



Happy New Year!

What a terrific start to the year in the ELC. We have welcomed 55 new children and everyone is settling in really well. That brings the total number of children in the ELC at this stage to 104.

We look at the ELC as an extension to your family so please share important milestones with us and keep us informed with how your family is going, we would like to continue with interests your children have at home in the Centre as well. We welcome you to take part in the ELC in any way you can, from volunteering your time in the classroom, recycling items from home, volunteering as helpers at special times of the year and also helping with this year's Fete. Please share your skills and talents with us.

Xplor App

Xplor is running smoothly with all family's details now entered into the system, if you require a log in please and come and talk to Kerrie or myself. Payments are due and are the responsibility of the primary caregiver that is the adult who is registered with the Family Assistance Office. You can pay by PayPal or credit card; we can assist you with EFTPOS payments as well until accounts are set up.

Payments are fast and simple, with accounts being set each Friday and attendances are submitted straight to the Family Assistance Office each week.

It is a legal requirement for your child to be signed in and out each day. If a staff member signs your child in or out you will need to approve this action in the approval section. This will be done only when your device is not working or when authorised to do so.

Thank you for your patience in getting to know this new system. We hope that you are enjoying the posts and have started using it yourself. Don't forget you can set up Explores on your dashboard so families living away can see what your children are doing at Kindy.

Immunisation Statements

Kerrie is waiting on some immunisation statements to come in. Please provide these as soon as possible. You can download these from the VacciDate App and email them straight to us.

Allergies and Medication

We have children within the service that have anaphylaxis plans in place for eggs and nuts. Please do not bring these items into the service.

If your child requires medication, please hand your child's labelled medication with the pharmaceutical details on it to a staff member and fill in a short term medication form. We can only administer medication that is correctly labelled and has documentation completed.

Healthy Lunch Options

Please bring healthy meal options for your children and leave processed packets like chips and fruit wraps for home. Remember to bring in a piece of fruit to be shared for morning tea each day your child attends and place in the fruit bowl.

Team for 2017

Junior Kindy: Lead Educator: Stephanie, Jana, Emily, Kim (Monday, Tuesday and every 2nd Wednesday), Sarah (new alternate Wednesday and Thursday, Friday).

Pre Prep 1: Teacher: Jaime-lee, Stacey and Ashley

Pre Prep 2: Teacher: Teresa, Mardi and Sarah

If you would like to contact the staff in these rooms please email:

elcjk@salc.qld.edu.au

elcpp1@salc.qld.edu.au

elcpp2@salc.qld.edu.au

These emails will be checked during the day, although not necessarily first up.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop operates during school terms, if you would like to order you will need to register your child on the Flexi Schools website: www.flexischools.com.au Orders will be collected by ELC staff and given to your child. The menu is attached to this Newsletter and also available via the [College website](#). Tuckshop is always looking for parent helpers if you have some spare time.

We hope that you enjoy this year with us.

Thank you

Bronwyn

ELC Director



Dates to Remember

Thursday 26 January
CLOSED Australia Day Public Holiday

Monday 6 February

Class Photos: Payment envelopes will arrive shortly. Please return payment before photo day. Individual photos will be taken during the morning.

Class Group Photos: Pre Prep 2 - 9.00am

Junior Kindy - 9.30am

Pre Prep 1 - 10.00am

Tuesday 21 February

Kindergarten Information Evening 5.30pm

Sunday 20 August - Save the Date

Family Church Service all families very welcome and strongly encouraged to attend.

Junior Kindy News

Hello to all and welcome back from the holiday season. We hope you all had a wonderful break. First of all, we would like to welcome all the new families and children who have started with us as well as those who recently moved up to the Pre Prep Rooms. We look forward to creating a year of excitement and growth, as we endeavour here at the ELC to create an environment which feels like home and family. "Good-bye" to all our friends who have moved up to the Pre Prep. We will miss you all and wish you all the best in your new rooms.

To our new families, we wanted to share some goals we will start working on over the coming weeks. Our aim is to develop a love of learning as the children become active learners. Also, we help the children to gradually gain autonomy, life skills, respect for one another and their environment. The focus will be on routine and supporting them through each part of the day and the changes that occur along the way. Creating a safe, calming and nurturing environment will set our foundations for growing.

Artwork

The children will have ongoing opportunities to work on their creativity, imagination, fine motor skills, cognitive ability and confidence to create their artwork. We will often display some of their art to support their feeling of belonging and ownership of their room. We will supply an art folder that will live at Kindy, which we encourage you to access at any time.

Toilet Training

Please check your child's bag, for a tag, which will indicate if they have wet or soiled items to collect and bring this to an educator and we will collect it for you.

Friendly Reminders

- Please provide undies and spare clothes for your child for the day. This would include several pairs if toilet training.
- Please label everything, to assist us in returning all items and to avoid them becoming lost.
- Please fill out the information sheet on arrival, who's picking up, what time and how your child's night was.

