



AWCC NEWSLETTER

THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR FAMILIES & COMMUNITY



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Important Dates:

- **Thursday 7th Dec - First Day of Hanukkah**
- **Wednesday 20th Dec - Incursion - Renata's Christmas Show - 10 am**
- **Thursday 21st Dec - Last day of care.**
- **Friday 22nd Dec - CENTRE CLOSED.**
- **Wednesday 3rd January 2024 - Centre re-opens.**

Director's News

by Tamara Fallon

Jingeri AWCC Families,



This is our last Newsletter for 2023! Hasn't the year just flown by - I can't believe it! I would like to say a big THANK YOU to the Management Team, Educators, Families, and most of all our AWCC children for such an amazing effort on Friday. Our Christmas concert went off without a hitch and what a fun morning it was!

It has been another wonderful, eventful year, we've hosted many centre events, we held another successful Bunnings Sausage sizzle BBQ and Bake Sale; had 6 monthly visits from Dental to you; and engaged with all of our wonderful regular centre visitors; Miss Alanna and her wonderful Arty Kids Program, Uncle Allan and Yogi Nathan. We had many wonderful community connections and achieved some wonderful goals within the centre including our Mural, Community Library and 2nd Hand clothing cupboard. We look forward to building on these wonderful community connections next year.

Thank you to the families who filled out our survey. We received some wonderful positive feedback and we are touched by the beautiful comments made by many. I would like to remind you that my door is always open and I am happy to receive feedback (positive or negative) personally throughout the year. We also have a feedback box in the hallway.

I would like to extend A HUGE thank-you and farewell to our amazing volunteer, Maureen. More is finishing up with us as of this year with her last day being Thurs 21st Dec.

More has been a valued member of our team, both as an employee and volunteer since 2010. Thank you More for all that you have contributed to our centre, families and children over the years, from mountains of books read to mountains of washing folded. You're an absolute gem and we will miss you immensely. The kettle will always be on and coffee and morning tea here for you to pop in and visit!

Director News Continued...

THANK YOU to the AWCC Educating Team!! What an amazing bunch of dedicated, loving, caring, inspiring and passionate Educators we are lucky to have at AWCC. A huge thank you for a wonderful year - I see all the hard work, the patience, the additional unpaid hours, the prep, the fun, the organised chaos - all the things that roll into one to make AWCC such a special place. Each of you bring something so wonderfully unique and beautiful to the centre and share your passions, home languages and talents with the children every single day.

We will be soon saying goodbye to our big Kindergarten children as they head off to Prep next year. We wish all 27 graduating children the very best on the next step of their educational journey. We thank all our families for being a part of our community and we hope that you and your children will look back on your time here at Albert Waterways with fond memories. For those families who are returning in the New Year, please have a safe, happy holiday and we will see you nice and refreshed in January. For me it has been a brilliant year, I am truly blessed to be a part of such an amazing Children's Centre - my very own AWCC family! Merry Christmas!

PARENT MANAGMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

Annual Fee Increase

Our annual Centre fees will increase to:

\$135.00 per day for children enrolled in an under 2 years placement.

\$130.00 per day for children enrolled in an above 2 years placement.

This will commence on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

A big THANK YOU to all the families for your continued support of our fundraising efforts. We raised \$657 for our Christmas Concert Lucky Door Prizes.

We look forward to purchasing some new equipment for the new year.

Many thanks, The Parent Management Committee

Happy & Healthy Hints from the AWCC Kitchen

Tamara's Gingerbread Recipe

- 125g Butter, Softened
- 1/2 Cup Brown Sugar
- 1/2 Cup Golden Syrup
- 2 1/2 Cups Plain Flour, Sifted
- 1 Teaspoon Bi-Carb
- 1 teaspoon Ground Ginger

1. Beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy.
2. Add golden syrup, flour, bi-carb soda and ginger.
3. Mix to form a smooth dough.
4. Refrigerate for 10 mins
5. Roll between sheets of baking paper.
6. Bake for 10 mins in 190 oven or until golden.



