

December 2017

PARADISE KIDS CHILDREN'S CENTRE

CENTRE MANAGER'S NOTE

Here we are at the end of another busy year in the constantly changing world of early childhood education. Since January we have gone through valuable educator professional development seminars, expanded our involvement and relationships with our local families and communities, all whilst having fun along the way.

From the perspective of the centre and families, we have had a great year, and it's always heart-warming to see in how many ways our children have grown and developed over this last year. The children's attendance at the centre gives them their first opportunity to explore the world and get to know other children and adults, to develop new skills, gain self-confidence and build resilience.

We hope everyone has a lovely Christmas. As the year ends, we thank you for all of your support over the past year. We have thoroughly enjoyed working with you and your children and look forward to another great year in 2018.

May you all enjoy this Christmas and New Year and may you create memories that last a lifetime.

Kathy and Rachel ☺



Monday 25th, Christmas Day (Centre Closed)
Tuesday 26th, Boxing Day (Centre Closed)
Monday 1st, New Year's Day (Centre Closed)
Friday 26th, Australia Day (Centre Closed)

"Education is not preparation for
life; education is life itself."
- John Dewey



CENTRE VACANCIES 2017

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Infant	YES	-	-	YES	-
Nursery	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Toddlers	YES	YES	-	YES	-
Juniors	YES	-	YES	YES	YES
Pre-Kinder	YES	YES	-	-	YES
4 year old Kinder Program	YES	YES	-	YES	YES

Upcoming events

February:

Monday 12th – Friday 16th, Sustainable Living
Friday 16th, Chinese New Year

March:

Friday 2nd, Holi Festival
(India – festival of colours)
Monday 12th, Labour Day (Centre Closed)
Wednesday 14th, Funky Hair Day
(Leukaemia Foundation World's greatest shave)
Friday 16th, St Patrick's Day
(A tribute to Ireland and one of its patron saints)
Wednesday 21st, Harmony Day
(Celebrate inclusive nature of Australia and promote culture diverse society)
Thursday 29th, Easter Egg Hunt
Friday 30th Good Friday (Centre Closed)
Monday 2nd, Easter Monday (Centre Closed)

INFANTS/ NURSERY

Hello Families,

It has been a busy month organising everything for the end of the year and transitioning into the New Year!

We would like to welcome our new infant friend Dwayne to the Infants room!

He has settled in effortlessly and is already developing positive relationships with his educators and peers.

The Nursery children have thoroughly enjoyed helping the educators look after the smallest babies we have in the room. The children have showed signs of empathy, respect and care for each other.

We have enjoyed spending time on art and crafts activities such as pasting and drawing with textas as a group together creating masterpieces and developing their social and emotional skills, as well as dispositions for learning such as creativity, imagination and enthusiasm.

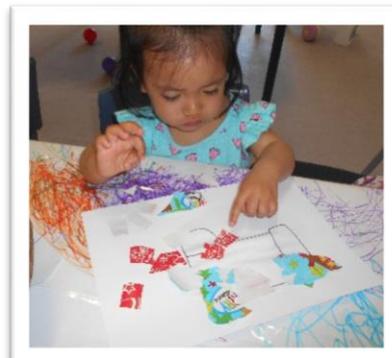
The children have been developing their self-help skills by feeding themselves using spoons, taking their bibs and face washers to the laundry bucket after lunch time, helping by putting on their sunscreen, taking off their shoes at nap time and putting it in the basket themselves.

The Nursery and Infant children and developing fantastically with their independence.

We would like to thank the children and the parents for a wonderful year this year!

It has been a pleasure watching the children grow and develop throughout the year and we wish you all the best for the holidays and the transition into the New Year!

Love Nursery/Infant Educators
Jacque, Meana, Kimberly, Pheasa. ☺



TODDLERS

The Toddler room is filled with Christmas jingles and excited chatter about Santa. The children have participated in Christmas art activities in which we hope our families have valued as a parting gift.

We made scrumptious Christmas cookies with our cookie cutters.

Educators have continued to use intentional teaching methods in further developing fine motor skills and hand eye co-ordination and use scissors as a part of the curriculum. The opening and closing motion of cutting with scissors helps develop the small muscles in their little hands. This assists for future skills in being able to hold a pencil and gripping/manipulating objects.

The group engaged in searching through magazines to find their favourite items and cut them out. We encourage parents to continue this at home, and what a better opportunity than using all the Christmas advertising material, which to some of us is known as junk mail 😊

The children enjoy participating in our music and movement program, by dancing and singing to their most favourite songs and nursery rhymes. Educators have used this interest and encouraged the cultural heritage of some of our children.