Xplor

We would like to make full use of the Xplor app which you are all now becoming familiar with. We would like to ask families to send us posts about significant activities or experiences that went on away from kindy, to share with the class. This provides us with an extension of their interest and opportunities to explore further knowledge. This may include a photo or just a few sentences. It will create that connection between home and Kindy, which will assist us in reinforcing the learning that occurs.

We look forward to working with you and your child's journey through the ELC.

The Junior Kindy Team:

Miss Stephanie, Miss Jana, Miss Emily, Miss Kim and Miss Sarah



Pre Prep 1 News

January has been an exciting month for all of the families of the ELC, whether their children have been preparing to enter the PP1 room for the first time or enjoying the last few weeks before they head over to Prep.

Throughout the first few weeks of January many of the children explored their interest in colour mixing, light and shadows and insects. The educators were inspired and enjoyed setting up many open ended experiences that fostered these interests. Setting up activities that the children are particularly interested in has helped many of them settle in and feel confident interacting with new friends.

As the children are meeting new peers the educators have been working on some ice breaker activities and transitions to help foster the development of new friendships. For example, the class have loved using 'the magic talking ball' to say their name at group time and what they enjoyed doing the most. This activity helps the children learn everyone's names as well as building their confidence speaking in front of the class. The children have also been encouraged to choose a partner when transitioning to different parts of the day which again helps them to make friendships.

The educators have loved using the Explor app to keep you up to date on what is occurring within the classroom in terms of whole group, individual and small group experiences. This app will be used to document and record your child's development throughout the year. The app is also a great way to communicate and we encourage all of you to check your child's timeline daily as their will be new posts being added. Your child's timeline is also a place where you can add photos and experiences that can be incorporated into the program. For example, Navah and Eden's family putting photos up of their recent holiday so the girls could share it for show and tell.

Some friendly reminders of how the room will be run this year:

- Apply sunscreen in the morning and make sure they have their hat before they come into the yard.
- Pack sheets every day.
- Place two pieces of fruit in the bowl every day.
- Make sure all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled.
- Encourage your child to find their name tag at the start of each day and place it on their locker to build their name recognition skills, which is the first step to writing their name.
- Please see the show and tell item themes for first term in our room.

We look forward to a wonderful year, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Jaime-Lee, Stacey and Ashley



Pre Prep 2 News

Hello and welcome to Pre Prep 2 room for 2017. We are all very excited to start the year and have enjoyed getting to know each of our existing and new families. All of the children have settled well into the room and are relishing in the added responsibilities of being in the big Pre Prep room. From the very start of the year we begin to embed many opportunities for the children to learn new skills and knowledge through play, intentional teaching strategies, routines and transitions. Many of the children have started to show interest in recognising and writing their names. We understand that not every child is at this stage. However, with the support and guidance of the educators and families this will become a skill that the children will enjoy practising. To help the children identify the letters in their names we would like to encourage you to help your child find their name tag and hang it on the tree located near the lockers on arrival.

Each week we will be starting our letter of the week, where we select a letter of the alphabet to focus on, based on either the children's interest or our current learning theme. Our first letter will be F for friends. We will be working with the children during the week to develop their knowledge of each letter through a variety of activities and experiences.

We are also excited to introduce a new literacy experience to you that will support your child's literacy learning over this first term. Welcome to our Pre Prep family book. This term we are learning about families and we would like to learn more about who is in your family and what your family likes to do.

Some suggestions to help you with the book might be:

- » Draw a picture or stick a photo in of your family
- » Encourage your child to draw pictures or write in the book
- » I like to do with my family
- » My pets are
- » My favourite food/activity/book/game
- » I like to
- » Super cool facts about me

The family book will visit each home. We ask that you work with your child to make an entry. Please return the book to the class when it is due so another family can have their turn. When the book is returned we will discuss each entry and look at the pages you have completed.

Every classroom presents a unique community of learners that varies not only in abilities, but also learning styles. My role as a teacher is to give children the tools with which to cultivate their own gardens of knowledge. To accomplish this goal, we will teach to the needs of each child so that all learners can feel capable and successful.

Reminders:

- Please ensure your child has a hat on when arriving of a morning.
- Remind your child to sign in for the day.

We look forward to the year ahead. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to come and see us.

Teresa, Mardi and Sarah



Early Learning Centre Tuckshop Menu 2017



To place Tuckshop orders,
go to www.flexischools.com.au cut off is 9am sharp.

