



# ON *this* MONTH

## AT SERVICE NAME

Easter Party -----  
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## Welcome to 2020 at Yankalilla Community Children's Centre

Sorry our first newsletter for this year is out a bit later than usual but this year I have a bigger teaching load. We have welcomed a lot of new families and children to the centre and we already have some days when we are close to full which is an excellent position to be in so early in the year.

Congrats to Natasha who has won a traineeship at the centre to undertake her Diploma in Child Care over the next 18 months. Natasha will be the fourth staff member in Over 2's on days when our numbers are high.

I teach 5 days per fortnight when previously I only taught 4 days per fortnight. This year we are a part-time kindy and to provide the ideal continuity of teaching for the kindy children I will be less in the office and doing more teaching. I apologise as a result if it takes me a bit longer to get back to your phone calls and emails but I will get back to you within the week. I am in the office every Monday and Friday (with the exception of when I have to attend Department for Education meetings). I have included the staffing for this year in the newsletter on page 3.

Thanks Bec





### NATIONAL RIDE '2' SCHOOL DAY – MARCH 13

National Ride2School Day is held around Australia in March every year. It provides an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to try riding, walking, skating or scooting to school as well as celebrating the regular walkers and riders.

Join more than 350,000 students across the nation who will ride, walk, scoot and skate to school on Friday **Find out more at [www.bicyclenetwork.com.au](http://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au)**

### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS – MARCH 20

"...International Day of Happiness is more than just a fun celebration; it also reminds us all that the world is a better place when we connect with and care about the people around us"— Dr Mark Williamson. This year's theme is **Happier Together**, focusing on what we have in common, rather than what divides us. **Find out more at [worldwetlandsday.org](http://worldwetlandsday.org)** **[www.dayofhappiness.net](http://www.dayofhappiness.net)**

## CREAMY CARBONARA WITH PEAS & BASIL



PREP 15 min | COOK 15 MINS | SERVES 6

#### INGREDIENTS

- 6 slices prosciutto
- 500 grams short pasta
- 1 cup peas
- 250 ml cream
- 2 eggs plus 2 egg yolks
- 3/4 cup parmesan, grated
- 1 cup basil leaves, torn

#### METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees Celsius (350 F). Place prosciutto on an oven tray lined with baking paper and bake for 5 minutes or until the prosciutto is golden and crisp. Roughly chop and set aside.
2. Meanwhile, bring a large pot of salted water to the boil. Add pasta and cook for a couple of minutes. Add peas and cook until the pasta is al-dente and peas are tender. Drain and set aside.
3. In a small jug place the cream, eggs, egg yolks and parmesan and whisk to combine.
4. To assemble: place the pasta, peas, prosciutto, basil and creamy sauce in a large bowl and mix to combine. Serve with a little extra grated parmesan and a few extra torn basil leaves.

Recipe and Image from [mylovelylittlelunchbox.com](http://mylovelylittlelunchbox.com)

## App reviews

Apps to help you navigate the noise, be accountable for your actions and achieve your goals.



### 30 MINUTES – GOAL PLANNER

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*What if you spent 30 minutes a day on your big goal, or dream? What could you achieve in a week, a month, or a year if you consistently completed small tasks? Set the amount of days for each goal, decide on the time and view detailed statistics on each goal as you work on them.*

### stickK: GOALS & ACCOUNTABILITY

STICKK.COM, LLC

*No matter what your goal is - meditate, learn a language, lose weight, quit smoking or drinking, watch less TV, exercise more often... stickK can motivate and help you achieve it!* Created by a Behavioural Economist and a Law Professor from Yale University, stickK is a goal-setting platform, habit tracker and online community of goal-setters.

### STRIDES: HABIT TRACKER

GOALS LLC

*Track all your Goals & Habits in one flexible free app. With Strides you can track anything - good or bad habits and SMART goals - with reminders to hold you accountable and charts to keep you motivated.*

*Recommended in The New York Times, Strides has been called "the most comprehensive, user-friendly, beautifully designed goal tracking app available." Imagine having all of your most important habits, routines and goals together in one simple to do list. Now you can. :)*



# FOCUS: 9 phrases that help little kids express big emotions

When your kid is in full Ron Burgundy-style "I'm in a glass case of emotion" mode, it's easy to match their level of anxiety—thanks to the crying, the screaming, the jumble of words made unintelligible *because of the crying and screaming*...

"For a lot of parents, when they see the meltdown, it's easy for them to notice the behaviour: the falling out, the crying, the emotion," says Brandy Wells, licensed independent social worker specializing in childhood mental health and the creator of My Motherhood Magic. "But usually underneath all of that is a need that needs to be met." Being in tune with your child's needs requires a lot of patience and communication. Yet in an attempt to calm your child as quickly as possible, you might focus on the behaviour, and not whatever's causing it.

