



AWCC NEWSLETTER

THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
FOR OUR FAMILIES & COMMUNITY



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Important Dates:

- **Kindergarten Library Visit - Friday 16th Dec**
- **Yoga with Nathan - Wed 14th Dec**
- **'Renata's Christmas Show' - Tues 20th Dec at 10am**
- **Last day of operation for 2022 - Thursday 22nd Dec**

Director's News

by Tamara Fallon

Hello AWCC families,

This is our last Newsletter for 2022! By golly, this year has flown by. How great were our Christmas concerts?? The children did such a wonderful job of their performance and the most important part is that they had FUN! Thanks to our families for joining us for our end of year festivities. It has been another wonderful, eventful year, we've hosted many centre events, we held our first Bunnings Sausage sizzle BBQ; had our first visit from Dental to you; and engaged with all of our wonderful regular centre visitors. We re-connected with our community, with library and Pacific Fair visits. Our Artist in Residence program, Uncle Allan and Yogi Nathan will continue into 2023. We look forward to building on these wonderful community connections next year.

Halloween Disco - I want to say a huge thank you and well done to all our families who attended our recent disco. What an awesome night it was!! A big thank you to our Parent Management Committee (and their husbands!) for running all the stations on the night and to the staff for pulling together to ensure a successful night for all. This was a major fundraiser for the centre and we raised a little over \$2,000 - just amazing! This will go towards new resources for the centre in 2023.

Parent Survey: Thank you to the families who have 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. If you would like to have a meeting with your child's educator to discuss progress, please request a time.



Parent Management Committee News:

The Parent Management Committee is looking for new members in 2023! Some of our Committee member's children are leaving the Centre and heading off to school, therefore leaving us with roles to fill. Please consider joining the Committee in 2023.

Annual Fee Increase

**Our annual Centre fees will increase to:
\$117.00 per day for children enrolled in an
under 2 years placement.**

**\$112.00 per day for children enrolled in an
above 2 years placement**

**This will commence on Wednesday 4th January
2023.**

Thanks – The Parent Management Committee

Director's News continued...

A reminder for you to check your child's enrolment days for 2023. They are displayed on the wall above the sign in desk. Please look carefully and make sure you are clear on when and if any changes in your child's attendance will occur. If you have any questions relating to the rolls, Nikki or I would be happy to help you out. In the newsletter you will see that a daily fee increase will occur from 4th January 2023.

RENATA JAYNE

**COME ALONG AND JOIN US IN SOME
END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS FUN!
TUESDAY 20TH DEC AT 10AM**

**A SPECIAL MESSAGE OF LOVE IS COMMUNICATED
THROUGH SONG, DRAMA, FUN AND MUSIC.**

ALL WELCOME

[HTTPS://RENATAJAYNE.COM/](https://renatajayne.com/)

Happy & Healthy Hints from the AWCC Kitchen

This month's recipe is a simple noodle stir fry that the kids love. We cut the chicken and veggies very fine for easy eating. It's also a fun one to eat with chopsticks.

Thai Noodles

- 300g instant noodles
- 500g Chicken Breast, diced
- 2 stalks celery, sliced
- 3 shallots, sliced
- 3 carrots, diced
- 100g snow peas, sliced
- 1/2 cup frozen peas
- 1 Zucchini, grated
- 4 eggs

Sauce:

- 1 Tbs garlic
- 1 Tbs sugar
- 1/3 cup soy sauce

Soak the dried noodles in hot water for 10 mins. Drain. Cook beaten eggs in wok. Remove and place aside. Cook chicken, add vegetables, noodles and sauce, add the cooked eggs.

Serve immediately.



Junior Kindy Update

Hello families,

Wild Rangers show: What a fun experience this was for our Junior Kindy children. We were able to get up close to a range of our wonderful Australian wildlife animals and interact with them. Most of the children were comfortable enough to get up close and have a little touch and feel with a variety of different textures to explore. The animals included snake, lizard, turtle, owl, possum, and squirrel. This was a super cool hands-on learning experience with some of Australia's wonderful and unique animals to learn about and get up close.

