



NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2025

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Welcome to our first newsletter for 2025. We would like to welcome all our new families which have joined our centre this year!

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR EASTER RAFFLE?

We have created many different ways to help raise money for the GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL!



Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 17th of April, 2025!

CELEBRATE EASTER
With our Egg-citing
RAFFLE

WIN AMAZING PRIZES & SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE

ENTER to WIN
Go in the draw

1. Simply Like us on Facebook
2. Leave us a Google review

Or

RAFFLE
Will be drawn on
THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

RAFFLE TICKET

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
\$2.00
*SEE STAFF



3 WAYS TO DONATE

**Donate empty
Cans & Bottles**



**Purchase a
Raffle ticket**

\$2 for 1 raffle entry
\$5 for 3 raffle entries

**Guess how many
Easter Eggs?**

\$2 for 1 guess
\$5 for 3 guesses



A big thank you to everyone who has brought in their empty cans & bottles for recycling. We have already collected 480 bottles! That's a great effort!

We will be collecting bottles until Wednesday 16th April so please keep bringing your empty bottles in 😊



Also a big thank you to LITTLE MAVROS café & Small Bites patisserie for their generous donations for our Hampers!

PLEASE CHECK THEM OUT!



littlemavros



smallbites.patisserie

Reminders:

- Please make sure you are signing your children IN/OUT each day. Each person that picks up and drops off MUST use their own log in. If your mobile number does not work when you try log in, please let me know to adjust it.
- If your child will be absent, please let us know as soon as you know so we can staff accordingly.
- For safety reasons, can everyone please make sure the front door is shut when you enter and leave.
- Dr. Chan visits fortnightly and the service is bulk billed and provides piece of mind if you are concerned, on any level, with your child's health. Immunisations are also available for your children. Please see more information about Dr. Chan on other page. Please see his next visit date on office window.
- If your child is due for their immunisation, please email through the updated immunisation statement for our records – This is a requirement by the department.
- If you book if for an extra day, we need at least 48 hours to cancel that booking.
- If you are going on holidays and want to use your Holiday Half Fee, we require 2 weeks notice to apply it.
- If you would like to update your enrolment form to add new authorised people to collect your child, please come see me. If someone comes to pick up your child and we have not been informed and they are not on the collection list, we will need to call you to confirm the person who is attending.

- If you need to change your booking (reduce days), please remember we need 2 weeks notice.
- Our centre is open from 7am – 6.30pm therefore children are only allowed to be here between those times. A late fee of \$2 per minute will be charged should your child not be collected by 6.30pm.
- If your child has a birthday approaching, we are happy for you to bring in a cake to celebrate, however it needs to be purchased by a store with the ingredients visible & NO NUTS. Most cakes are brought in from Woolworths or Coles. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this. Unfortunately we don't encourage lolly bags as we have children with allergies here at our centre. Thank you for your understanding.

FACEBOOK – Please like us on Facebook and show us some love 😊

<https://www.facebook.com/wheelershillchildcarecentre>

SEESAW – If you are still not receiving Seesaw updates, please see me or the educators in the room so they can help you. Please be patient with the educators posting photo's as sometimes it gets a little busy and they may not be able to post photos every day.

WEBSITE – <https://www.wheelershillchildcare.com.au/>



Autumn/Winter – Please ensure you pack warm clothes including a beanie and Jacket for your children as they will still be going outside to play. We try and get outside as much as we can to ensure we get enough fresh air.

This week we have had a lot of children and staff away due to illness. Please keep your children home if they are unwell. If we think your children are not well enough to be here, we will call you to come collect them to ensure we protect the other children from illnesses. If your child has a temperature, diarrhea or vomiting, they will need to stay home until they are **symptom free for 24 hours**. Thank you for your understanding.

We will be closed for these upcoming public holidays:

Friday 18th April - Public Holiday, Good Friday - Centre Closed

Monday 21st April - Public Holiday, Easter Monday - Centre Closed

Friday 25th April – Anzac Day Centre - Closed

If you have any questions or queries at any time, please feel free to approach me and I will endeavour to help as best as I can.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter!

Kind Regards,

Andrea Nicou – Centre Director

UPCOMING EVENTS 😊



Tuesday 8th April – Fantasy Dress Up day

Calling all superheros, wizards and fairy-tale creatures!