SANDWICHES

All sandwiches are made fresh to order



White/Wholemeal Breads

Extras: Wraps, Toasted, Cheese, Avocado add .50

Gluten Free Bread  add 1.30

Gluten Free Rolls  add 1.30

Ham Cheese Tomato \$3.60

Ham Cheese \$3.30

Ham & Salad \$4.60

Cheese \$2.60

Cheese & Tomato \$3.20

Chicken & Avocado \$4.00

Chicken Lettuce Mayo \$4.00

Chicken Salad \$4.60

Salad \$4.00

Vegete \$2.00

SUSHI

Flavours subject to change due to availability
(ELC will be informed before any changes are made)



Hand Roll - Teriyaki Chicken / Avocado  / Tuna \$3.00

6 Pack - Teriyaki Chicken / Avocado  / Tuna \$3.80

SNACKS

Veggie Sticks with Baby Bel Cheese \$2.00

Homemade Hummus & Veggie Sticks   \$3.00

**Hummus contains sesame*

DRINKS

Fresh Plain Milk - 300ml \$1.60

DAILY SPECIALS

Monday

Chicken Tenderloin Wrap  \$4.60

(Freshly crumbed chicken tenderloins served with lettuce & mayo)

Tuesday

Macaroni & Cheese  \$4.00

Wednesday

Butter Chicken with Rice   \$4.50

Thursday

Mini Chicken Burger  \$4.00

(Seared chicken breast with lettuce, tomato & mayo served on a milk bun)

Friday

Sushi - Hand Roll \$3.00

Teriyaki Chicken / Avocado  / Tuna

Soy Sauce .20



= GLUTEN FREE



= HOME MADE



NUT FREE

THE ELC IS A NUT & EGG FREE ZONE

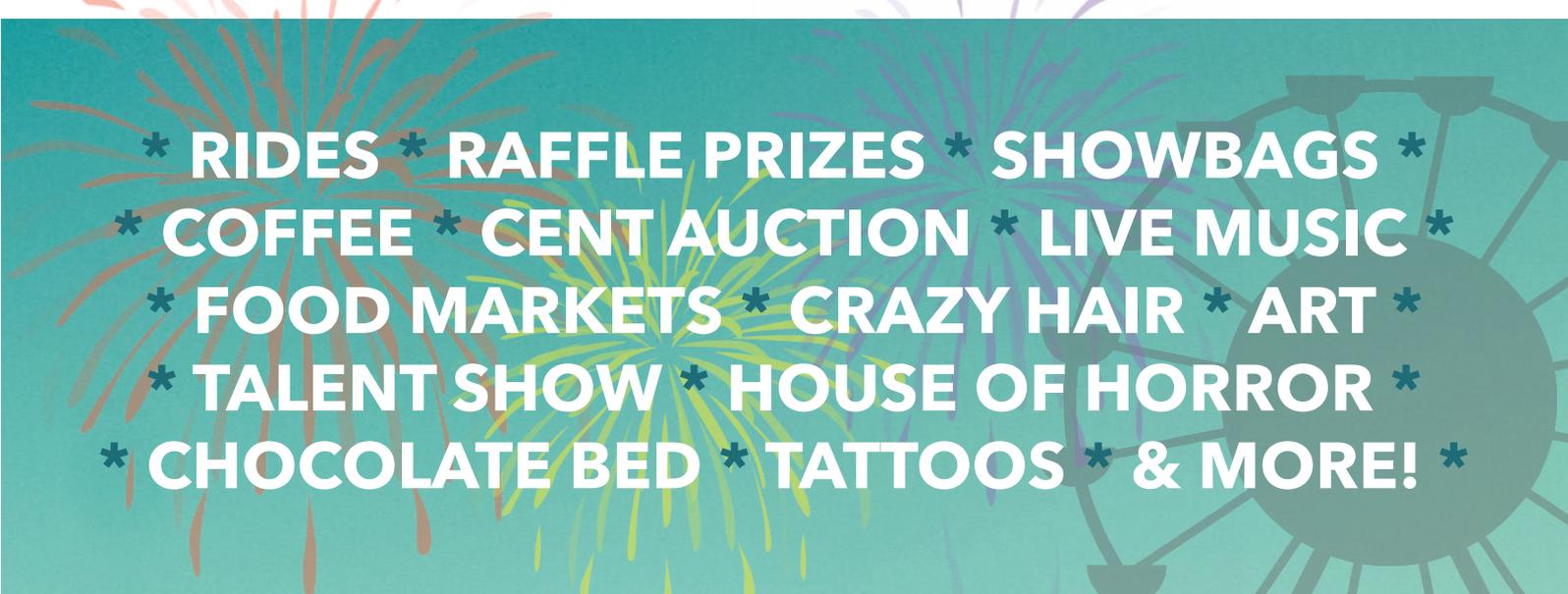


EGG FREE



St Andrews Fete 2017

SATURDAY 20 MAY 2017
ST ANDREWS LUTHERAN COLLEGE
10AM to 4PM



* RIDES * RAFFLE PRIZES * SHOWBAGS *
* COFFEE * CENT AUCTION * LIVE MUSIC *
* FOOD MARKETS * CRAZY HAIR * ART *
* TALENT SHOW * HOUSE OF HORROR *
* CHOCOLATE BED * TATTOOS * & MORE! *

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Please contact:
fete@salc.qld.edu.au

**DONATIONS
REQUIRED**

* BOTTLES OF WINE
* CHOCOLATE
Please bring to
Administration
Offices

**STALL HOLDERS
WANTED**

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