Nappies and spare clothes: Please ensure you check your child's nappy draws and bags weekly to make sure there is enough nappies and spare clothes for the days your child attends Kindy. With the weather warming up, it's the perfect time to get outside and explore, and there's nothing more fun than spending time splashing and playing in water on a hot day!

Playing with water not only keeps children cool, but you may be surprised to learn that water play has many amazing benefits for children's development, along with encouraging a social environment.

Transition progress: The transitioning progress for the children moving up to kindergarten room in the coming year is moving along very well. We have noticed many of the parents are dropping their children in kindergarten room on arrivals or just simply walking through the room and greeting the Educators. This is a wonderful way to spend some time getting familiar with the routine and feel for the environment, as well as building relationships with the Educators. In the next few weeks, the children will also start joining the kindergarten children for lunch as well as engaging in the group times and activities along with some free play. This is to help them become comfortable in the new environment and feel confident and content with the pending changes.

The Junior Kindy team: We would like to thank each family who have children moving up to the kindergarten room. We wish you all the best of luck with your new adventures ahead. We have enjoyed every moment of this year getting to know the family units and building some wonderful relationships with the children. We have loved the learning journey and will miss each and every one of you as you transition to the next level with your child. Our door is always open so feel free to come back any time for a visit and chat, if you have any concerns regarding your child settling into the new routine, we are happy to offer advice and support at any time.

Children returning in 2023: As this is our last room report for 2022, We look forward to another exciting year with the parents and children who will be returning to Junior Kindy. Bring on the new adventures for 2023!! We can't wait for another exciting year ahead.

Thank you for reading, from the Jr Kindy team.

words from our little people

AMELIE, 4 YRS 4 MONTHS

We were awaiting the arrival of our much loved 'Wild Rangers' animal show where the children can pat wild animals, such as a possum, crocodile and turtle. Tamara entered the Kindergarten room to see a very concerned Amelie.

Tamara - "What's up, Buttercup?"

Amelie - "I don't really like crocodiles...I only like WHALES!"

Tamara - "I'm not sure if we can pull off a whale visit at Kindy!"

AWCC November - Books of the Week

- 'Stickman' by Julia Donaldson
- 'Another book about Santa' by Laura and Philip Bunting
- 'Christmas always comes' by Jackie French and Bruce Whatley





Kindergarten Update

Hello Kindergarten Families,

Learning the formation and sounds of letters

Throughout the month, the children have 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. What fun was making robots on the letter "R" and popcorn on the letter "P"!

Wild Rangers show

This month we had a fantastic show; Hanna 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. Hanna brought in a Tawny Frog Mouth, a baby crocodile called Shrek, a Curly tailed possum, Shelly the Turtle, and a couple of her friendly lizards named Pineapple and Bubble-gum. For the final surprise, Zina, a Black-headed Python. How lucky are our children to have this opportunity to experience close-up encounters with such exquisite Australian creatures.

"Going to school."

A new corner was set up in the room, "Going to school". Lots of school uniforms from different schools were displayed to let the children practise putting them on, taking them off and using a variety of school scenarios with them. How cute and grown up they look in those.

"Going to the fruit shop."

We continued taking the children to the fruit shop. They loved this meaningful experience, and we enjoyed being part of this real-life environment project. The children are enjoying the engagement with their local community and familiar surroundings.

Thanks for reading, the Kindergarten Team

Thank you's and Goodbye's

I would like to extend some great big THANK YOU's to some very special visitors who contributed to such a fun 2022; Uncle Allan, our favourite Aboriginal elder; Nathan our favourite Yogi; and Miss Alana, our famous artist in residence. We have had a ball learning and playing with you all throughout the year and look forward to lots more fun in 2023.

A HUGE thank-you goes out to our amazing volunteer, Maureen. More has been coming in to help out and spend time with the children on a weekly basis for many years now. Thank you to More for all that she does for the Centre - from mountains of books read to mountains of washing folded. You're an absolute gem, Maureen, and we look forward to many more special days and laughs alongside you next year.

To all 19 dedicated Educators at AWCC, a huge thank you for yet another awesome year! You all bring something unique and beautiful to the centre. The children, families and management are so fortunate to work and play alongside you. It is certainly our wonderful Educators that make our Kindy the great place that it is to learn, grow and have fun!