Thursday 17th April - Easter Bunny Visit & Egg Hunt

If you would like to book your child for an extra day, please let us know

Tuesday 29th April - World's Greatest Shave: Funky Hair Day



Come in with crazy coloured hair! We will also have coloured hair spray here to spray the children's hair 😊 Gold coin donation to fundraise money for the Leukaemia Foundation!



Friday 9th May - Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

All mothers, grandmothers, aunties, friends and families are invited to our annual Mother's Day Afternoon Tea at 2:30pm.

Animals on the Move will be joining us

Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st & Thurs 22nd May - Centre Photographs



Professional photos by 'Magic Photography' will be taken for parents to purchase.

Details will be sent out closer to the date.

HAPPY FEET FITNESS With Miss Tori

Monday - 9.30am
A great dancing and
educational program
for the Kinder 4
children.



Family Library

This year we created a library
in the foyer for children to
borrow books throughout the
week. Please encourage your
children to choose 1-2 books
at a time 😊

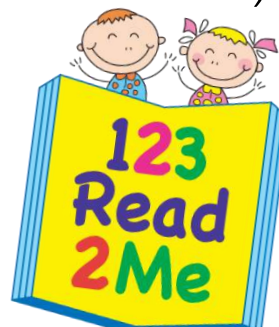
Advertise your business

Outside the front door you
can advertise your
business for free! We want
to help our families &
community. You are also
welcome to put up things
you would like to sell. Let's
help our community 😊

123 Read 2 Me

Do you have books at
home that you don't need
anymore?

Donate them to
123Read2Me! These
books are donated to
disadvantaged kids
across Australia. (Green
bin located under sign in
iPads)



Kelly Sports

Kinder 3 and 4 have Kelly
Sports program every
fortnightly on a Thursday
at 10am.



Dr Robert Chan

Dr. Robert Chan will visit the centre every 3-4 weeks on a Wednesday to see children and staff as required.

This service is bulk billed and provides piece of mind if you are concerned, on any level, with your child's health. Your Medicare number that is detailed in your child's enrolment form is used for the claim. A staff member will accompany your child at the consultation in the centre office.

Dr. Chan will provide you with a letter detailing his findings and write a prescription when required. If necessary, Dr. Chan will phone to discuss any concerns further.

Immunisations are also available. Parents are required to provide the child's health record book for completion. A form also needs to be completed, detailing which immunisation is required.

The doctor's form is situated on the shelf, outside the office window. Please complete with as much detail as possible, & if necessary, consult with a staff member so we can pass information on to Dr. Chan. If your child does not attend on the day Dr. Chan is here, you are welcome to complete the form and leave a phone number for us to contact you with when Dr. Chan arrives.

Please feel free to take advantage of this service as Dr. Chan comes highly recommended and can provide great peace of mind for working families.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you.





Chef Mel's News

We welcome any ideas or recipes

Recipe Sharing Wall:

We would love to see your family's favourite recipes on our recipe sharing wall. We may also use them here at the centre on our menu collection. Please email or hand them in directly to office or to me. The recipe wall is a great way to share ideas between families 😊

Labelling bottles:

Please label all items brought from home including milk bottles/drink bottles or food items.

If any bottles or food is brought from home, please take out of their bag and notify staff to refrigerate if needed.

Absences:

If your child has special dietary requirements and they will be absent, please let us know by 10am before I start preparing their lunch. Also, if your child will be late, please notify us so we can save some lunch 😊

Allergies dietary requirements:

If your child's circumstances change, please notify us so we can update your child's food allergies/dietary requirements.

Chef Mel's sharing this recipe!

Healthy Easter Eggs

These healthy Easter eggs are made with slices of fresh fruit, yogurt and some sprinkles for fun. They are a Healthy Easter Treat to make with kids.



Ingredients

- ☐ ½ cup greek style yoghurt
 - ☐ 1 teaspoon honey
 - ☐ 1 pear
 - ☐ 1 apple
 - ☐ 1 kiwifruit
- ☐ 1 Tablespoon sprinkles

Instructions

1. Mix the yoghurt and honey together. Put the sweetened yoghurt in the freezer for 10 minutes (this will help it thicken up)
2. Slice your fruit into easter egg shapes.
3. Spread the fruit slices with the chilled yoghurt.
4. Add the sprinkles
5. Enjoy!

