

Centre news



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Approved Provider Update

We would like to request that all families please log onto their MyGov account and approve your new CWA (complying written agreement for care with Erina kindergarten).

We are also requesting that families please provide the Centre with their updated immunisation statement once your child has received their updated immunisation according to their age group.

News around kindy and out in our community

The week of Easter we went on a adventure (excursion) to the Erina Fair library taking a small group of children. We listened to the librarians reading some stories, did some singing and dancing and then received some craft to bring back to kindy. The children were well behaved and the Easter bunny made an appearance and gave them a small treat. The children then were able to borrow a book going through the process of borrowing and we then made our way back to kindy. The children will read these in the rooms at group times and we will return these in three weeks' time with another group of children from the preschool side.

If you send a person to deliver or collect your child, can you please ensure they are set up with their own log in to use to sign the child in/ out. Please email through the details of the person along with their email and phone number so we can add them into OWINA to send them an invite and so they have access to sign in and out.

Our visits to Aurrum are still twice over the month we look forward to visiting close to Anzac day and learning from the residents and taking them some memorable crafts.

Thank you to all our families who came to join in the Easter hat parades and seeing the easter bunny. There were some amazing creations, we had some nice afternoons with the children and engaging in conversations with our families before the easter long weekend.

The Gumnuts room received an uplift to their outdoor area – freshly painted blue over the weekend – thank you to Mr Matt for this.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Miss Stephanie from the babies' room in May as she is moving to Canberra to be with her family, she will be missed from the babies' room and we hope she returns to the coast one day and kindly.

The weather is starting to get a little cooler in the mornings and afternoons please pack a jumper and or long pants in your child bag incase they need to use these please.

Room Mascots

We hope everyone is having fun making connections between kindy and home with our family mascots, thank you to the families that are supporting the rooms with this, it is great to see our Mascots going on so many adventures on the weekends and during the week and this building the connection between kindy and home for our children.

Educator training

- Various educator's child protection refresher course
- Work place health and safety – Miss Mel
- Be your aboriginal perspectives – Miss Nichol
- Self-assessment feedback – Miss Elle, Miss Veronica and Miss Mel
- Asthma and Anaphylaxis training - various educators

Community initiative

One of our families from the Snugglepots room is working with The First Nations Health access team and they will be embarking on a journey to Toomelah, where they have been granted the opportunity to shed light on the challenges facing the community. Their aim is to explore avenues for donations to support their needs. We firmly believe in making a tangible difference.

Despite a comprehensive report dating back to 1988 outlining the town's issues and requirements, Toomelah



still grapples with pressing needs in 2024. From transportation hurdles to the affordability of necessities, chronic diseases, and housing overcrowding, the community faces ongoing struggles.

Yet, amidst these challenges, the resilience and warmth of the community shine through. The dedicated staff members who serve there extend themselves beyond the call of duty, often going above and beyond to assist residents with tasks as simple as accessing the nearest shops, located 30 kilometres away from the mission. With no public transport or ride-sharing services available, even support workers find it difficult to help.

Every contribution matters. They are looking for the below: we will set up some containers in the foyer of Erina Kindy and you can contribute if you wish. Thank you for your support in this contribution;

- clothing
- smartphones
- sanitary products
- baby essentials
- Staple food items
- Books
- stationary items
- Coles gift cards
- sports equipment
- Toothbrush/Tooth paste
- Pillows
- Blankets
- Sheets
- Towel
- Toys
- Coffee/biscuits
- First-aid items
- Complimentary hotel items

Parent information

You may have noticed in the foyer there are some QR codes on the noticeboard, these are links to information for our families in regards to Child Protection, physical activity, emergency preparedness, healthy lifestyles, and food.

If there is a topic of interest, please email info@erinakindergarten.com.au and let us know and we can add to our Padlet.

Sustainability tip of the month

Air dry your clothes, if possible, save on electricity and get some fresh air and sunlight on your clothes.

Thank you to our families for bringing in recyclable items and leaving these in the foyer they have been put to meaningful use with the children in the rooms.

Upcoming events

- World Health Day 8th April discussions at kindy and planned experiences
- Healthy Harold to tie in with world health, visit 8th \$8 will be charged for this event to your account if you wish for your child not to attend, please let your child's teacher know or send an email to info@erinakindergarten.com.au This is for Bilbies, joeys, koalas, and Emus
- Rugby Tots incursion 11th – Bilbies, Joey's, koalas Emus \$10 will be charged for this event
- Hearing tests for all rooms - 18th – permission notes will be at the front desk for this to sign and pay cash or put credit card details into. If your child does not attend on the day, you can bring them in for this -time to be confirmed with Mr Templer.
- Anzac Week acknowledgments 22nd at kindy planned experiences and discussions
- Girra Girra Incursion preschool side -time to be advised from Girra Girra



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 educator of the month \$100.00 voucher goes to **Miss Jennie** for her interactions with the children in the bilbies and for her experiences. She has also started studying her diploma with karben training. Happy Shopping Miss Jennie, keep up the great work.