

LAVERTON COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CENTRE

JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2023



MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome back Everyone,

Its been great to see everyone slowly returning after a much-needed rest. You may have noticed some slight staff shuffles from last year and the inclusion of an integrated 3-year-old kinder program separated from the 4 year old program. We have many new families so welcome, and please feel free to pop in to say hi to us at the office at any time.

Our leadership team consisting of myself, Krystle, Melanny, Tina and Narelle have been busy arranging and organizing exciting occasions for the year ahead. A yearly events calendar was distributed through KindyHub and is also attached to this newsletter so there are no surprises. Policies are slowly being updated as is the Quality Improvement Plan, and we have, and continue to appreciate your valued input.

The kitchen team has been hard at work developing a new menu which will be distributed and implemented in the coming weeks. Thank you to the families that have emailed through some family favorites, we are still open to more suggestions if families have some popular meals or snacks that are both nutritious and egg and nut free. Also a friendly reminder to those that are bringing your own lunch boxes, could you please make sure there are no egg or traces of nuts please.

We have welcomed 1 new Educator, Lily. Lily is the kindergarten teacher for the sessional 3 year olds. Lily brings with her a fresh take on early childhood and has hit the ground running with her team and families. If there are parents requiring a lengthy conversation with Lily about the settling in process or questions surrounding your childs development, we ask that you book an appointment for a convenient time for you both as pick up and drop off is particularly demanding, especially in the first few weeks. Jennifer will be commencing in the 3 year old integrated room (Room 5) on the 22nd of February and will be teaching through some of the school holidays so that your children will not miss out on any kinder funded hours for this year.

The kinder outdoor space is still under renovation. Bobby has been doing an amazing job and has been working tirelessly on building our new sandpit. Sand should be going in this week so the temporary fencing will come down. We will then be placing turf down by the windows near the foyer and fixing the water feature so that the children can have a calm environment and practice their cause and effect development.

We look forward to seeing your children thrive for 2023 and welcome any conversations that may help your child achieve their goals.



Krystle
Manager



Michelle
Manager



Melanny
Assistant
Manager

MESSAGE FROM TINA

Hello parents and family,

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back and welcome new families who join us this year. For whom that I have not met yet, my name is Tina Ludvigsen. I am the Educational Leader.

My role is to:

- collaborate with educators and provide curriculum direction and guidance
- support educators to effectively implement the cycle of planning to enhance programs and practices
- lead the development and implementation of an effective educational program in the services.

To provide high quality education and care for the children, each room have 8 hours of program planning times fortnightly. If you would like to have discussion regarding your child developments or any concern with your child's educators, please make appointment with them on the following schedule:

Room 1 every Tuesday on week 1

Room 2 every Wednesday on week 2

Room 3 every Monday on week 2

Room 4 every Friday on week 2

Kindergarten teachers are planning on every Monday.

Or if you would like to speak to me at this moment, I am available on Monday, Thursday and Friday.

I am looking forward to work with everyone.



Tina
Educational
Leader



BABIES (0-2 YEARS OLD)



Sherry
Room Leader

ROOM 1 (6 Weeks -12 Months)

The babies in Room 1 returned from their respective holidays with their parents and got some well-deserved rest and play here at LCCC. Our goal for the month was to help the babies establish a regular and healthy routine, from eating to sleeping and playing. Also support the new start children setting in the room environment.



Inson
Co-Educator



Christina
Co-Educator



Deepa
Co-Educator



Aki
Co-Educator
(on Tuesday)



ROOM 2 (12 Months – 2 Years)

In Room 2, we have few new babies just started last week and this week. We are focused on helping them to settle in their routine, feel comfortable with educators and their peers. Each baby has their own routine and needs, so we adapted and assisted them settling into Room 2.



Eti
Room Leader



Aryani
Co-Educator



Helene
Co-Educator



TODDLERS (2-3 YEARS OLD)

Room 3 (2-3 Years-Old LDC)



Ann
Room Leader



Djamella
Co-Educator



Shreya
Co-Educator



Rahana
Co-Educator



Room 4 (3 Years-Old LDC)



Mamta
Room Leader



Sukanya
Co-Educator

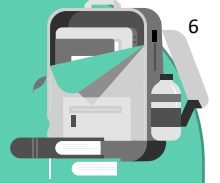


Jessica
Co-Educator



Kate
Trainee





INTEGRATED KINDER (3 YEARS OLD)



Helen
Acting Teacher



Tina
Acting Teacher



Li Chen
Co-Educator



Saraiah
Trainee

Hello families and welcome to the integrated 3-year-old kindergarten.

Tina, Helen, Li, and Saraiah are excited to work and interact with you this year, and we are all so enthusiastic to start this new year with you all. We feel more relaxed and happier after smoothing out the transition period. We are busy enjoying our daily activities, and we are also settling into the routines of our 3 years old kinder journey.