SUSTAINABILITY

WHCC cultivates the passion of sustainability and environmental love amongst their young learners. Our aim is to show strong commitment and responsibility towards environment and community. We would love to share our latest initiatives and activities aimed at fostering a culture of sustainability within our centre. Here's what happened and what we have planned:

CONTINUING COMPOSTING

Our compost pit is thriving, thanks to ongoing contribution of Chef Mel and our hardworking educator and sustainability member Rajini who continuously look after the compost pit and help divert the organics kitchen waste and fruit peels and turn it into nutrient rich compost. By doing this we are educating kids about how by doing this we can reduce environmental impacts and enhance the soil for future plant growth.

USE OF GREEN BINS

It very important for the community to know that we should always separate the wet organic waste from trash that helps reduce the waste send to landfills and instead should turn into valuable compost. Hence, we judiciously use the green bins for discarding our organic waste and also educate the students by awaking them about the benefits of this waste segregation.

PLANTING NEW SEEDS WITH THE CHILDREN:

The children are excited about their new venture of gardening where they are planning to sow some new seeds and look after them. They are excited about learning the process of plant development from premature seedlings to a fruit bearing plant. They are exploring the magic of growth and importance of nurturing living things. They already love to water the plants and always are concern for the plants if they are dry. So, we are planning to encourage this interest by providing them more plants to look after.



BABY'S ROOM NEWSLETTER

Hello to all wonderful parents and families of the baby room. My name is Min Yee and both myself and Rajee will be in the baby room this year. We are so glad that all our new babies and toddlers settled well and engaged with many activities in the room. Term 1 had passed so quickly and it is so good to see the babies and toddlers developing their skills, seeing them achieving their milestone and gaining confidence each and every day. In the room, we do activities that helps to promote their fine and gross motor development, sensory, cognitive, language and literacy development and also social development.

Blocks play



Sensory play





Art and craft



Language and literacy and pretend play





Musical instruments and dancing

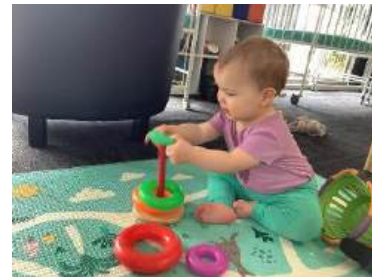


Outdoor and physical play





More indoor activities....



Everyday we set up lots of indoor and outdoor activities as we understand that the babies and toddlers need lots of playtime and practice to develop their large and small muscles to promote their development.

We do reading, singing with puppets, playing with toys and activities and lots of physical play. We interact with them during their playtime and mealtime and it is wonderful to see them responding with their smiles, gestures and sounds while enjoying their play.

From: Min Yee and Rajee

Toddler 1 Newsletter

Welcome to our Toddler 1 Families!! We hope you are keeping yourselves warm and hydrated in this weather.

Firstly, I am Manaswi, I am the room leader for the Toddler1 room, and I am excited to work with all the lovely children and the families in the future. Thanks to all the parents and educators for helping us to create and provide a warm atmosphere for children in the room.

We have heartily welcomed new friends Noor, Aila, Anthony, Samar, Ishaan, Remy, Tara and Evan into the room over these few months. They adjusted smoothly to the room and are trying to mingle with each other. Children in the room are well settled into the routine.

This Newsletter focuses on the months from January to March, during which Toddler 1 children had amazing, fun activities to share with us.

In the month of January, the children were filled with excitement as they explored new things and settled down with the new educators. They enjoyed water play in the hot weather and celebrated Australia Day and Chinese New Year. We painted lanterns.





In the month of February, we continued celebrating Chinese New Year. We enjoyed Kite flying day, celebrated pizza day- where children enjoyed making their own pizzas for afternoon tea- and Valentine's Day. Children made beautiful love heart cards.





In the month of March, children had fun activities right from the start, few of them were celebrating Shrove Tuesday, Cereal Day, Occupation Day, St. Patrick's Day, and Harmony Day.





Throughout this period, children engaged in various activities such as painting, pasting, cooking, building and exploring new things. This is all that the children wanted to share with us. We hope you have a great second term of the year ahead.

