

March 2015

Dates To Remember

Harmony day March 20th

Deadly Australians visit
23rd march

School holidays 3—17
April

3rd April closed for good
Friday

6th April closed for East-
er Monday

13th April preschool ex-
cursion science magic
cobb and co museum

18th April advanced life
family portraits please
book your session time
now

Free Range Kids Gatton

Deadly Australians

We are having a visit from deadly Australians this month

Deadly Australians is an entertaining and educational presentation on the unique venomous animals which live in our backyards. Naturally curious and learning from close inspection and touch, this age group is particularly vulnerable to accidental bites and stings. Discussion on where our venomous creatures might be found, how to avoid them and the importance of seeking

adult help, greatly reduce the risk to this age group.

It is a highly interactive, hands-on presentation. Your children will have the opportunity to hold *non venomous snakes, lizards and turtles.*

Deadly Australians aims to “**snake proof**” students. It has a high safety and first aid content. Venomous animals are often found in our urban areas and it is our responsibility to teach children what to

do when they come across them.

Entirely safe. All venomous animals are under lock and key. There is no danger.

They will be here on Monday 23rd march from 2:00—3:00 pm all parents welcome to attend . If Monday is not your child's day than please feel free to bring your child in for this session you will need to stay with them



Vacation Care - Book in now to secure your spot

Monday 6 th April	Tuesday 7 th April	Wednesday 8 th April	Thursday 9 th April	Friday 10 th April
Public Holiday	Cooking Extravaganza A culinary challenge cooking a wide variety of foods	Step back in time at the Laidley Pioneer Village excursion Cost: \$2.50	Puppet making Make your own very special friend	Rock Climbing excursion \$8.00
Monday 13 th April	Tuesday 14 th April	Wednesday 15 th April	Thursday 16 th April	Friday 17 th April
Gardening Day Come and show us your green thumbs. Pot a plant that you can take home and put straight into your garden.	Putt Putt excursion \$8.00	Candle making day Shine a light on the day with your own creation	Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary excursion \$14.00	Jewellery making and Recyclable challenge Make a special gift for someone or design and build your own creation

From the Nursery

We have had a busy month enjoying open shut them and head and shoulders. We used this to help us name and point to different body parts. We have also been looking at nursery rhymes doing lots of crafts around this.

A big thank you to those families who have brought in storybooks from home to read, the children are loving this so keep the books coming in. We still have not received many family photos for our photo wall please

bring in or e-mail to uggchild-care@uq.edu.au so we can complete our display

We have some new friends that have joined us in the nursery and would like to say a big welcome to you. Some of our older children in the group have begun to sleep on beds and all doing great this helps to



prepare them for the toddler room.

A number of the babies routines have changed please keep us up to date with any of these changes no matter how small so we can provide the best care for your child

Thanks Mrs Iso-Aho and Miss Sutton

From the Toddlers

A big hello all the way from the toddler room

Firstly I would like to thank everyone for making me feel welcome at Free Range Kids.

This month we are continuing our learning about germs and good hygiene practices of washing our hands, using a tissue, the children are following and using the concept well.

The toddlers love for trains and building tracks has been a focus point.

Please take the time to look around the room of your children's creations.

The kitchen has been a big focus point by children dressing in their aprons and cooking up a storm. So over the next upcoming weeks we will be focusing on these interests from the children.

As harmony day falls on Saturday



Reminder

Could you please ensure all children's items are clearly named

the 21st march this year we will be celebrating on Friday 20th march. This is a celebration for all cultures as one. Feel free to dress up, bring in a song or story that you would love to share with the children.

As Easter is coming up fast we have an Easter bonnet parade. I thought the children could create a bonnet using an old hat from someone in the family. So if you have an old hat laying around at home could you please bring it into the center for your child to start creating their masterpiece.

Your child has enough nappies or underwear for the day

Items are collected daily from the soiled bucket within the bathroom. If you are unsure where this is please ask a staff member.

