



The bubble incursion was a lot of fun!!!



Thank you Ashley for visiting to share your knowledge about Dental Health!

Wednesday  
22<sup>nd</sup> August



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## Important Dates

**Book Week**

20<sup>th</sup>  
Aug

**Father's Day BBQ**

31<sup>st</sup>  
Aug

**National Early  
Childhood  
Educator  
Appreciation Day**

5<sup>th</sup>  
Sept

## Administrative News...

- **Immunisations**

We are currently undertaking an audit of our immunization records. Please ensure we have an up-to-date immunization record for your little one. You can easily access a pdf version of the record on MyGov.

- **Re-Enrolment**

Beginning next week we will be starting our re-enrolment process. You will be receiving a soft copy of a re-enrolment form in your emails next week, and there will be some hard copies available near the sign in iPad. Please ensure you keep an eye out for this and return the form before the end of September.

## Welcoming Amy and Lisa...

We would like to welcome **Lisa** and **Amy** to our team here at My Story.

Lisa is a Dural local who has worked in Early Childhood Education and Care for many, many years! In fact, when I (Chloe) first started my placement for my Certificate, it was Lisa who supported me at a Centre in Thornleigh. When her Resume came through our inbox we asked her to join us occasionally as a casual. Now that we are filling up we have asked her to stay as a permanent 3 day-per-week staff member to assist Miss Jess in the Toddler room.

Amy has joined us to replace Jade in the Preschool 1 room. Jade was made the decision to work as a Casual to give herself the flexibility she needs to pursue a number of different ventures she is interested in.

Amy is a mother to two grown up children, and has run Family Daycare from her house for many years. More recently she has worked casually in local Centres, but is now looking for a permanent full-time position so that she can utilize her skillset in developing fun, educational programs for 2-4 year olds. Welcome!

## Fathers Day BBQ

We would like to celebrate our Dads by hosting a little BBQ on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 3:00pm. It's always tricky to schedule these events to ensure that there is staff available, as many children as possible etc. If Dads aren't available, Granddads, Uncles, or in fact anyone who has a 'Dad-like' role in your child's life is welcome to join us. Please let us know if you are available to join us by sending an **RSVP via email before Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August.**

# From the Directors

Anna Tran  
Chloe Chant

## Educator Appreciation Day

It's Educator Appreciation Day on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> September!

Many Educators in the Early Childhood Education Sector are walking off the job on this day to protest the lack of equal pay and conditions considering their qualifications and responsibilities. I have always been involved in advocacy for the ECEC sector and now as an employer I take that advocacy responsibility even more seriously. We do a lot of work behind the scenes with various groups and unions in the hopes of inspiring local politicians to champion the funding needs of the sector on the Federal level.

As a Centre, we won't be walking off the job on this day. However, if any of our employees decide they would like to, we will support them and cover their shift.

## We need your help!

We would like to ensure that 5<sup>th</sup> September is a special day for our Educators. Anna and I would like to display positive feedback from families in the staff room. **Could you please email us anytime between now and 4<sup>th</sup> September with a little message about a specific educator/s?**

## About our Educators...

...a little insight into the lives of your children's teachers to stimulate a chat and encourage communication...

Miss Narges has booked a little holiday in Adelaide next month! She is looking forward to catching up some family when she is there. Miss Chloe is providing tips about which wineries – sorry – tourist destinations she may want to visit.

If you see Miss Helena looking a little tense over the next few weeks, it's because she is teaching her son to drive in the mornings! Good luck Miss Helena! Don't forget to renew your insurance!

Miss Paris' whole family is busily preparing for her brother's wedding in a few weeks, we know she will be a beautiful and very helpful bridesmaid – can't wait to see the pics!

## Sustainability

### Bottle Donation

We have made 2 deposits to the local depot so far, with proceeds going to local charities. Please keep up this effort! A special thank you to Miss Jessi for coordinating this!



### Paper Donation

Our paper donation drop off box is running low! Please bring in any paper from your home or office for the children's craft. We just need one side blank. All sizes and colours are welcome!



### Preschool Gardening

A big thank you to Miss Tamara for her gardening efforts with the Preschool children! Tamara took it upon herself to pick up some resources and begin a little project. These special teachable moments about our environment are so important for our next generation!

## The tricky questions...

*Time and time again we (as early childhood educators) are faced with difficult questions from the naturally curious children we teach; “Why did my cat die?”, “How did my little brother get in Mummy’s tummy?”, “What happens when you die?”. In most cases our approach is to give a very simplistic answer that doesn’t contradict any religious or cultural beliefs, and then refer further questions to families. If your child brings one of these tricky concepts up during conversation, we will always let you know so that you can take over the reins in whatever way your family feels comfortable.*

*Talking to children about death (friends, family, pets) with Preschool aged children can make a lot of parents feel anxious. The article below might be helpful...*

## How young children understand death – and how to talk to them about it

“Mummy, what happens after we die?” Many parents have been asked this kind of question, and it is often difficult to know how best to reply. Should you be open about your own beliefs – whether they are religious, agnostic or atheist? And is it OK to sugarcoat? Recent research in developmental psychology provides some advice.

Death is a fascinating subject to many children, as shown, for example, when they come across a dead animal or plant. Their observations and questions show a healthy curiosity as they strive to make sense of a complex world.

Yet to many parents, death is a taboo subject for children. But children’s questions actually provide an excellent opportunity to encourage their inquisitiveness and to support their learning about, for example, biology and the life cycle. However, there are situations when you need to show great sensitivity....