Shortly we will be saying some sad goodbyes to families that have been with us for a long time now. We will also be sending off our big Kindergarten children to Prep as they continue 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! I hope you have a lovely holiday break and wishing you a very Merry Christmas!



Gold Coast Christmas light displays

1	🌲 12 Sundown Drive, Paradise Point	28	🌲 Adelaide Crescent, Ormeau Hills
2	🌲 16 Taupo Court, Coombabah	29	🏠 Ashburton Street, Ormeau Hills
3	Kangaroo Avenue, Coombabah	30	🚗 46 Karall Street, Ormeau
4	Sidney Nolan Drive, Coombabah	31	🚗 22 Brightstar Street, Ormeau
5	Hocking Street, Arundel	32	Forest Avenue, Ormeau
6	Kite Circuit, Arundel	33	🏠 198 Goldmine Road, Norwell
7	6 Waigeo Street, Pacific Pines	34	4 Cassius Way, Ormeau
8	6 Boyer Street, Pacific Pines	35	Paris Parade, Ormeau
9	★ Wunburra Circuit, Pacific Pines	36	Katandra Crescent, Ormeau
10	17 Tomah Street, Pacific Pines	37	Rosabrook Crescent, Ormeau
11	🌲 4 Beaumont Crescent, Pacific Pines	38	🏠 Boydaw Road, Ormeau
12	★ Salvado Drive, Pacific Pines	39	1 Emily Street, Ormeau
13	21 McRae Circuit, Pacific Pines	40	Kavanagh Court, Ormeau
14	Manor Road, Maudsland	41	🚗 511 Gainsborough Drive, Pimpama
15	199 Riverstone Crossing, Maudsland	42	15 Byfield Street, Pimpama
16	🚗 🌲 48 Lone Pine Circuit, Upper Coomera	43	106 Ningaloo Drive, Pimpama
17	🌲 94 Rose Valley Drive, Upper Coomera	44	19 Yatala Street, Pimpama
18	Santa Clara Rise, Upper Coomera	45	🌲 🏠 1/15 Mirinae Circuit, Pimpama
19	20 Gresswell Crescent, Upper Coomera	46	156 Dixon Drive, Coomera
20	2/97 Annabelle Crescent, Upper Coomera	47	1 Marika Street, Pimpama
21	26 Jagera Drive, Upper Coomera	48	2 Cullen Street, Pimpama
22	Forest Oak Drive, Upper Coomera	49	Parkvista Circuit, Coomera
23	🌲 8 Shelduck Street, Upper Coomera	50	33 Parkvista Circuit, Coomera
24	22 Dayflower Street, Upper Coomera	51	🌲 🏠 12 Drumbeat Place, Coomera
25	🏆 2 / 7 Moss Terrace, Pimpama	52	17 MacKenzie Street, Coomera
26	41 & 43 Blossom Street, Pimpama	53	Lavinia Way, Coomera
27	🚗 12 Bridle Close, Kingsholme	54	



–Gingerbread Recipe –

We have a gingerbread baking tradition in my house every year and here is the simple 'Donna Hay' recipe I use. It is delicious and can be used to create a gingerbread house as well. I have found that the best 'glue' for our gingerbread house is egg white mixed with pure icing sugar.

INGREDIENTS

125G UNSALTED BUTTER, SOFTENED
½ CUP (90G) LIGHT BROWN SUGAR
⅔ CUP (230G) GOLDEN SYRUP
2½ CUPS (375G) PLAIN (ALL-PURPOSE) FLOUR, SIFTED
1 TEASPOON BICARBONATE OF (BAKING) SODA, SIFTED
2 TEASPOONS GROUND GINGER
1 TEASPOON MIXED SPICE

METHOD

1. Place the butter and sugar in the bowl of an electric mixer and beat for 10-12 minutes or until pale and creamy. Scrape down the sides of the bowl, add the golden syrup, flour, bicarbonate of soda, ginger and mixed spice. Beat until a smooth dough forms. Makes 1 quantity

TIPS

If the dough feels too soft at any stage, you can refrigerate it for a few minutes before continuing. Freeze any leftover dough, wrapped in plastic wrap, for up to 2 months.

Enjoy this special time of the year surrounded by family and friends.

xx Tamara xx