Lastly, I would like to thank the all the staff for their support, and especially Yamisha for taking charge during my absence.

Regards

Manaswi & Yamisha.

TODDLER 2 ROOM NEWSLETTER

Hello Toddler 2 families,

First of all, I would like to welcome all the new families to Toddler 2 Room. Children are settling down very well in the room. They are trying to explore new environment and settling in that environment. They say time flies when you are having fun and this is most definitely true of the first three months in the Toddler's Room.

As reflected on in the term 1 newsletter we had a terrific start to the year in first four months and have continued in the coming months too. January has blown by! Literally! During last three months we focussed on "Caring and Sharing." We are encouraging the children to communicate with their friends by using their words during their play interactions. We are also working on basic manners such as saying "please", "Sorry" and "thank-you."

In our room the activities we plan are developmentally appropriate and goals are set for the child to achieve. You will also see samples of the toddler's work displayed around the room. A Portfolio of the child's work is kept in a folder with examples of artwork and activities they are given and also observations and checklists. It is available for you to look at, at any time. Please make sure that you don't take it home. It will be handed over to you at the end of year.

January month was full of excitement. They children were trying to explore new things. They were settling down with the new educators. We celebrated Australia day in January. Children made Australian flags and also painted some Australian animals. We had lot of sunny days in this month so we got chance to enjoy lot of water activities.



In month of February, we celebrated Chinese New Year which is year of Snake. We made paper lanterns and we also painted our Snake art work. Children also came dressed in their multicultural dresses on this day. All of them were looking very different and cute. we also enjoyed Kite flying day, pizza day where children enjoyed making their own pizzas for afternoon tea. We also celebrated Valentine Day. Children made beautiful love heart cards for their mum and dad.



In the month of March, National cereal day, St Patrick day, Shrove day, Occupation Day and harmony day. We also enjoyed lots of other activities during this month like drawing, water play, playing in the kitchen corner, animal farm fun, sand pit play, reading books, musical instruments , climbing bridge etc.





We welcome parent input in many ways. So please feel free to communicate with us about your child, our program, our room or our centre at any time. It is important to us that you feel comfortable coming to us to ask questions about your child and their day and how they are feeling. Please come and see us at any time if you have questions or concerns about your child. If you want to chat with me, please don't hesitate to contact me. I am always available to help you at any time. I would like to thank my team members Grace, Tasmeen, and all the other staff for giving me support at all the time.

Regards,
Kanwal, Naeleh, Sukhdeep, Ruvindi & Jessica

Kinder 3 Newsletter

By Amelia, Hadeel

Dear K3 Families,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to both new and returning children and families. It's a pleasure to have you as part of our K3 family, and we're excited to work together to make this year both memorable and enjoyable 😊.

So far, we've been focusing on building strong relationships with the children, helping them develop a sense of belonging within the room and the group. We've also been emphasising the importance of independence, encouraging the children to take responsibility for their belongings, such as hats and drink bottles, and to understand what is expected in the room. We will continue to reinforce our classroom expectations while fostering a fun and engaging learning environment!

On a side note, the SunSmart season is coming to an end, which means the weather is starting to cool down! As a result, we may ask you to pack warmer clothes, all clearly labelled, especially for outdoor play in the morning.

Thank you 😊



Autumn Board

January

Water Play day



Chinese New Year



2025
*Year of
the Snake*

Australia Day



*Children created the Australian
Flag and the Golden Wattle
Tree.*

Kelly sports & Happy Feet



February

International pizza day



The K3 children made their own pizzas by kneading the dough, spreading the sauce, and selecting their favourite toppings 😊. This activity empowered them to make choices, promoting autonomy!

Valentines' day 💖



The children had a great time creating love heart artworks and were eager to share them with their families 😊



Arsal:

*"my
mum
will say
WOW"*



March

Shrove Tuesday



We played a fun number game using pancake picture cards. This activity helped children develop number recognition and understanding 😊

National Cereal Day

Cereal for morning tea



Occupation Day - What do you want to be when you grow up?

Celina: "Ballerina" Jhett: "Vet" Nevaan: "Teamwork" Alira: "Teacher"

Adriana: "Octopus" Hamza: "Firefighter" Viha: "Doctor" Xen: "Adult"

Holi - Festival of Colours



Harmony Day 2025



Smile for Kids - Dental Visit

Kinga: "They (dentists) clean teeth!"

