

Early Learning & Development Service Kensington

Highlights

Welcome families to the March edition of the Ngala Early Learning and Development Service Newsletter.

I am please to announce that Karen has successfully applied to cover my Coordinator's position while I am away on maternity leave. Karen and I have started the process of handing over roles, and we shortly be advertising for cover of Karen's role of Senior Team Leader. Families that have any questions or enquiries during this period of handover can still speak with either Karen or myself.

My last day of work will be the 1st of April and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families who have offered their congratulations and warm wishes at this time. We are very excited about this new edition to our family and I will endeavour to keep you all up to date about the arrival.

Thank you

Kate



Please note that we have a new email address - **ELDSKensington@ngala.com.au** Please change your address books as the old 'childcareadmin' and 'bluebird' email addresses are no longer valid. If you'd like to correspondence via email, please send an email to the above address and we'll add you to our mailing list.

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New Menu

Ngala has made the decision to move over to a new catering company - Brightwater. This means some small changes in the menu for the children. For morning tea each day, the children will be offered cereal and milk. The lunch will be a hot meal, afternoon tea will be fresh seasonal fruit and late snack will continue with vegemite sandwiches. Children with allergies or cultural food requirements will be provided with an alternative meal. Babies will continue to be provided with pureed food. The new menus will start on the week beginning 15th March. Menus are available for viewing, please ask Kate or Karen. A sample of the first week's menu is on the back page of the newsletter.

With the new changeover to Brightwater Catering, it means that Krystle will be leaving us. Krystle has worked at Ngala through Alliance Catering for three years now and has become a great friend to all the children, families and staff. She will be sorely missed and wish her all the best. Her last day with us will be Friday 12th March.

Security

A very important note to remember when you are entering and exiting the service - all families have a security access card for entrance. **Please do not hold the door open for anyone.** If a person does not have an access card, then they are required to ring the door bell and be let in by a Ngala staff member. Although you are unable to let other people in, you can ask an educator to help the person at the door. At times, the doorbell may be in one of the children's rooms and you will not hear it ring. Please be patient and we will come to answer the door as soon as possible. This is to ensure the safety of all children in our service. We appreciate your assistance with this matter.

If you need another card because you have misplaced your card or if another family member or family friend who regularly picks up your child needs one, please see Kate or Karen. At most times during the day there will be someone at the front desk to answer the door, however this is not always possible, so please remember to bring your card with you each time you come.

You may have noticed that we've been experiencing some difficulties with the security system lately. We are looking into resolving the problem as quickly as possible. The swipe pad seems to be quite sensitive, so we have found that holding your card flat to the black box for a few seconds, or turning it over and trying the other side will sometimes help. Please don't leave your card sitting in your hot car all day, this may cause it to become less effective.

Upcoming Staff Leave Dates

Cassie 3-6 room: 15th - 26th
March

Suzanne 1-2 room: 29th March
- 9th April

Debra 0-1 room: 12th - 16th
April

Karen: 21st - 26th April

Sriyani 0-1 room: 26th - 30th
April

Kate maternity leave: 2nd April

2-3 Room Profile

It has been quite a busy period in the 2-3 room lately. There have been a lot of new children and families start. We have also welcomed a new team leader - Helen and a group of children who have all transitioned from the 1-2 room. With these changes, the educators and children have been working hard together to familiarise themselves with new transitions and routines.

The children have really been enjoying the extended independence in the 2-3 room such as meal time transitions. They are starting to show an interest in toileting and the educators have been supporting this interest during nappy change transitions.



Music has been another great interest to the children and they have especially been enjoying dancing and moving to the music with the scarves and bells. The children have shown a keen interest in play dough. To extend on this interest the educators have introduced clay to the environment. This has giving the children the opportunity to do sensory exploration through another medium.

There have been some new additions to some children's families recently. Because of this, the children are interested in caring for babies. The educators have set up a baby area in the environment. This has allowed the children to explore dressing, bathing, comforting, caring for babies and putting them to sleep. The children have the opportunity to play out experiences they see happening at home and extend and consolidate this learning through their play.



Public Holiday Closures

Good Friday - Fri 2nd April

Easter Monday - Mon 5th April

Anzac Day Hol - Mon 26th
April

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Menu Week Four

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Cereal & Milk	Cereal & Milk	Cereal & Milk	Cereal & Milk	Cereal & Milk
	Fish pimento with Creamed potato Cauliflower & broccoli ²	Bacon pasta bake with Sautéed potato Pumpkin, cabbage & silver beet ¹	Vegetarian ravioli with Boiled potato Cauliflower & peas ^{2/1}	Lamb rissoles with Creamed potato Stir fry vegetables & beans ²	Ham & asparagus soup with Bread ³
	Fresh fruit platter	Fresh fruit platter	Fresh fruit platter	Fresh fruit platter	Fresh fruit platter
	Vegemite sandwiches	Vegemite sandwiches	Vegemite sandwiches	Vegemite sandwiches	Vegemite sandwiches

Please note: babies will be offered pureed or mashed food