Junior Kindy Update



Transitioning update: Hello families, as you are aware we have started transitioning the older children moving up to the kindergarten room next year. So far, the process is going very well and most of the children are showing more confidence in the space. Please feel free to enter the kindergarten room when you are dropping your child at Kindy over the last few months of 2023 and introduce yourself to the kindergarten room Educators. It is very important to familiarise yourself with your child's Educators and the morning Kindergarten room routine and program. Please note some children who have started Junior Kindy room at a young age are very attached to their familiar Educator's and they may need some extra reassurance with their individual transitioning process. Please keep these conversations positive to ensure your child continues to feel comfortable and supported with the changes.

Halloween: Educators and children all had a wonderful day on the 31st of October celebrating Halloween here in Junior Kindy. Children participated in a variety of Halloween focused activities, and of course our favourite part of the day was trick or treat, where we enjoyed some yummy treats.

The dress up costumes were fantastic, so thank you families for sharing in the fun and dressing up your child for the day.

Garden revamp: We are very pleased to announce that Bunnings have kindly donated some plants and seedlings once again this year and continue to be a big support for AWCC gardening revamps. Since planting the new plants, the children have been very helpful in the garden. They particularly enjoy helping their Educators water the garden every day and this in turn provides them the opportunity to observe the progress and growing stages of a variety of plants. Educators love seeing such active little green thumbs in the garden, and we sure do love how all our new seedlings continue getting all that TLC they require.

Wild Rangers: On Friday the 10th of November we enjoyed another visit from the fabulous 'Wild Rangers' wildlife to you show. Madi the presenter gave the children the opportunity to get up very close and learnt facts about 'Bubble gum' the blue tongue lizard, 'Norman' the water dragon, 'Sheldon' the turtle, 'Leroy' the python and 'Cranky' the young crocodile. We also met 'Matilda' the ring-tailed possum and 'Regi' the tawny frog mouth. The show was very interactive and hands-on with the children getting up close to interact and touch the animals. The show provides a wonderful opportunity to learn about and to interact with some of Australia's wonderful and unique animals.



Kindergarten Update

Christmas and Graduation Day

Our End-of-year Christmas Concert is fast approaching, and the kindergarten children have been practising very hard with the new songs we will be performing. We hope that you can make it!

Learning the formation and sounds of letters

Throughout the month, the children have also expanded their literacy and numeracy knowledge in our classroom. During collaborative group time, we revised the letters learnt, practised the sound, and brainstormed familiar words beginning with the week's letter. We had so much fun making rocket ships exploring the letter "R" and different types of pizza on the letter "P."

Wild Rangers show

This month, we had a fantastic show; Madi from Wild Rangers showed us some amazing animals and reptiles. The children learnt interesting facts about these animals, their living conditions, the dangers, what they eat and how they survive in the wild. Madi brought in a large variety of Australian animals for the children to observe and touch with their 'brave and gentle' finger. These included a blue tongue lizard, water dragon, turtle, python, baby crocodile, ring-tailed possum, and tawny frog mouth.

How lucky are our children to have this opportunity to experience close-up encounters with such exquisite Australian creatures!

"Going to school."

A new play area was set up in the room, "Going to school." School uniforms from many different local schools are displayed to allow the children to explore and practise putting them on, taking them off, and using them in their play. By providing the children with the resources to role play/pretend play school scenarios, it can help them understand and process the changes that are going to happen, at their own pace, through play with their peers. How cute and grown up they look!

Thank you so much to those families who collaborated with the School Transition Statements. We will email them to you to read at the end of this week before submitting to the schools.

Thank you very much for your continued support!

The Kindergarten Team



STRAWBERRY SANTA HATS

AWCC Nov/Dec -Books of the Week

- 'Wake Up Do, Lydia Lou!' – Julia Donaldson.
- 'What does Santa do when it's not Christmas?' – Heath McKenzie.
- 'Stick Man' – Julia Donaldson.



Strawberries
Bananas
Mini Marshmallows
Skewers (sharp end cut off)



HAVE YOU MET 'ELSIE' THE AWCC ELF??

Elsie is back and she is as cheeky as ever! Keep eye out every morning as she gets up to all sorts of mischief at kindy through the night.



words from our little people

ZARA B (3 YEARS, 8 MONTHS)

Zara was blinking her eyes and smiling at Haley. She said "look Haley, my eyes are turning on and off!"