Nevaan: "if you eat too much chips, you get cavities"

Viha: "Chips are not helpful, banana is helpful (for your teeth)"

Kinder 4 Newsletter

We would like to welcome all the children and families to our first newsletter of 2025. hope everyone is having a great first term. Children have all settled back into preschool life well and enjoying all the different learning activities we have been doing.

Term 1 is all full of learning and exciting. children have done so well settling in. The children have adapted well to the new routines, rules and expectations and is beginning to be active participants of their learning.

The first term is all about building relationships, getting to know one another, and feeling safe and secure in our surroundings. There have been lots of name recognition activities, group games, whole group artwork and cooking experiences. Music and group games has been a highlight with lots of involvement and participation from the children. Children are exploring both the indoor and outdoor environments with great excitement and enthusiasm which is wonderful to see. Happy Feet and Kelly Sport incursions are loved by all children.

Early Literacy

Kinder 4 children focusing on building foundational literacy skills, such as phonemic awareness (recognising sounds in words), print awareness (understanding that print carries meaning), and vocabulary development.

We are Using different materials, such as magnetic letters, play dough, and blocks, helps children explore letters and words in different ways. Integrating literacy into all areas of the classroom, such as the dramatic play area, the art area, and the home corner, helps children see the value of reading and writing in everyday life. Using tactile materials, like textured books or letter puzzles, helping children develop fine motor skills and build connections between sounds and letters.





Letter of the week

Letter of the Week lesson plans are getting an overhaul! included how the letter looked and sounded but my main focus was on how to form the letter.

Emerging writers

Writing is a fundamental skill that Kinder 4 children are practicing with writing activities. Children were given ample opportunity in classroom to practice writing with paper, white board, tracing cards, sensory bags, which helping them to develop the foundation of literacy, critical thinking, problem-solving, and self-expression. They weave writing activities into their play. Every day they are using big white board, paper, sensory bag for writing.



Sensory bag writing - Sensory-rich writing experiences transform early learning, especially some children who find traditional writing a bit daunting. Children write letters with their fingers. The stretchy, slippery feel makes writing practice exciting, enhancing visual-motor skills and keeping kids engaged.



Recognizing and writing own Names – A child's name is a symbol of their unique identity, and learning to recognize and write it is boosting their confidence and sense of self. Being able to recognize and write their name helps children find their belongings, understand labels, and participate in various activities.

Kinder 4 Children is taking crucial first step in learning to read and write their name and setting the stage for future literacy development. They are fostering a connection between oral and written language and building confidence



Circle Time

I introduced circle time for kinder 4 room. Circle time" a structured period where children gather in a circle or designated area to engage in activities that promote social interaction, learning, and skill development.



Children voice and Floor book

In kinder 4 room we focused on child voice. 'child's voice' describes the genuine involvement of children in gathering their views, opinions and experiences. By ensuring children meaningfully engage with their learning and the decision-making processes that affect them, children are empowered, involved and included.

Floor book is child-led approach to documentation and planning which give children a place to write down or draw their thoughts about a topic, or for an adult to accurately record children's voices.



Early Numeracy

Children are engaging with sorting numbers, matching, find missing numbers activities. These experiences fostering early numeracy skills, critical thinking, and fine motor skills through engaging activities like counting, matching, and categorising.





Reminders

"Let us not miss the opportunity for your child to participate in the morning group time, which begins promptly at 9:00 AM. It is essential to ensure that your child is well-prepared for success as they embark on their formal educational journey. School readiness also encompasses a child's ability to adapt to a more structured learning environment, and group time serves as one component in supporting this transition. (For me, intentionality is inherent in the way I respond to each child and their individual needs, and a small portion of this occurs during group time.)"

Seesaw - We hope you are enjoying using the Seesaw app to learn about your child's day. We would love to see more family engagement on the app. You can also use the app to send any queries or questions you might have.

We have been very busy celebrating some very special and meaningful days in Term 1.

Australia Day



National Kite Flying Day



International Pizza Day



Valentine's Day



Shrove Tuesday and national cereal day



Harmony Occupation Day



Holi celebration



Shivangi & Ujwala 😊