

Upcoming events

- Mothers day afternoon teas on the field depending on the weather
 - Bush babies 7th May – 3.30pm to 430pm
 - Snugglepots and Bilbies 8th May 3.30pm to 430pm
 - Gumnuts 9th May 330pm to 430pm
 - Joeys, Koalas and Emus 10th May 330pm to 430pm
- Coffee Van Wed 8th May 730am
- International compost awareness week 7-13th
- Playgroup Photos week 20th May – all done at kindy and then families will be sent a link from the company to look at and purchase online
- Road safety week 14th -21st
- Outdoor classroom day 19th
- National stimulus story time 22nd
- Sorry day and national day of healing 26-27th
- Reconciliation week 27th – 3rd June
- Biggest Morning tea 23rd Coffee Van will be onsite and if families wish to bake something to bring in please contribute we just need to avoid nuts and raw eggs . The children will be baking to contribute to this event onsite at kindy.
- Girra Girra Aboriginal Incursion 28th May 10am preschool side

News around kindy and out in our community

We have been back to our library visits again the last fortnight, the koalas, joeys and emus are thriving on engaging with the community, librarians and other children who attend the library on the day we go. They are given the opportunity to browse the books and choose a book to borrow to bring back to kindy. Driving there and back sparks lots of conversation with the children about driving , sunroof, community places in Erina they attend to, where they live, speed limits etc. We will continue building our partnerships with the Erina library

We sadly say goodbye to Miss Rachel, she is going to another position to be Educational leader at a service closer to home.

We welcome Miss Hayley with her diploma working on the preschool side and we also welcome Miss Jessica to the bilbies room she has had a great first week with the children and educators .

We went to visit Aurrum last week to talk with the residents about Anzac Day and gain further knowledge from them, we presented them with our Anzac day crafts which they were chuffed with to take back to their rooms .We did the hokey pokey , singing and listened to one of the elderly residents singing the anthem to us and she wanted to sing along.

Educator training

- Supervision training- various educators
- CPR -various educators
- Mel, Approved Provider , Kelly , Zoe and Elle – Recruitment and onboarding of employees
- Safe sleep training – red nose
- Strategies for fostering positive relationships with parents Miss Elle & Miss Mel
- ACECQA training for Self Assessment – Approved Provider, Mel and Elle

Policies updated this month

Incident, Injury, Trauma and Illness Policy

Parents must be notified about an incident, injury, trauma or illness involving their child as soon as possible (and no later than 24 hours after incident).

Educators must complete an Incident, Injury, Trauma and Illness Record.

Policy includes:

- procedure to administer first aid, including where child is bitten by a tick
- guidelines on contents, storage and regular reviews of first aid kits



Nominated Supervisor must notify Regulatory Authority within 24 hours about 'Serious Incidents' which include:

- child has a serious injury or illness which needed/should have received urgent medical attention from a doctor or hospital
- a child is missing, mistakenly locked in or out of service, or is collected without authorisation
- emergency services attended because of likely/severe risk to someone's health, safety or wellbeing
- someone complains a 'Serious Incident' has occurred/ is occurring, or the National Law/Regulations have been breached
- if any children are being cared for in an emergency
- any incidents causing service to close/partly close.

The Nominated Supervisor will notify the Regulator within 7 days of any:

- circumstances that pose a risk to the health, safety and wellbeing of a child
- incident, complaint or allegation that a child is or has been physically or sexually abused at service

The Nominated Supervisor will notify the Work Health and Safety Regulator about any 'notifiable incident' as soon as possible.

Parental Interaction and Involvement in the Service Policy

We:

- communicate with families in a variety of ways, and educators can assist families to access translation services and resources if needed
- take complaints seriously and will use our Grievance Procedure to investigate and action them
- encourage families to be involved in all aspects of our Service, including contributing to decisions about their child's learning, and providing feedback on service operations like Policy, Procedure and Philosophy reviews
- help connect families with relevant parenting information and support
- have an 'Open Door' policy and welcome families at all times.

Parent information

Support link for Families raising children with healthy minds.

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/guides/raising-healthy-minds-child-mental-health>

Sustainability tip of the month

Please turn off any lights or power when not in use e.g. microwaves, ovens.

You can grow vegetables from scraps like we are doing at kindy with Miss Teya – all rooms have a piece of celery growing in their rooms for the children to observe growth.



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.

Educator of the month goes to **Miss Sienna** for her dedication to the babies room, using her initiative constantly and for her interactions with the children and families. Happy shopping with your voucher we appreciate all you do.

Educator spotlight

Educator Spotlight goes to **Miss Marney** for representing Erina Kindy at the Terrigal Ceremony to lay our wreath, thank you.

Also Educator Spotlight goes to **Miss Maria** for her improved practices as a trainee, and for her interactions and doing group times with the children.