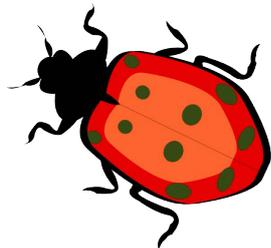
If you have any questions please feel free to ask

Preschool News

Hello from the preschool room.

We have enjoyed making some creepy crawlies such as spiders and bugs. We have been using lots of different colours to create animals such as camillians and see through turtles to decorate our windows and patterned snakes.

The children have enjoyed going



on scavenger hunts to see what insects we can find in our playground.

Our focus letters for this month are

C, N, I and B

Please remember to put sunscreen on you children as you arrive at the center in the mornings.

Miss Jepson will be away for most of this month on annual Leave., We Have Mrs Wellington helping out in the room while she is away

Birthdays we are celebrating this month are

Leo and Miss Godebye - Happy Birthday

Until next time

Mrs Jepson and Miss Godebye

Schoolies News

Schoolies have been having such an awesome time this year. We have had a pirate theme for a couple of weeks, making, swords, treasure chests and we even went on a real treasure hunt.

We then made a book called "all about me" learning so much about each other was interesting. Extending of our books we designed a when I grow up t shirt,

they looked so awesome. We have a future policeman, an archeologist, a horse rider and even a fairy and a Spiderman, the future looks very promising.

This month the Schoolies are making a rules chart for the bus, to make the journey more pleasurable for themselves and the driver. We are also going over table manners, and having an af-

ternoon tea at a fancy restaurant (cubby House)

Towards the end of the month Schoolies will be learning about science. We will be doing all sorts of crazy experiments, Everyone is so excited

Until Next Month

Miss Brown

Policy Review

We are currently reviewing section 3 of our centre policies. If you are interested in reviewing them please feel free to add your input. The policies are located next to parent pockets in the front foyer.

Absences from child care – Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR)

Under the law, you are still entitled to receive CCB and CCR if your child is unable to attend approved child care and you are charged a fee, up to 42 absence days in a year.

In addition to your 42 days of 'initial absences' the Government may continue to pay CCB (and CCR) on your behalf for additional absence days approved under the exceptional circumstances provision.

What is an absence day?

You will get CCB and CCR for 42 absence days per child each financial year. These can be for any reason and will not require proof and include public holidays.

You cannot claim absences if your child has not started care or has stopped care. You also cannot claim an absence if you have notified your child care service you are taking your child out of care on a set date and then change your mind and remove your child earlier.

If your child is absent for one or more than one session of child care on the same day, such as both before and after school care, it is counted as one absence day.

If you receive CCB as a fee reduction at more than one child care service you must let each service know when your child has used your initial 42 absence days.

What is an additional absence day?

You can also get CCB and CCR for additional absence days once your initial 42 absence days have been used. There is no limit on these days but you may be required to provide documentation to support the absence.

The additional absence days reasons are:

illness (with a medical certificate), or another absence due to sickness of the child, a parent or sibling, supported by medical certificates

non-immunisation

rostered days off

rotating shift work

temporary closure of a school or pupil-free days

period of local emergency - the service is closed or the child is unable to travel to the service

shared care arrangements due to a court order, parenting plan or parenting order

attendance at preschool

exceptional circumstances

How can I get more information?

For further information on your eligibility for CCB and CCR please contact the Department of Human Services:

going to humanservices.gov.au/online and logging on to Centrelink services online. visiting a Service Centre (located in Medicare Offices and Centrelink Service Centres)

Useful resources

for news and information on child care visit the [MyChild website](#)

to estimate and compare payments access the [Child Care Estimator](#)

[A Guide to Australian Government payments](#)

If you need to, you can also call:

136 150 for complex queries about your child care payments

Teletypewriter (TTY) 1800 810 586 (if you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment). You need a TTY phone to use this service.

13 12 02 if you need information in a language other than English.