At the Wayapa incursion, we fostered a deeper understanding and responsibility to sustainably. We connected with and cared for the earth, across the lands, waters, and air spaces, and all beings between. Children learned how to look after Mother Earth, discovered the benefits of trees (trees are home to birds and insects, and fruit comes from trees), and learned different emotions (they learned a special breathing song where breathing with trees helps to make you happy). This topic is also linked to our daily "Acknowledgement of country" group time, which is filled with music, rhymes, dancing, gardening, and other fun activities.

We are keeping ourselves busy by creating artwork for the arts and crafts table, which helps connect us to our environment, imagine what it is like to be "under the sea" (bubble stamping and circle cutting), and envision a beautiful "Chinese New Year" (flower decoration and lion paper puppets). To help us understand these artworks, the teacher used stories, movies, photos, and played a music game to help us explore more ideas for being creative. It is a fantastic opportunity for a 3-year-old to concentrate on a creative project for 10 minutes, and this time should be raised throughout the end of the year.

We also played with our little friends who came from rooms 3 and 4, and we visited different rooms to participate in new and exciting activities. We demonstrated to the younger children the rule about "taking turns" and "sharing" whilst playing, which are crucial social skills we need to learn and practise during our three years old of kindergarten. Teachers use lots of ways to help us practise this rule and encourage play-based learning.

We served ourselves, pouring out our own drinks. It was a great opportunity and experience. We learned to be social, caring, and self-directed, establishing routines and patiently building up skills for independence. It also encouraged us to take responsibility for our health and physical well-being. With indoor and outdoor programs, we valued spontaneous playing with friends, and we made the decision to choose how we wanted to play and learn. We're comfortable settling into a new room with different routines and are eager to discover more exciting things in kindergarten.



INTEGRATED KINDER (4-YEARS OLD)



Jiayu (Jay)
Kindergarten
Teacher



Jenny
Co-Educator



Kerry
Co-Educator



Linh
Trainee

Hope everyone have a good start of 2023 in the January. Welcome back from the lovely holiday, we have started integrated 4 year old kinder term 1 from 31st January 2023. Our kinder group has some changes for this year. We will only have the 4-5 year old children in the room and it will be a smaller group which allows us to provide more age appropriate activities and interaction to the children. This year, we are so grateful to have Jiayu, Jenny, Kerry and Linh as our teachers and co-educators for this year. We believe that you may have already met them or heard about them before. They are warm, accessible, enthusiastic and caring educators to work with. We are looking forward to the exciting journey ahead.

UP AND COMING SPECIAL DAYS: FEBRUARY 2022

February 1-28 – Sustainable Living Festival
February 1 – First Day of Sessional 3-year-old Kindergarten
February 21 – International Mother Language Day



MESSAGE FROM THE KITCHEN

RECIPE: Tofu and Veggie Wrap

Serves: 10

Ingredients:

550 g tofu, sliced
 100g reduced fat tasty cheese, grated
 200g carrot, grated
 250g capsicum, diced
 150g corn kernels, drained
 20g lettuce, shredded
 10g wholegrain wrap
 300g canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed

METHOD

1. Cut tofu into thin strips.
2. Cook tofu in a non-stick pan over medium heat, until cooked through.
3. Combine carrot, capsicum, corn, and chickpeas in a bowl.
4. Spoon vegetable mix on the centre of the wrap. Layer over tofu slices and top with shredded lettuce.
5. To serve, roll up to enclose filling and serve a wrap per child.



**Aki
Cook**



**Kylie
Cook**





**Safe Seats
Safe Kids**

**IS YOUR CHILD
TRAVELLING SAFELY?**

**FREE CHILD CAR RESTRAINT
FITTINGS & SAFETY CHECKS**



Laverton Community Children's Centre invites local parents and carers to book in for a free child car restraint fitting or safety check!

WHERE 15 Crown Street, LAVERTON

WHEN On the 2nd Thursday of every month between 10am – 2pm

HOW Bookings are essential. Parents and carers (including grandparents!) can book in a free child car restraint fitting or check by registering via:

<https://safeseatssafekids.com.au>

Please note, if you need to have more than 1 child car restraint fitted/checked, you will need to book multiple appointments.

WHY 70% of child car restraints are incorrectly installed or used, posing a serious safety risk to children travelling in those restraints. For peace of mind, have a professional fitter check your restraints so you know your child is safe. For more information about the program, please visit kidsafevic.com.au/road-safety/free-child-car-restraint-checking-program

These events are hosted by Kidsafe Victoria in partnership with Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, with support by the Victorian State Government.

Course starting on 30th January'23.



CHC33015 - Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing, Home and Community)

The Certificate III in Individual Support is Australia's latest aged care training course. It is ideal for those who want to develop their career in the aged and community care industry by gaining the latest nationally accredited qualification for caregivers and support workers. This qualification, with a specialisation in Ageing, Home & Community Care, is ideal for anyone who wants a rewarding career in aged care, home and community care. This course also provides a pathway to further studies in the area of disability support. Turn your passion for caring into a full career with one of the most sought-after qualifications in the growing community and health services industry.

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