



## *Happyland Kids News*

### *Book Week & Book Week Dress-up...*

Exciting news, Book week has come around again and we are so excited to participate!

We would like to invite all of the children to bring in their favourite books during book week to read with their peers!

And guess what? We are having another Dress up day! But this time we will be dressing up as our favourite characters from our favourite book!

### *Mother's Day morning tea...*

This month we will be holding our annual Mother's day morning tea and we would like to invite all of the Mothers, Grandmother's, Guardians and Carers to join us for this lovely occasion...

When: 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Where: Happyland Kids

Time: 10:00am – 11:00am

There will be tea, coffee and light snacks for you to enjoy while participating in a morning of fun and activities with your child...



## *Our favourite recipe*

### **Banana Cake**

#### **Ingredients**

1 cup self-rising flour  
1 cup caster sugar  
50g butter, melted  
1 egg, lightly beaten  
1 teaspoon vanilla essence  
1/4 cup (60ml) milk  
1/2 cup mashed banana

#### **Method**

Preheat oven to 180C/160C fan-forced. Spray a 7cm-deep, 10 x 20cm (base measurement) loaf pan with oil. Line base and sides with baking paper, extending 3cm above rim.

Sift flour into a large bowl. Stir in sugar. Make a well in the centre. Add butter, egg, vanilla, milk and banana. Stir until just combined.

Pour into prepared pan. Bake for 30-35 minutes or until a skewer inserted into centre comes out clean. Set aside in pan for 10 minutes to cool slightly. Serve warm or transfer to wire rack to cool completely.



## *Special Events this Month*

1<sup>st</sup> Book Week Dress up

7<sup>th</sup> Labour Day

13<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day

15<sup>th</sup> Manners show \$6.50 each

15<sup>th</sup> Ramadan begins in the evening

16<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day morning tea 10am

26<sup>th</sup> Australia biggest morning tea

28<sup>th</sup> National Sorry week

## *Birthdays this month...*

Sian 11<sup>th</sup>

Indianna 16<sup>th</sup>

Giuliana 21<sup>st</sup>

Rivva 22<sup>nd</sup>

Kyla 23<sup>rd</sup>

Levi 29<sup>th</sup>

Danika 31<sup>st</sup>

## *What's happening in the rooms...?*

*Possum's & Echidnas* - Wow its May already! So exciting – last month some of our friends have achieved some fabulous milestones – standing, standing unaided and even starting to walk – yay! This month we look forward to some more first steps in the possum's room. We will also continue to grow our social skills, creating a sense of belonging, the beginning of many friendships as we become more aware of each other and an appreciation for those around us, and understanding our differences.

It has been so lovely to have the Echidna's join us on most days with both groups benefiting from shared experiences together – learning from each other. Noah & Eva have now moved up to the Echidna's room with Miss Fiona but lucky for us we all get to spend time together, yay. This month we will all continue to extend our vocabularies, developing our communication skills. We will practice our self-help and hygiene skills as we participate in routine activities such as hand washing.

**Reminders – Please remember if you arrive and we are already outside would you please bring hats outside with you and ensure your child is sun screened. One other thing please remember to have cool and warm clothes in the children's bags as we head into the cooler months.**

**Thankfully our days are mostly still beautiful!**

*Kookaburras* - This month the Kookaburras will be participating in Mother's Day crafts and gift making, before inviting our parents along for a mother's day morning tea. The children will be participating in a manners show this month which we will be working towards as a goal for the month using our please and thank you's. We will also be learning about Ramadan through initiation from one of the parents as parent input for the month. We will continue to embed composting into our rooms daily routines in the morning and afternoons. We are still concentrating on our daily group time routine of counting, ABC's, jolly phonics, colour and shape recognition and reading a book to help scaffold their listening and attention spans.

We would also like to wish our friends Aston, Zachary, and Liam good luck as they journey to the Emus room.

**Reminders – Ellie the Echidna – Please email the photo's to miss Alyssia if you are having trouble printing them at [alyssia@happylandkids.com.au](mailto:alyssia@happylandkids.com.au). And please ensure you are labelling your children's dinners (labels and pens on top of fridge) so educators**

**know who they belong too. And please remember to take your child's sheets home at the end of each week for washing as this stops the spread of germs.**

*Emus* - This month we will begin by exploring book week, children are encouraged to bring in their favourite books to share with their class! Throughout the rest of the month we will explore our bucket filling through a manners show & cultural aspects through Ramadan celebrations and our annual mother's day morning tea!

**Reminders - Please remember when you arrive if we are outside please bring your child's centre hat with them. Thank you!**

*Joeys* - This month in the Joeys room we are focusing on our pre writing skills by using letter and name tracing sheets. We have implemented new ways of ensuring the children are completing these tasks even on outside experience days to ensure we are all developing these skills ready for school next year. We are super excited to go on our first excursion with Senior kindy, we will be visiting Paradise Country, where we will all get to feed the animals and view them on the farm. We will extend this by researching and investigating farms, different types of farms and see where the children's interests lead us.

**Reminders - We are encouraging all of the parents to collect a homework pack from Miss Alyssia or Miss Mel to work on with your child at home. When completing homework please encourage correct pencil grip, concentration and use a led pencil.**

*Dingoes* - This month the Dingoes will be working on taking care and maintaining our vegetable gardens around the centre. We will also be doing some research into different sciences, looking at Hypothesis and following through with tests to see if our theories are correct.

**Reminders - We would like to remind the parents to let Miss Tayla know if you would like for your child to complete their homework at kindy of an afternoon.**

## What's happening next month?

6<sup>th</sup> PJ day – Wear your PJs to kindy

14<sup>th</sup> Ramadan ends in the evening

20<sup>th</sup> Barnyard Babies visit \$10.00 each child

## Supporting our community...

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## Celebrating Cultures

### Ramadan

This month we would like to acknowledge the Muslim culture and tell you a little about Ramadan...Ramadan (also known as *Ramadhan* or *Ramzan*) is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar. It is a period of prayer, fasting, charity-giving and self-accountability for Muslims in Australia.

## What Do People Do?

Many Muslims in Australia fast during the daylight hours in the month of Ramadan. Fasting during Ramadan is one of the Five Pillars (fundamental religious duties) of Islam. It is a time of self-examination and increased religious devotion. It is common to have a pre-fast meal (*suhour*) before sunrise and an evening meal (*iftar*) after sunset during Ramadan. Some groups of people, including the chronically ill, mentally challenged, and the elderly who cannot participate due to health reasons, are exempt from fasting. It is also not allowed to have sexual relations or smoke during the day.

Ramadan is also a time for many Muslims to donate to charity by participating in food drives for the poor, organizing a collection or charity event, and other voluntary activities. They are also encouraged to read the Qur'an often during Ramadan. Some Muslims recite the entire Qur'an by the end of Ramadan through special prayers known as *Tarawih*, which are held in the mosques every night of the month, during which a section of the Qur'an is recited.



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