



# Newsletter

## January 2023

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We are about to commence our new year at Jungle Zoo ELC, with some children and educators moving around into a new room. We'd like to wish all the staff, children, and family members a smooth transition and settling period and can't wait for all the exciting adventures 2023 will bring us at Jungle Zoo!

From this week, Nominated Supervisor Amy Collins will step in to manage the centre, supported by Michelle Collins Approved Provider/Nominated Supervisor, as Marion Collison is no longer with us at Jungle Zoo. We welcome families to come and speak with us regarding your child's education, care, family accounts or any queries or concerns as we lead our wonderful team into the New Year.

Mackenzie Liptrott and Kelly Johns will also assist us as our 2IC's, available to families for advice on Education, Care, Administration, Enrolments and Accounts. We also welcome Maddi Graham to our administration team who you may have already met on the front desk each afternoon.

Mackenzie and Kelly, along with Michelle Guy, also act as our "Responsible Person" in the event that a Nominated Supervisor is not present in the centre.

We are also very fortunate to also have a wonderful support staff at Jungle Zoo! Maddi G also works as our lovely domestic support during the day, keeping our laundry flowing, nappies and linen stocked and assisting our educator's with their hygienic cleaning needs during our busy days.

Amy Mackenzie is our wonderful Chef, who quietly goes about her day, creating menus, ordering and processing food, assuring our kitchen is kept hygienic and safe and working alongside families to support children's allergy and dietary needs. Watch her slideshow for the weekly menu or changes to the day to day menu on the orange board.

Gary Smith and Callum Le Noble are keeping our outdoor environment clean, tidy and safe for our children, while also building our farm yard area, a more sustainable veggie garden boxes, a fairy garden and providing a gate in our back fence for our "bush kindy" exploration visits.

**We'd like to introduce our  
Educator's new rooms for 2023**



# Dreamland

8 wks -  
18 months

Our Wonderful 2023 Dreamland team consists of

**Jennifer Kraft** - Diploma Educator

**Nicole Harrington** - Cert III Educator

**Olivia Turner** - Diploma (Working Towards) Educator

**Alex Campbell** - Diploma (Working Towards) Educator

**Holly McCollum** - Cert III Educator

**Angel Johns** - Cert III Educator

**Bianca Borg** - Cert III

(Working Towards) Educator



# Woodland

18 months- 2.5 yrs

Our Magical 2023 Woodland  
team consists of

**Bec Jorgensen** - Diploma Educator

**Jade Brassier** - Diploma Educator

**Charne Hyman** - Diploma Educator

**Jordan Lockyer** - Diploma Educator

**Jemima Scott** - Certificate III Educator

**Cat Warren** - Cert III Trainee

# Farmland

2.5 yrs -  
3.5 yrs

Our Fantastic 2023 Farmland  
team consists of

**Kelly Johns** - Diploma Educator

**Michelle Guy** - Diploma Educator

**Madison Buchanan** - Cert III Educator

**Samantha Pearson** - Cert III Educator

**Shani Sommerville** - Cert III Educator

**Stephanie Verhaagen** - Cert III

(Working Towards) Educator

**Lillie Van Poelgest** -

Cert III Trainee

# Jungleland

Kindergarten

Our Awsome 2023 Jungleland  
team consists of

**Lauren Cox** - Early Childhood Teacher  
(Working Towards)

**Emerson Miller** - Early Childhood Teacher  
(Working Towards)

**Georgia Withycombe** - Early Childhood Teacher  
(Working Towards)

**Nikita Beecroft** - Cert III Educator

**Emma-Lee McGregor** - Cert III Educator  
(Working Towards)



# Upcoming Events

**Wednesday 25th January**  
Jungle Zoo's Beach Party  
10am - 12pm

**Thursday 26th January**  
Australia Day Public Holiday  
Centre Closed

**Thursday 9th February**  
International Pizza Day  
Children will be making their  
own pizzas for lunch

**Monday 13th February**  
Chinese New Year Celebration

**Tuesday 14th February**  
Valentines Day

# REMHINDER

There are a few simple tasks that parents and caregivers can do to ensure your child has a stress-free day at Jungle Zoo.

- Arriving by 9.00/9.30 each morning will help your child obtain the most out of the educational experience, ensure they are included in activities such as their room's Waterpark day and morning tea and create a better sense of belonging.
- Our natural play space creates a great opportunity for risky play! Please pack a pair of shoes for your child to make the most of their exploring.
- Sunscreen stations are available outside Farmland, Dreamland and within each room. Please apply sunscreen to your child upon arrival and ensure they have their hat on ready for play.
- Birthday cakes are welcome to help celebrate your child's birthday however any cakes brought in to the centre must be store bought with ingredients listed on the packaging.
- Parents are encouraged to collect their child at their convenience however you must be out of the building by 5.30pm due to licencing, insurance liability and to allow the Educators to go home on time.
- Please take care when driving in and out of our carpark and always hold your child's hand.
- For the safety of all of our Jungle Zoo families, please turn your car engine off when coming in to pick up or drop off your child.



## Fee Payments

A quick reminder that fees are to be paid 1 week in advance. Could all new families please ensure your Enrolment Fee and Bond has been paid.

Weekly statements are now being printed and placed in family pockets each Friday. If you have a query about your account, please see Amy, Mackenzie, Kelly or Maddi.

Direct debit is available and can be set up either through the OWNA app or ask for assistance at reception.

Keep up to date with  
your child's day  
using the OWNA app.



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