costs, financial inflation and other important factor's, the daily fee will increase to \$82.50 per day as of Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2017. As the time gets closer please take particular notice of your weekly fees and adjust your payments accordingly.

**Non-Smoking Centre**

Just a reminder, that Cuddle Bugs Kindergarten & Pre-Prep is a non-smoking centre. This includes the car park beside the building as well as anywhere within the front gates.

**Car Safety**

A number of parents have been seen collecting or dropping of children without a car seat for their child. All children under the age of 7 are required to have a booster car seat. It is also illegal to leave your child unattended in a vehicle.

**Also** please be mindful of the speed you are going in and out of the car park.

# HEALTHY EATING PYRAMID



LIMIT SALT & ADDED SUGAR



*Enjoy a variety of food and be active every day!*

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## From The Dragonflies...

### MTW GROUP

We have had a busy few weeks in the MTW Dragonflies. The children have just started creating some beautiful masterpieces for Mother's Day. They are very excited to share their beautiful work! We have also enjoyed many different topics in the last month. We have looked at ANZAC Day, making some yummy ANZAC biscuits to share! We have also enjoyed looking at the beach and the sea creatures that live there. Lots of discussions have stemmed from this. Also, a quick gentle reminder, please look in your child's special delivery folder every day. There are many different pieces of artworks, observations and information regarding your child in these folders. Also, the children require water bottles every day.

Thank you very much. Until next time. Miss Staci, Miss Carissa, Miss Vassilia.

### TH/F GROUP

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break celebrating with family and friends. The last couple of weeks we have been focusing on different colours. A range of activities has encouraged the children to identify different colours. Last week we looked at the colour red with our beautiful red poppies they made for ANZAC day. We are all getting excited about celebrating Mother's Day with you on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of May at 9-10. We are having a lovely morning tea, singing our favourite songs, a story and many wonderful activities for you to join in. The last two weeks your children have enjoyed making many special gifts just for you.

Until next time. Miss Andie, Miss Rodi and Miss Carissa

## From The Grasshoppers...

### MTW GROUP

We would love to give a warm welcome to all of the Dragonflies that have now transitioned into our big Grasshopper room. I'm sure you will have lots of fun with us and lots of friendships will form. Although it is a little sad to see some of the Grasshoppers moving up to the Bumble Bee room, we enjoy regular chats in the hall! Over the last month we have really been extra busy. We started the month of focussing on our fine motor skills and how to strengthen and develop these skills. We have enjoyed numerous activities such as patterning rocks, tracing our alphabet charts and playing the peg the washing game. We also enjoyed celebrating Easter and creating wonderful crafts for our families. We even participated in a wonderful "Bunny Bait" cooking experience. I hope all our families had a fantastic Easter. ANZAC Day was a great learning experience within our room. We created beautiful red Poppy's with our handprints and used a grevillea plant as the stem. We also engaged in a grevillea painting and found it very interesting how plants can help us to paint. For story time, we used the interactive whiteboard to watch an ANZAC story, 'ANZAC Ted'. 'The Monsters Inside Us' story book has sparked a lot of conversations on how we are feeling, we will continue to follow this interest over the coming weeks and work on recognising ours and others feelings. We are now moving onto Mother's Day as it is fast approaching. The Grasshopper children have been very busy creating wonderful gifts for our special ladies in our lives. Please don't forget to pop in on our Mother's Day morning tea on Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 to 10.30am

Until next time, Miss Chelsea and Miss Rodi

### TH/F GROUP

Firstly, I would like to welcome our new Grasshopper children and their families to our room and say a little goodbye to our children moving up to the Bumble Bee room. We will be forever peaking in to say hello to our new big Bumble Bees.

Throughout the last month our Grasshoppers have been super busy. We celebrated Easter by engaging in creative arts, story books, conversation, cooking experience, imaginative and role play. The Easter Bunny even came to Cuddle Bugs and left some special little treats around our front yard. We then moved onto Anzac Day by discussions about why we have a day off for Anzac Day and read a story book called "My Grandad marches on Anzac Day". Rosemary and Grevillea plants were added to red play dough with poppy placemats as symbolic meaning and engagements of Anzac Day.

An early writing observation will be coming home in your child's mail shortly, explaining and identifying how we have been working towards and encouraging the development of early writing. This includes fine motor development, letter and name recognition, encouraging the correct pencil and scissor grip, easel letter tracing, scissor practice and more.

We have been very engaged in learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. We extended this interest by reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar, engaging in an interactive felt story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar, making our own lifecycle then watching a very detailed lifecycle documentary on the iPad. We were so engaged, we're able to answer all Miss Megan's questions about the lifecycle. **Great work!**

Friendships and teamwork has been encouraged throughout the days and we are seeing some wonderful results and interactions. Don't forget to read our project book which is located on the sign in table for our journey in the Grasshopper room.

Kind regards Miss Megan and Miss Peta

## From The Bumble Bees...

The Bumble Bees have been very busy with their Easter activities and getting ready for Mother's Day. We were so excited to see our troll Easter plants growing as well as decorating beautiful eggs just like in the story Rechenka's Eggs. We loved making some delicious Easter Bunny Bait to enjoy at home.

We are looking forward to having our Mums and special visitors come to our Mother's Day Spa Experience on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of May. We are also making a special gift for our mums to use at home!

Recently both groups have enjoyed exploring pets – especially cats. We have been watching a live feed from Canada that shows a mother cat caring for her 5 babies. We have loved seeing them grow and also seeing their older foster brothers playing around them. Our favourite to watch has been Cassidy, the cat with 2 legs. We have been role playing vets and it has been wonderful seeing the children show so much compassion to the sick animals in our vet. We drew some pictures of the cats that we see on the video to send over to Canada. We hope they like them!

As we cannot go outside just yet, we have been enjoying the front garden with our trucks, as well as chalk and treasure hunts. We have been doing lots of gross motor activities like yoga, aerobics and parachute games to use some of our energy!

Until next time, Miss Jenna, Miss Leanne and Miss Jasmyn.

