

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to say welcome to all our new families at both centres this month. It is great to see so many new faces. All the children have been settling in well. If there is anything I can help you with please just drop into the office or phone and I will be happy to make an appointment with you.

Please ask everyone to take care when driving near Community Kids and Nanango Childcare Centre. Remember there could be other children around that you may not see and as I'm sure you all know children can move very quickly. I'm asking if we could all slow down and watch out for children, especially around the school drop off time between 8.30 and 9.30 am and pick up times 2.45 and 3.30pm, as there are also a lot of cars and buses moving around at this time.

In case you didn't get to go to the Nanango Show this year I have included a photo of the children's art work which was on display.

Staffing

With Chrissy leaving her full time position in the Cheeky Cheetahs room Tane will be replacing her when needed. You will still be seeing Chrissy around at either centre from time to time when she fills some of our casual positions.

I will be on annual leave from Monday 2nd June and return on Tuesday 10th June. Please direct all your enquiries to Megan in my absence.

News

Thank you to Tanya Healy and Chrissy Lang for volunteering their time to help with the excursion to Karinya Home for the Aged. All the children and staff who attended enjoyed having the extra help. Everyone had such a fun day so I'm sure we will be going back again for another visit. Also thank you to the residents and staff for the lovely morning tea they provided for us.

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies in all rooms across both centres but these have been filling up fast. So if you know anyone who may be interested in enrolling their children, please ask them to contact the office for details to collect an enrolment pack.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May

- 11 Mother's Day

June

- 5 World environment day
- 9 Queens Birthday Centre Closed
- 27 Red nose day
- 30 School Holidays Start
- 30 Vacation Care starts

Reminders

Please remember to pack extra clothes for your children, especially long pants and jumpers now that the cooler weather is here. It's also a good idea to include a T shirt as sometimes there are a few warmer days still.

Could I remind all families that Community Kids and Nanango Childcare Centre are both **NUT FREE CENTRES** and to leave at home any nut products including peanut butter sandwiches, Nutella sandwiches, and some muesli bars. If you are unsure about a product please check the labels. We do have children that are allergic to nut products, so for the safety of all children please leave these at home. Unfortunately we cannot give these products to your children but they will be sent back home. Staff will contact you should we need you to bring in something else for your child to eat.

Happy Mothers Day to all our Mums and Grandmothers. We hope you had a wonderful day.
Theresa

NEWS FROM THE ROOMS

Cubs Room

Hello to our wonderful families. We are welcoming in the cold weather with jackets and long pants. It is going to be a cold winter, so please make sure your bundle of joys have plenty of warm spare clothes if needed and a nice warm blanket for rest time. We will be starting some season artwork, making snow flakes and our room into a beautiful winter wonderland. We are focusing on toilet training with some of our bigger children who are soon to be moving up into the big Cheeky Cheetahs Room. This will ensure that the transition can be made as smooth as possible. If you have any questions or queries about this, don't hesitate to talk to Jaimee or Dee and we will help answer them for you. We have made a peaceful area in the room where they are able to relax and read books in our new calm corner. The children are just loving the new colorful water speakers as well.

Until next time Jaimee and Dee.



Cheeky Cheetahs Room

We are so lucky in the Cheeky Cheetah room...we have more new friends who have just joined us...Welcome.

We have been so busy in this room. For Easter we made glitter Easter eggs, 3D eggs and as an extra special surprise....THE EASTER BUNNY CAME TO VISIT!! We were so lucky, he even gave us some Easter eggs. We have been diligently making our wonderful mothers their well deserved presents for Mothers Day. We also sadly say goodbye to Miss Chrissy in our room. We wish her well in her future endeavors and hope she knows that she will be truly missed within our room.

Miss Sarah, Miss Chrissy and Miss Jo



Pre-Prep & Schoolies Room

During the holidays Schoolies and Pre-Preps combined for many activities. Some days we played and created together in the Schoolies Room, just enjoying each other's company.

Tuesday, 8th April was a special day. For the first time the Pre-Preps enjoyed a visit to the Nanango Swimming Pool. Both Schoolies and Pre-Preps had a fantastic time, both in and out of the water. The following day we walked to the Butter Factory Park with our skateboards and scooters and of course our helmets. What a time we enjoyed whizzing around and around! The M.E.R.V. van arrived on Thursday, so everyone sang along with all the songs and really loved all the games on the Wii, the Play Station and X-Box. But the highlight of the week was our visit to Rosie's Fun 4 all. The jumping castle, the slide, the green machines and all the toys helped make the day so exciting.

Monday, 14th April was cooking day and you should have just tasted our amazing pizzas. Unfortunately the next day was wet, so the walk to Pioneer Park needed to be cancelled, but we still had fun at the centre. Easter was fast approaching, so we spent a day decorating eggs, painting and colouring them. Easter baskets were constructed for our Easter egg hunt. But, guess who came to visit? The Easter Bunny! We were so spoilt. The last day of the holidays saw the Schoolies going to Kingaroy to see the Lego Film, while the Pre-Preps spent a busy day in their own room with Miss Ann Maree.

Once the new term commenced everyone has been really busy making presents for a "special" someone. We also spent time remembering all the people who have taken part in wars and have helped keep our country safe. Anzac Day is very important to us. Soon we will also be learning about "farm animals".

The Pre-Prep children, along with some of Miss Sarah's children, have visited Karinya, to spend time with some of our older residents. It was amazing to see the inter-action between the residents and the children, so we do hope we can do this again.

The weather has definitely become colder. All children will need appropriate clothing, but please do name everything as we already have a number of unclaimed items in our Lost Property Box.

Make sure you keep warm.

Miss Toni, Miss Jeanette, Miss Rhonda, Miss Emma, Miss Shantelle and Mr Tane





Recipe of the Month – Barbecue pork balls

Ingredients

- * 500g pork mince
- * 1 egg, lightly whisked
- * 2 tablespoons barbecue sauce
- * 2 teaspoons finely grated fresh ginger
- * 1 cup panko breadcrumbs
- * Vegetable oil, to deep-fry
- * Baby cos lettuce leaves, to serve
- * Coarsely grated carrot, to serve
- * Barbecue sauce, extra to serve

Method

- * Line a baking tray with baking paper. Combine the mince, egg, barbecue sauce, ginger and 15g of the breadcrumbs in a large bowl. Season. Roll 3-teaspoon portions of the mince mixture into balls. Roll in remaining breadcrumbs to coat. Place on prepared tray. Cover and place in the fridge for 30 minutes to rest.
- * Add enough oil to a wok to reach a depth of 6cm. Heat to 180oc over medium-high heat. Cook the meatballs in 3 batches, turning occasionally, for 5 minutes or until crisp and golden. Transfer to a plate lined with paper towel.
- * Serve on lettuce leaves with carrot and extra barbecue sauce.

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