"Parents ask their children: What's wrong with you?" says Jacob Kountz, a family therapist in Bakersfield, California. "A more helpful question would be: 'Help me understand what happened.' This type of curious language primes children that they aren't being accused of something, it stays away from unhelpful language such as *wrong*, and it allows children to share their thoughts and feelings."

Raising thoughtful and emotionally intelligent children starts with teaching them how to share their thoughts and feelings.

**The following phrases can help you teach your kids how to express themselves—and help prevent meltdowns.**

1. "I can see that you are upset. You are allowed to feel that way. I'm here when you're ready to talk."

**Why it works:** Letting your child know that you see them—that it's okay to have feelings and that you're there for them—helps them feel safe. And having that safety gets them out of melting down and into communicating.

2. "I would feel [insert emotion] if that happened to me, too."

**Why it works:** "When kids know that someone isn't going to tell them to feel differently or that their feelings are wrong, they'll seek out that kind of comfort more often," Kudla explains.

3. "I see that you had a hard time with [x], what can we do to make it easier next time?"

**Why it works:** Encouraging kids to come up with their own strategies for dealing with frustration is part of a strategy that social worker and mom of three Brandy Wells calls FLIP IT: Identify the feeling (that's the F), then if needed, set an appropriate limit for how to express the feeling (for example, "it's okay to cry, but we don't hit"). I - stands for inquiry, encouraging kids to come up with solutions and strategies of their own. "And then P is prompting—helping them problem-solve," Wells explains. "You want them to practice asking, 'What do I need to do?' And if they're not able to do that, then you are able to give them that assistance."

4. "Your words help me understand you better."

**Why it works:** Pope's daughter knows she has the power to make herself heard and understood through her words. Imagine teaching that powerful, empowering lesson to your kiddo!

5. "It seems like you're having a hard time finding the words to explain what you're feeling. Is there another way that you can show me what's going on?"

**Why it works:** Kids don't always have to "use their words" to be understood, and listening isn't the only tool parents have to understand their children's needs. "Creative expression has been an incredible tool for us," says Sterling.

6. "I'm your mother, but I don't live in your body. What does it feel like? What's your brain feeling?"

**Why it works:** This phrase can help teach your children about the mind and body connection and can also help you as a parent to separate the behaviour from the child—they're not *being bad*, they're trying to communicate about what *feels bad*.

7. "What colour are you right now?"

**Why it works:** "Children begin to make the mind-body connection, as well as learn appropriate coping skills," Rollo says.

8. "Let's take a deep breath. Look in the mirror, wipe your face and straighten your clothes."

**Why it works:** This phrase is like a reset button for kids, teaching them how to centre themselves and move past the meltdown. Deep breathing is a coping mechanism that works across all age groups—taking a deep breath in and a long exhale helps with getting grounded. A sweet way to teach your child how to do this is by saying, "Smell the flowers, blow out the candles."

9. "I'm going to go fishing...tell me if I caught anything!"

**Why it works:** "Eventually parents 'catch' the right feeling their child has," Chansky says, "or sometimes, just having the conversation helps kids figure out what they need. At the very least they appreciate your efforts at valuing their feelings and trying to help them express them."

None of these phrases and strategies are one-time fixes, but they can all be part of an ongoing conversation between you and your kids. Give your kids the space to provide answers and solutions themselves, and they'll grow to understand how to express their feelings and emotions—even the tough ones.

Akitunde, Anthonia (2020, February 15). 9 phrases that help little kids express big emotions *Retrieved from* [www.mother.ly/child/phrases-that-prevent-tantrums](http://www.mother.ly/child/phrases-that-prevent-tantrums)

## Yankalilla Staff Team 2020

Joeys

Mel (Team Leader/Child Care Teacher) –works earlies or lates and has Wednesdays off

Kelly – works alternative earlies or late shifts and has Friday pm off

Kristy– Mon-Fri 8-3 all rooms lunch time relief

Over 2's (Possums and Kangaroos)

Liza (Team Leader) works a 9 day fortnight 8-5pm Tues-Frid

Sue works earlies or lates and has Thursday pm off

Sophie work earlies or lates and has Tuesday pm off

Natasha – works Mon-Friday 8:30-5:30 all rooms

Jaylee – Monday's all day, Tuesday and Thursday pm's in Over 2's

Office

Brooke – Clerical Mon, Tues, Wed and Friday 8:15-3:15

Bec – Director Monday, Friday and alternative Thursdays 7:45-5:30

Kindy

Derek – Teacher Tuesday, Wednesday and alternative Thursdays

Bec – Teacher Tuesday, Wednesday and alternative Thursdays

Lucinda – ECW Tuesdays, Wednesday and alternative Thursday

Gabby – Wednesday and Friday pm replacing the Joey team and preschool support

# HEALTH & SAFETY: Germs for Kids: Making It Fun, Making It Real, Making It Stick

**The concept of germs, for kids, is very abstract. Explaining hygienic concepts to children in an easy-to-understand way can be key to keeping them healthy.**

How do you explain the concept of germs for kids to understand? Should you just focus on the actions behind hygiene -- washing your hands, catching your sneeze with your elbow, and not sharing utensils or food -- without dwelling on the explanations? According to health experts, giving kids explanations behind these basic hygiene practices can go a long way towards helping them become more germ-conscious.

