

Little Learners

LONG DAY CARE & PRE-SCHOOL

Providing for your most precious gifts, Today's Children, Tomorrow's Leaders

Welcome to the Koala Room for 2018.

Marion and Amber would like to welcome all our wonderful families to the Koala Room for 2018, we hope you had a lovely relaxing break and ready for the New Year.

As most of you will know me (Marion) from the Monkey Room with having your babies in my care, most have moved up together with me to the Koala Room for 2018.



I (Marion) have been working at Little Learners since we opened nearly 13 years ago. I have moved away twice, but each time I returned to Little Learners! As I am Diploma trained, I am room leader in the Koala Room.



Amber is my assistant studying her Certificate 111 in Early Childhood Education & Care, who started in August 2017 in the Koala Room. Amber and I are looking forward to taking care of your precious children, and we look forward on building a caring and nurturing relationship with you and your child whilst in our care.

Educator Shifts

Marion: 9am to 5.30pm.

Amber: 8am to 4.30pm.

For our days to run smoothly we like to communicate with you each morning and afternoon at drop off time and pick up time how your child spent the night/day and whether you have any special requests for the day.

If however, we happen to miss you please write in our communication diary or send a quick email to the office. We appreciate any communication be written in the diary next to the sign in/out sheets, just to make sure we are all aware of any special requirements on particular days as these can change from day to day.



SLEEPING PATTERNS-We are flexible in the Koala room with children needing an extra sleep there is always a cot available in the Monkey room to provide for their individual needs. If children only require one sleep this is after lunch-generally about 12pm.

Meal times in the Koala room are:

Morning tea: 9.30am

Lunch: 11.30 am

Afternoon tea: 3pm



REMINDERS

Labelling: Can all belongings please be labelled.

This includes your child's milk bottles, their sipper cups and dummies, as it is not uncommon that these could be identical to another child's attending the same day.

Nappy rash cream, you would have received information regarding which nappy rash cream is allowed to be used at Little Learners as we are a nut free centre.

Some preparations which contain "nut oils" are:

- **Zinc and Castor oil cream** (some brands contain peanut oil)
- **Bepanthen nappy rash ointment** (contains almond oil)
- **Amolin baby cream** (contains almond oil)

****Sudocrem and DESTIN which is widely used and supplied by parents is fine****

KOALA'S ROOM SUMMER ROUTINE-Outdoor play when the weather is pleasant until morning tea.

Please remember to apply sunscreen, a hat and your child's shoulders are covered to prevent sunburn (no singlets please).

After morning tea, we are still having fun outside for free play. Around 10.30am we will all come inside wash our hands then it is group time. We will sing and read stories and Art and craft experiences before some lunch.

Lunch at 11.30am then on the little beds the children hop and have a lovely sleep to recharge their batteries for the afternoon ahead. As children wake at different times we do quiet activities such as puzzles, painting/drawing as well as sitting in the book corner reading books.

Afternoon tea is at 3pm then we all go back outside to play until we come inside to combine rooms-free play in the Tiger's room with some fun activities.

Now that we are in the Koala room we will work on our **Gross motor development**, walking, running, climbing.

We build on our **Fine motor skills** with hand eye using more finger control such as the pincer grip, holding a paint brush for example.

Cognitive development a toddler can use quite sophisticated skills such as language, memory and imagination to discover more about their environment.

Social and Emotional

Development, children now become aware we look physically different, self-concept impacts on other aspects of your child's social and emotional self, they begin to play out experiences they have had or witnessed, so we will pretend play with dress ups relating to stories we will read to them.

A pharmacy label has to be attached with your child's name and directions of use to all creams that you would like us to apply.



TEMPERATURES-Your child at times will have a fever, if the fever reaches 38 celsius we will call you to please pick up. If your child may be miserable due to teething, a permission letter from your Doctor to administer Panadol to your child needs to be provided, a pharmacy sticker is to be placed on the Panadol bottle with your child's name and directions for administration.



We look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Thankyou Marion & Amber