

“ Play is the highest form of research ”

Albert Einstein



Busy Kids Child Care | APRIL 2018

## MUNCH AND MOVE

The month of April has been all about Munch and Move.

Educators have been talking with the children about healthy (all the time) foods, and sometimes foods.

We have also been doing a lot of moving and practising our fundamental movement skills.

Please refer to our website [www.busykidschildcare.com.au](http://www.busykidschildcare.com.au) for more information regarding Munch and Move including healthy recipes.

Click “Franky the Frog” to view our Munch and Move page.



### *What's happening next month at Busy Kids*

Mother's Day Morning Tea

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018

10:00am – 11:00am

All Mum's, Nan's, Grandma's, Aunts, Carers are invited to come to the centre and enjoy morning tea.



DIARY  
DATES

3<sup>rd</sup> May: Family Webcast Information Session on the new child care subsidy  
15<sup>th</sup> May – Family Webcast Information Session on the new child care subsidy -  
see page 4 for details

# Staff Changes



## Introducing...

*Alicia Camilleri*



Alicia joined Busy Kids whilst completing her work placement and working towards her Diploma in Children's Services in December 2017.

Alicia works well and enjoys working in all classrooms and with all age groups.

Being a mum of 2 children, she works especially well with babies and being able to relate to all the new mums and dads.

Alicia is our Room Leader for the Baby Room

*Amelia Tremelling*



Amelia joined Busy Kids in April 2018 after deciding she wanted a career change from the Beauty Industry.

She is currently studying her Certificate III and looking forward to working with the babies.

## Farewell James

If you have any questions about staff, please speak to Jenny or Kristy.



We would like to inform all families that James has now moved on from the centre to pursue a different career.

We would like to wish him the best in his future endeavours.



## SUSTAINABILITY CORNER

### Eggshell seed starters

Need: seeds, eggshells, egg carton, potting soil, spoon, thumbtack, knife, pot and stove, natural soil-safe crayons or finger paints (optional), spray bottle (optional)

- 1. Prick a pinhole.** Using a thumbtack, gently punch a small drainage hole in the bottom center of each shell.
- 2. Chop the top.** Remove the top 1/3 of the eggshell using a small knife to gently pick away at the shell. Take care not to damage the bottom of the egg.
- 3. Make dinner.** Empty the raw egg from the shell into a bowl. Make an omelet or save for scrambled eggs for dinner. Yummy.
- 4. Wash and boil.** Wash the eggshells and then boil them in a pot for three minutes to kill any bacteria. Inspect eggshells for leftover debris, and let them dry.
- 5. Protect eggshells.** Place each eggshell in a cardboard egg carton for support.

**6. Spoon soil.** Fill 2/3 of each eggshell with potting soil.

**7. Plant a seed.** Add a seed to the soil. Always follow the recommended seeding depth on your seed package, and be aware of the average germination time.

**8. Add sunlight, water.** Place eggshell seed-starters in a warm and sunny location. Keep the soil moist (but not soaked) by watering regularly.

**9. Make your mark.** Using natural soil-safe crayons or natural finger paints, gently label the outside of each shell with the type of plant seeded. Decorating eggshell seedling pots is a fun project for the kids, plus you'll teach them about gardening.

**10. Get planting.** Once your sprouts have sprung, go ahead and plant your eggshell seedling pots in some freshly tilled soil in your garden. When planting, give each eggshell a gentle (yet crushing) squeeze — you want the seedling roots to easily find the fresh soil.



Find all instructions and helpful images at <http://www.squawkfox.com/2012/04/12/seedling/>

### Important Message - Partnerships with Parents

Using the Early Years Learning Framework our educators will observe your child's learning so they can build on it and plan the next steps. They will do this by listening, watching and talking to your child.

They will keep in touch with you regularly to discuss your child's progress. They may use photos or keep a folder of your child's work to show what your child is learning, how they are developing and what particular learning interests them.

Before your child starts school our educators will prepare information about your child's learning and development to share with their new teacher. This will help ensure that your child's new school is well prepared to continue your child's learning.

By working together with our Service's parents, our educators can enhance a child's learning and wellbeing. As the most important person in your child's life you can make a difference by talking regularly with your child's early childhood educator and asking about their learning.

Information you provide allows educators to link your child's experiences at home with the time they spend together in the early childhood setting.

*Adapted from Early Years Learning Framework – Parent Guide*

# New Child Care Subsidy

From 2 July 2018, there will be a new Child Care Subsidy that will replace the current Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate.

It's essential that you complete an online assessment to receive the new payment.

The Department of Education and Training is hosting three family information webcasts to help you understand what you need to do to transition to the Child Care Subsidy.

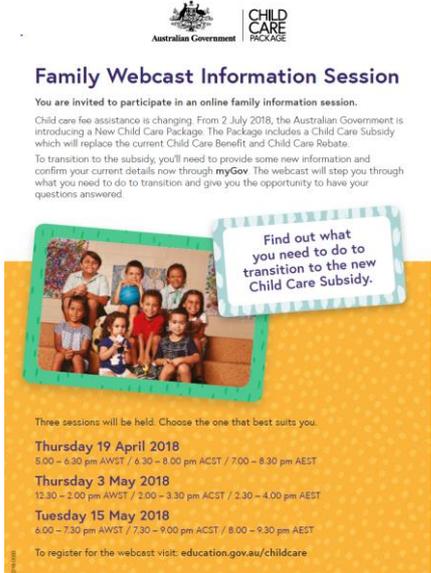
You will be able to ask questions through the live chat functionality.

The sessions will be held at the following times:

- Thursday 19 April 2018 - 7.00pm - 8.30pm AEST
- Thursday 3 May 2018 - 2.30pm - 4.00pm AEST
- Tuesday 15 May 2018 - 8.00pm - 9.30pm AEST

Please [register your interest](#) if you would like to participate.

Further information on the New Child Care Package is available at [education.gov.au/childcare](http://education.gov.au/childcare).



The poster features the Australian Government logo and 'CHILD CARE PACKAGE' text. It includes the title 'Family Webcast Information Session' and an invitation to an online session. A photo of a family is shown with a callout box that says 'Find out what you need to do to transition to the new Child Care Subsidy.' Below the photo, it lists three sessions: Thursday 19 April 2018 (5:00-6:30 pm AWST / 6:30-8:00 pm ACST / 7:00-8:30 pm AEST), Thursday 3 May 2018 (12:30-2:00 pm AWST / 2:00-3:30 pm ACST / 2:30-4:00 pm AEST), and Tuesday 15 May 2018 (6:00-7:30 pm AWST / 7:30-9:00 pm ACST / 8:00-9:30 pm AEST). It also provides the registration link: [education.gov.au/childcare](http://education.gov.au/childcare).

***We welcome your feedback!***

How can we make our newsletter even better?  
What information would you like us to include?

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