## Know the Nuts and Bolts of Germ Education

Even young children can understand the basic concept of germs, according to Dr. Dina Kulik, a paediatric emergency medicine specialist and assistant professor at the University of Toronto's Department of Paediatrics. She describes germs as tiny "bugs" that live on all things and explains to kids that sometimes these bugs can make you sick. When you're sick, you miss out on having fun, going to school and going to friends' homes. You can explain to older kids that these germs are called bacteria, she advises, and they're so small they can only be seen with a microscope. While they're not actually insects, they are living organisms that can grow and multiply quickly.

Dr. Danelle Fisher, vice chair of paediatrics at Providence Saint John's Health Centre, agrees on the importance of teaching even very young children about germs. In her opinion, it's important to explain to kids, as they get older, that some germs are good -- for example, probiotics -- and that others are bad, such as cold viruses. When they get even older, you can explain the difference between viruses and bacteria to them, so they understand why antibiotics can help with some illnesses, but not others.

Point out several examples of ways that your child can avoid becoming sick from germs, such as coughing into her sleeve or washing her hands after blowing her nose. And there's one important step of teaching about germs for kids that many parents miss: having your child repeat back to you what you said, so that you know that she understands it. Dr. Fisher believes that this step can help you clear up any misunderstandings before they take root.

Having a hard time figuring out how to explain such an abstract concept to your child? Consider using outside sources. "As paediatricians, we're always happy to help parents explain complex ideas to their children," says Dr. Fisher. If parents aren't sure what to say, they can ask their paediatrician for advice, or even ask their paediatrician to broach the topic with the child.



## Play Germ Games and Activities

**Glitter Germs** Sprinkle a little glitter on your child's hands in this activity from the Columbus Public Health website. Have him wash with just water. Repeat the experiment, washing with soap and water the second time. Have your child observe which method removes more glitter. Then put glitter on your hand and touch your child's shoulder, hands and hair. Have him see how the glitter (germs) can spread by touch.

**Everything You Touch** Also from Columbus Public Health, this activity has children make and colour their own germs and then tape them to anything they touch to see how widely germs spread by touch.

## Watch Out for Hygiene Overkill

While it's important to teach our kids about basic hygiene, some kids are prone to going overboard. In general, parents should have a relaxed, matter-of-fact attitude towards germs and cleanliness -- while washing your hands after using the bathroom should be sacrosanct, keeping your hands completely clean at all times is not only unreasonable, it also may be unhealthy. Dr. Kulik believes that the way you introduce germs for kids can affect whether they become overzealous about hygiene. "I try not to instil fear, as this can lead to over-washing," she says. "If kids think of them as cute little things, like a cartoon, they can understand we need to stay clear of them, but not be fearful." In addition, if your child seems to be obsessing a bit over hygiene, make sure that you're modelling normal germ control and not going overboard yourself.

*Perles, Keren* (2020, February 11). Teaching About Germs for Kids: Making It Fun, Making It Real, Making It Stick Retrieved from <https://www.care.com/c/en-au/stories/4211/teaching-about-germs-for-kids-making-it-fun/>



## AUSTRALIAN FORESTS

Australia has 134 million hectares of forest, which is 17% of Australia's land area. This is about 3% of the world's forest area, and the seventh-largest reported forest area worldwide. Visiting and admiring your local forests is one of the best ways to ensure these incredible resources are cared for! When was the last time you visited a local forest, for a bush walk or a picnic? A quick google search will lead you to your local forest. [forestrycorporation.com.au](http://forestrycorporation.com.au) allows you to easily find forests and associated activities in NSW.



<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/forestsaustralia/profiles/australias-forests-2019>





## Bookings

As a result of us running a very busy centre and having so many families wanting to regularly change their bookings we will be now requesting that all changes to bookings are **not done over the phone but instead are emailed or texted to the centre**. It is a requirement under the legislation with the Child Care Subsidy that families enter into a written contract with the centre about their bookings and we need to continue this policy by asking families to do changes in writing. Please note that the centre is very flexible with bookings, much more than any other centre I have lead and as a result this places a lot pressure on Brooke to keep on top of all the changes. We will get back to your email or text within 24 hours of receiving it with the **exception of Thursdays which are Brooke's day off** and there isn't always someone manning the office. If you need to ring about on the day and ask for a casual booking we will be happy to do that for you if we have a vacancy.

