

# Centre news



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## News from the office

Can you please ensure we have your child's current immunisation records on file, you can send to [info@erinakindergarten.com.au](mailto:info@erinakindergarten.com.au).

This month we say goodbye to Miss Penny she is leaving us to go to another occupation and move closer to home. On the preschool side we welcome Miss Maddison she will be studying her cert three with us she comes to us with experience of having three children ,being a mum.

Miss Elodie has joined us with her cert three in the Snugglepots room along with Miss Simone with her diploma we welcome them to our team.

Miss Chanelle has joined us in the bilbies room she will be undertaking her Cert three with us she has a lot of experience working with events and parties which she can bring her experience in to share with us at kindy.

We also welcome a new cleaner Miss Ursula on board with our cleaning team from 4-8pm.

## Self assessment and Quality improvement plan

This month we have been working on our self-assessment and quality improvement plan we are always working towards continuous improvement at Erina kindergarten.

If you have any input, ideas or feedback always please send it through to [info@erinakindergarten.com.au](mailto:info@erinakindergarten.com.au) so we can take this on board and strive to improve or any positivity feedback we love to hear this as a service.

This month we have been working on The Real-World Learning with sustainability with Miss Teya and the children have been out harvesting items from our garden and in particular tasting herbs and eating the strawberries we have grown. They need to grow quicker to keep up with the demand of our children.

Just a little reminder we have FRESH EGGS daily, weekly worm juice (money goes to children's hospital) and produce in our garden which we can pick upon request.

## Educator training

- Red Nose Safe Sleep Webinars
- Child Protection refreshers
- Support from ACEQA online training over 6 weeks
- Workplace health and safety
- Supervision training
- Child Safe standard
- Communication with families – we have done a full review of our induction process and educators are spending a day completing induction and training before commencing on the floor to improve the outcomes of educators knowledge before engaging with the children, families and educators at our service.

## Policies reviewed this month

- Animal and pet policy
- Incident and injury trauma and illness policy- update to incident records as on OWNA now.
- Staffing arrangements policy- update to working with children register now on OWNA.

## Meet and greet afternoons

We thank our families who came to our meet and greet afternoons it was a great turn out and opportunity for our families to talk to the educators about their children's development, interests and how they are at kindy. They were able to watch their children engaging in experiences and ask any questions / information they may have had and have a look around our environments.

## Preschool reunion

Last week we had our school leavers of 2023 return to kindy for afternoon tea. It was lovely to see some of the children come for a play with their families to catch up with us. They were keen to play some running races, soccer , engage in drawing, manipulate playdough and



build some structures and balancing with paper cups . We thank them for coming back we appreciate them sharing how their transition to school was smooth, they have some of their friends from EK in their classes and they are all going so well.

## Chicken hatchings

Over the last two weeks we have observed the chickens hatching from the eggs in the incubator , they have grown into little chicks where the children have been able to have hands on experience in patting and playing with them and seeing them grow and develop. We are excited to announce that they will all be going to good homes with our families or educators from kindy.



## Upcoming events

- Close the gap day **21st**
- Harmony day **21st March**
  - cultural diversity week **18th March**
- Ride your bike at kindy **25th March**
- Earth hour / day **22nd March** at kindy
- Holi Day **25th March**
- Big Veggie Crunch **28th March**
- Easter Hat Parades at kindy
  - **26th March** Bush babies and gumnuts **3.30-4.30pm**
  - **27th March** Joeys, koalas and emus **3.30-4.30pm**
  - **28th March** Snugglepots and bilbies **3.30-4.30pm**
- Good Friday **29th March** Happy Easter to all, kindy will be closed on this day

Please decorate an EASTER Hat at home, so your child can wear this for the parades in your child's room. We look forward to seeing some masterpieces of Hats.

## Central Coast families support services

Our team are excited to continue to work with local families in 2024 and have a range of parenting programs and support groups available in Term 1.

We deliver a range of evidence-based parenting courses across multiple venues throughout the Central Coast. Our courses are free for eligible parents and carers on the Central Coast.

### Parenting Courses

- Triple P - Positive Parenting
- 1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching
- CHIME - Mental Health and Parenting Program
- P4P - Preparation for Birth & Parenting

### Support Groups

- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
- CHAT | Young Parents

Registration is required for all Term 1 parenting programs. Please visit [www.ccfss.org.au](http://www.ccfss.org.au) for more details or download the Term 1 calendar.



## Educator of the month

At Erina Kindergarten we pride ourselves on having high quality Educators. We like to recognise Educators that have demonstrated excellence by awarding them with an Educator of the Month Award.

This month our \$100 gift voucher goes to Miss **Arna** for her using her initiative and supporting the snuggles room and her amazing interactions with the children and extending their knowledge in the last week on bush turkeys especially with having one present in our yards.