As the last newsletter for the year, we would all like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It has been a pleasure to care for and educate our children.
Happy Holidays!

- Emily, Anuja, Lisa and Varuni.



JUNIORS

Dear Families,

Well it's now December and what a year it has been! We have enjoyed every single moment watching all your children grow and develop and achieve goals that have been set for them throughout the year. We have also enjoyed building relationships with each and one of our families and we would like to thank you for all the support you have given to us throughout the year.

At the commencement of this month our Christmas activities were introduced and festivities included by creating a range of art and crafts. The children have enjoyed these activities and are anticipating the arrival of Santa. We have created Santa lists, snow globes, Christmas balls, wreaths and bows.

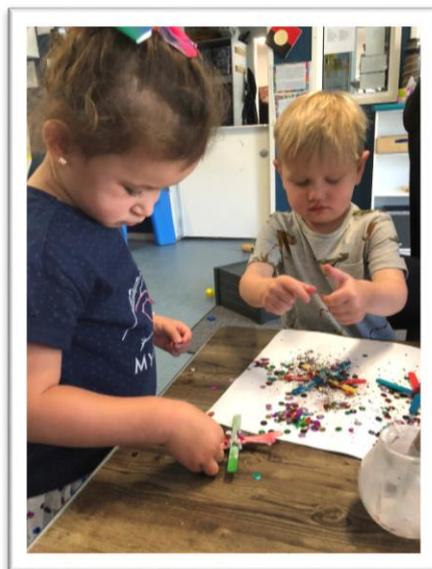
The children have enjoyed the warmer weather and exploring the seasons of summer. Sand play, gardening, water play, building and cooking have all been a highlighted interest, which we continue to explore and support.

We have continued on with our planting project for sustainability awareness. The children have acquired and successfully demonstrated a responsibility of taking care of our environment and a deeper understanding of the benefits of healthy eating.

As the weather continues to warm up and UV continuing to rise, we highly encourage families and children to ensure appropriate Sun smart clothing and sun protection requirements are adhere to.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!
Thank you all again for giving us the opportunity to spend with each and every one of your children!

Kindest Regards,
Junior Staff
Allecia, Ratna and Josie



PRE-KINDER

We would like to welcome Zoey and Flora and their family into the Pre-Kinder Room. We are overjoyed to say that all the children in the room are settling well, and are all confident and demonstrating a sense of belonging within our room, and centre as a whole.

The children have been following our policy of 'no hat, no play, and wearing the appropriate wide brimmed hat and legionnaire's hats. They have also continued to show independence, by applying their own sunscreen.

The Pre-Kinder children have also enjoyed reading selected story books over last month, and we have, and will continue to do so for the remainder of this month.

We have introduced new books into the room, and are reading a different book each day. The children have also continued to have constructive play frequently, and enjoy helping to make play dough, and exploring their own creativity through playing with a variety of sensory activities.

Numeracy and literacy has also been popular, preparing the children for next year in the Kinder room.

As part of our focus on sustainability, we have continued to collect multiple resources, and recycled them for our art corner, and highly encourage families to continue to bring in their recycled items, which we are happy to reuse ☺

As Christmas is vastly approaching we have commenced activities with the Christmas theme, such as: listening to Christmas carols, making Christmas bells, decorations for the Christmas tree, and also setting up our Christmas tree. The children have also enjoyed colouring different Christmas images.

If there is any questions of inquiries you may have, please don't hesitate to talk to our friendly staff in the Pre-Kinder room. Thank you all for a wonderful year.

Menaka, Annalisa and Kimi. ☺



KINDER

It is hard to believe the end of the year is approaching. The year seems to have passed by so fast, but it has been a wonderful year with a delightful group of children, who will dearly be missed, but more than ready to commence their next chapter of learning.

This month the children have been very busy learning about focusing their literacy and numeracy activities. We have been busy practicing our concert and graduation ceremony. We feel very privileged to have shared part of your child's educational journey.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my wonderful co-workers in the Kinder Room, Bahia, Simone and Suman. Thank you for the wonderful support throughout 2017.

We have been very fortunate to have such an amazing response to parent involvement. Especially in our 'Around the World Project' with families representing different cultural heritages, and sharing this within our program.

On Thursday 7th of December we held our Kindergarten Graduation and Christmas Party, we all had a great time and Kinder children presented a great performance for the audience. I would like to also take this opportunity to acknowledge management, all staff and parents for their wonderful support.

Last, but definitely not least, we would like to acknowledge and thank all our wonderful families for their support and involvement throughout 2017. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know all the children, watching them grow, develop and learn. We are so proud of them all.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a great New Year which is filled with happiness and many joyous moments. Have a safe and restful holiday break. Have a safe and happy holiday.