## Feature Article



## Governing Council News

We had our AGM last month and while we only had a small meeting we welcomed one new member Karen Churm. If you would like to know anything about the committee please speak to Bec.

## Immunisations

Due to changes to the South Australian Health Act 2011, we are now required to keep up to date copies of your child's immunisation record.

### What does this mean?

Families must provide an approved immunisation record upon enrolment and after each scheduled immunisation.

### What do you need to do?

Please bring in a current copy of your child's Immunisation History Statement from the Australian Immunisation Register for your child's file as soon as possible.

### Where can I get my child's Immunisation History Statement?

You can access this via,

- Medicare online account through your MyGov account
- Express Plus Medicare mobile app
- Contacting the Australian Immunisation Register general enquiries line on 1800 653 809 to request a copy.

**METHODS NO LONGER VALID: a letter from the doctor, South Australian Child and Health Development (the "Blue Book") or an overseas immunisation record.**

Records can be printed off and given to Brooke in the office, put in Forms Return Box or emailed to:

[admin.yankalilla190@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:admin.yankalilla190@schools.sa.edu.au)

Any questions please speak to Bec or Brooke.

Our new committee is:

Chairperson: Kat Lyons

Deputy Chairperson: Karen Churm

Secretary: Brooke Hutt

Treasurer: Lauren Barrington

Staff Rep: Kristy Haggan

Playgroup Rep: Kat Lyons

Community Rep: David Hammond

Councilors: Bec Heath, Jazmin Semonla, Kashni Bennett, Andy Carragher and Jen Luxford

Staffing Sub Committee: Renee Drew, Kat Lyons.

Policy Sub Committee: Kristy Haggan, Bec Heath and Kashni Bennett

***Thanks to all the committee members for volunteering their time and their ongoing support of our centre.***





## FREE PLAY, FREE-CHOICE PLAY, CHILD-DIRECTED PLAY OR UNSTRUCTURED PLAY

The importance of Free Play has been well researched. It is essential for all children to participate in Free Play. From their Early Years and throughout the Key Stages it plays a crucial role in their development.

What is FREE PLAY: *Children choosing what they want to do, how they want to do it and when to stop and try something else. Free play has no external goals set by adults and has no adult imposed curriculum. Although adults usually provide the space and resources for free play and might be involved, the child takes the lead and the adults respond to cues from the child”.*

children are highly motivated to play! They want to know about the world around them, and they need to be in a caring environment that allows them to explore all sorts of concepts freely, whether academic or social. Most aspects of physical and cognitive development and learning come through play. Given plenty of time for Free Play, a child’s way of playing will grow in its complexity. This is what we love about it!

### FREE PLAY...

- Promotes Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Encourages Cognitive Development and a Child’s Ability to Solve Problems
- Supports a Child’s Physical Development
- Enhances a Child’s Language and Understanding of Cultures
- Reinforces Classroom Learning
- Allows a Child to be Happy

**National Quality Framework** | Quality Area 1: *Educational Program and Practice*

Element 1.2.2 - Responsive teaching and scaffolding  
Element 1.2.3 - Child directed learning

Homan, Emma. (2020, February 15). Why Free Play Is Crucial For Early Years Children. Retrieved from <https://www.pentagonplay.co.uk/news-and-info/why-free-play-is-crucial-for-early-years-children>

**Feedback**   
is always welcome



To request an appointment online, go to: [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/dentalappointment](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/dentalappointment)  
For clinic locations, go to: [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/findyourclinic](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/findyourclinic)



### First Aid Course at Yankalilla Children's Centre

**FRIDAY 1 MAY 2020  
1230-2PM**

Join us to learn essential family first aid in a relaxed environment.

Perfect for Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers of babies and small children.

Topics covered include: Assessment, Recovery Position, CPR, Drowning and Choking first aid.  
Non-accredited course

## 5 Minute MOVES

### The Floor Is Lava

Short simple activities to get some active minutes in the day.

This is a simple game often lots of fun when surprised on those you intend to play with. Before you do play though, make sure the area you intend to play it in is free from breakables.

To play, one person yells “The floor is lava!” and then starts counting down from five. Every other person must be completely off the ground by the time the counter reaches zero. What, they climb on is up to them, but if any part of them remains on the ground, then they’ll be burnt to a crisp.

Continue the challenge by asking players to reach a certain place without touching the ground. Watch as each player creatively devises a plan for crossing the dangerous lava without burning their toes.

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