



Monthly Newsletter

Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

A very warm welcome to all our new families – we're delighted to have you join our community! This term is filled with excitement, as all age groups will be having excursions. The children are eagerly looking forward to these special outings, and we can't wait to see all the fun and learning they'll experience along the way.

I am also pleased to introduce Joshua Lee, our newest educator. You may have already seen him around! Josh holds a Certificate III in Early Childhood & Education and brings with him one year of valuable experience from another early learning service. We're thrilled to have him as part of our team.

Centre Cook Update

As many of you know, our wonderful chef Trisette will be finishing up with us this week. We'd like to thank her for all the delicious meals and the love she's brought to our Centre— she will be greatly missed!

In the meantime, Doris, Lihong, and Joshua will be stepping into the kitchen. Each of them has experience in food preparation and holds a Basic Food Safety Certificate, ensuring our children continue to enjoy nutritious and safe meals while we search for a new Chef.



Regards,
Selina Lucky
Centre Director

Dear Families,

April was an action-packed month at our centre! We had an egg-cellent time celebrating Easter, explored the great outdoors during Nature Play Week, and enjoyed exciting excursions.

Looking ahead to May, we are excited to celebrate Mother's Day with special activities and gestures to show our appreciation. We will also be joining in Australia's biggest morning tea supporting a cause while enjoying yummy treats together. Additionally, we will be observing National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week, taking the opportunity to learn about and reflect on Australia's history and the importance of reconciliation.

These events will be a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn, grow, and connect with each other and the community.

Regards,
Dikshya Manandhar
Educational Leader



Days to Remember

TBC Australia's
biggest Morning Tea

11 May
Mother's Day

5-11
National Family Day
Care Week
12-18
National Families
Week

26th May
National Sorry Day

27/5-3/6
National
Reconciliation Week

How many absences you can get

You can get up to 42 allowable absence days per child each financial year.

If you reach your allowable absence limit, you may be able to get additional absences. You may get additional absences if any of these apply:

- your child is ill
- your child's carer or their partner or another person your child lives with is ill
- your child is attending preschool
- alternative arrangements have been made for your child on a pupil-free day
- your child hasn't been immunised against an infectious disease and the absence occurs during an immunisation grace period
- your child is spending time with a person other than their usual carer as required by a court order or parenting plan
- your child's child care service is closed because of an event for which a CCS period of emergency has been declared
- your child can't attend because of an event for which a CCS period of emergency has been declared
- your child's carer chooses not to send the child because of an event for which a CCS period of emergency has been declared.

Talk to your child care service about this. You may need to give them supporting documents.

You may be eligible for extra allowable absences if you live in a region where a CCS period of Emergency has been declared. Read about what a CCS period of emergency is and how to get extra absences if you're affected by an emergency. If you have both allowable and special purpose absences available, the special purpose absences will be used first.

When you can use absences

You can only use absence days for days your child would normally attend child care and get CCS. This includes public holidays.

You can use absence days for any reason, including if the child is on a holiday.

You don't need to provide evidence for any absences you use under the allowable absence limit.

Tracking your absences

If your Centrelink online account is linked to myGov, you can track your absences online.

To do this:

Sign in to myGov.

Select Child Care from the My Family menu.

Select Absences.



From the Kitchen

Savoury muffins

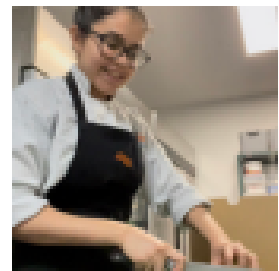
These savoury muffins are an easy and delicious snack or meal, that hold all the desired nutrients in one appealing package. This recipe is for 12 muffins, so just double the batch if you've got a large group of children, and freeze to make things even easier.

Ingredients

- 2 cups plain flour (you can also use wholemeal for added nutritional value)
- 3 tsp. baking powder
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1 carrot
- 1 zucchini
- ½ onion
- 1 ¼ cup grated cheese
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- Pinch of salt

Method

1. Preheat your oven to 180 degrees C. and grease a 12 cup muffin tray
2. Grate the zucchini, carrot and onion (use a food processor if available) and place on paper towel to absorb excess moisture. Grate the cheese.
3. Mix the flour, baking powder, garlic powder and salt in a large bowl until evenly combined
4. In a separate bowl, whisk the eggs, oil and milk.
5. Combine the contents of both bowls, and mix in the vegetables and 1 cup of the grated cheese.
6. Spoon the batter into the muffin cups, and sprinkle the remaining cheese over each muffin.
7. Bake for 20-25 minutes, until golden brown
8. Cool and enjoy! Serve with fruit to round out the meal.



Chef Trisette

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