



# Kidz Magic - Capestone (Mango Hill)

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## Newsletter September 2019

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to our newest newsletter for September 2019 as we trial a new format that will hopefully be suitable to fit all seven rooms latest updates as well as other important information to share with each of you.

### Office News

The months are ticking by so quickly and I've put together a few updates for our families below:



Have you liked our Facebook page? We aim to post to our page each day sharing the journey and celebrating successes along the way.



Hopefully by now you have each received your invitation to Educa. If you still haven't received this please let me know as Educa have experienced some IT issues that have needed amending for a few families. I hope you've found Educa to support with sharing more of your child's day to day experiences and time within care.



A big thank you to everyone who has been donating some much loved resources. We are still currently seeking the following - magazines, children's books, unwanted sheets to build cubby houses, loose part items such as wood, corks, glass bottles and plants and pots.



Thank you to all the wonderful families who supported our Fathers Day Fundraiser through purchasing some socks. These look great and with 20% coming back to the service we recognise that every little bit helps. A thanks also goes out to everyone for joining in with our Fathers Day visit which was held on the morning of the 30th. It was wonderful to see so many of you and we hope you enjoyed your brekkie.



Please be advised that we are happy to support with the administration of medication for your child provided there is a Dr's label clearly attached and the medication is written up within the rooms medication folder. If your needing assistance with this please see your child's Educators for support.



It's certainly starting to warm up outside again which is wonderful to see. Once we hit the warmer seasons we will start to commence our water play again using the creek bed that was created along the back fence line of our large playground. Ensuring your child has a named hat and at least 3 pairs of spare clothes is always a wonderful idea.



We are close to reaching capacity for our service with our 7 current rooms. A wait list is starting to build for families to pick up additional days or look towards adding siblings for 2020. If your looking to increase your chid's booked days please send me an e-mail and I can place this request down on our wait list.

## Event Calendar - September 2019



### 19 September - Talk Like a Pirate Day





Dress up like a pirate, bring your treasure and help our fundraising for Childhood Cancer Support who has been dedicated to providing families affected by childhood cancer with a place to live that looks and feels like home .

Donations can be made using the following link:

<https://talklikeapirateday.com.au/kidzmagic> this will take you to our centre's fundraising page and you can donate in centre at any time as well as on the day we all dress up.

### Staff on Leave



2- 6 September		Mel Howarth
5, 20 September		Manita Khatiwada
9 - 30 September		Mariela Finnerty
16 - 19 September		Tayebah Habibi



### Rhyme and Song

#### Miss Polly had a Dolly

Miss Polly had a dolly who was sick, sick, sick.  
So she called for the doctor to come quick, quick, quick.

The doctor came with his bag and his hat  
And he knocked on the door with a rat-a-tat-tat.

He looked at the dolly and he shook his head  
And he said "Miss Polly, put her straight to bed!"

He wrote on a paper for some pills, pills, pills  
"I'll be back in the morning with my bill, bill, bill."

Reference:

<https://www.nurseryrhymes.org/miss-polly-had-a-dolly.html>

### All About Sustainability with Miss Laura

Over the last few months we have been working very hard on improving the sustainability of our centre.

Each room has a native tree that they are looking after and our vegetable garden is once again full of beautiful vegetables almost ready to eat. We have been working very hard to help the children understand the importance of plants and letting the grow up before we pick the vegetables.

And in some very exciting news we have be invited to join the Moreton Bay Regional Council's Early Learning Centre Waste Minimization program.

Through this program we will learn how to recycle more efficiently and some more sustainable alternatives we could use in our day to day practice.





# Miss Sammie's Secret Ingredients

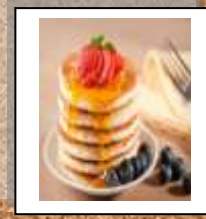
## Healthy Pancakes

### Ingredients:

- ½ Cup Rolled Oats
- ¼ Cup Quick Oats
- 1 ½ Cup Self Raising Flour
- 1 tsp Sugar
- Pinch of Salt
- Enough Milk to make a batter

### Topping:

- Fresh Berries



### Method:

- ❖ Put all dry ingredients into a large bowl and mix them.
- ❖ Add milk slowly until the batter combined well and become a smooth batter.
- ❖ Allow the batter rest for 20 minutes and fry in real butter about a tea spoon per pancake.
- ❖ Serve with fresh berries on the top.

**“ A healthy outside, starts from the inside “**

## Kidz Kitchen Menu

We committed to provide various cultures taste in our food. Food introduction from the early age helps the children to explore their senses of taste and provides some options for the fussy eater.

### Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Seasonal fruit platter	Seasonal fruit platter	Seasonal fruit platter	Seasonal fruit platter	Seasonal fruit platter
<b>Lunch</b>	Japanese curry and rice	Shepard's pie	Fried rice and hoisin chicken	Lasagna	Chow mien and noodles and seasonal vegetables
<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	Banana and cinnamon oat cake	Cacao and coconut slice	Apple hot cakes	Cheese muffins	Pineapple upside down cake

### Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Seasonal fruit platter	Seasonal fruit platter	Seasonal fruit platter	Seasonal fruit platter	Seasonal fruit platter
<b>Lunch</b>	Savoury mince and garlic bread	Meatballs in sour cream sauce and potatoes	Chicken Parmy and salad	Pesto rice and chicken	Korean beef and noodles
<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	Canadian pancakes	Crackers and dips	Honey oat cakes	Cinnamon raisin bread with cream cheese	Cinnamon butter cakes

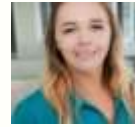
### Week 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Seasonal fruit platter	Seasonal fruit platter	Seasonal fruit platter	Seasonal fruit platter	Seasonal fruit platter
<b>Lunch</b>	Spaghetti bolognaise	Allo gobi	Salmon mac and cheese with salad	Mexican beef + beans	Sausage rolls and samosa scrolls
<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	Chef's herb muffins	Oat and honey griddle cakes + fruit platter	Crackers and dips	Crackers with fruit and yoghurt	Strawberry cheese cakes

### Week 4

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Seasonal fruit platter	Seasonal fruit platter	Seasonal fruit platter	Seasonal fruit platter	Seasonal fruit platter
<b>Lunch</b>	Chicken, spinach and sundried tomatoes creamy bake	Turkish pizza bread and salad	Butter chicken and rice	Fried rice	Pesto pasta with Salmon
<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	Apricot and cinnamon muffins	Honey and banana oat cakes	Raisin bread with cream cheese	Canadian Pancakes	Anzac cookies

\*\* All menu of the day is subject to availability of ingredients



**Staff Profile**

*Charmaine Weston*

Hi Families

I'm the Toddler lead Educator and assitant director I have worked in early childhood education for over 18 years and can honestly say it's always been what I want to do. I live locally and have two amazing children of my own Nevaeh and John who attend Mango Hill State School. Over my years in the industry I have established a play based learning approach and feel that each child can direct their learning through their own interactions with their environment. I have a real passion for arts and sensory experiences and implementing these into the program. I'm an animal lover and in my spare time I make cakes and enjoy learning other languages.

**Our Busy Days**





Moms and Dads Special Moments





### Nursery 1

'Hi to all our families and friends'

It has been a very busy Month. Parents may have noticed we have added to our environment in the Nursery 1/2 area, providing our babies with resources that offer new challenges and opportunities to participate in severely new sensory and musical activities.

The new sustainable musical toy, has given our babies an opportunity to participate in making sounds. Giving their curiosity and imagination a chance to explore and achieve sounds with old saucepans and cooking utensils. We have placed a net across the Nursery 1 ceiling and hang blue and white streamers on it. Wow this has been great for the babies. They love it, and smile when we take them through it and join in the children's playtime.

Also, we have a new coloured tube for the babies to place balls in and watch them roll out. The surprised look on their faces, is amazing, this activity allows the babies to extend on their interest in the coloured balls. It's great fun and all participate with enthusiasm. Once again just a couple of requests please, could parents make sure your child's belongings are clearly marked (Sheets, bottles, cloths, and dummies, if possible).

Looking forward to September

**Miss Yefi, Miss Robyn and Miss Inday**

Educators:



*Miss Yefi, Miss Robyn and Miss Inday*



### Nursery 2

Hello from Nursery 2

We have had a few new children join us this month, welcome to Jesse, Emmy, Manavai and Zora, we hope you enjoy our room and are starting to feel settled.

During the past month we have developed our skills further in several areas by:

- ♥ Planting a small tree in our garden, we will continue to check on its progress.
- ♥ Trying new foods and learning to sit at the table until all of our friends are finished. We have all fallen into a great routine of washing hands before meals.
- ♥ Increasing our language and social skills through books and songs, puppets and dancing.
- ♥ Participating in book week, we shared our favourite stories.
- ♥ Creative arts through finger painting, texta and crayon drawings.

We are all very busy, curious and excited to reach new milestones through simple achievements such as learning to push the trolleys or sitting on the bikes and getting them to move.

For the older children crawling through the tunnel and reaching the other end is a great achievement. A few of our children are using their first words to communicate with us which is wonderful.

As we have lots of new families we would love for you to share a family photo with us for our wall, this gives our children a feeling of belonging and comfort in our room.

Please feel free to make any suggestions for our program and have a chat. Until next month...

**Miss Liz, Miss Manita, Miss Claudia and Miss Inday**

Educators:



*Miss Liz, Miss Manita, Miss Claudia and Miss Inday*





## Toddler

Dear Families

In the toddler room we have been exploring some exciting new experiences. Cooking has been our favourite and over the next few months you will see a weekly cooking experience occur in our room.

In our room we are embracing culture too and the cooking will reflect this. If you have some recipes you would like us to include, please come see one of the team member. Culture is going to be our main focus over the next few months and soon there will be a display in the room that includes our families and where we are from.

If you haven't already sent me a family pic, you can bring one in or email it to me to print. Embedding culture and cultural learning into the program is an important part of creating a sense of belonging for each child.

A few reminders for families:

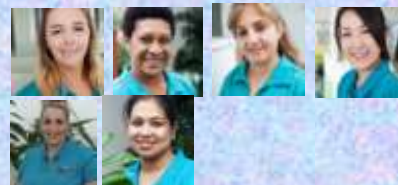
- ♣ Please remember a hat for play
- ♣ Label drink bottles and milk bottles
- ♣ Pack a few changes of clothes and even a shirt for art experiences can get messy

Thank you for all your support, it is amazing to educate and care for your children. We value each and everyone of you and we are always available for questions or concerns.

Thanks

**Miss Charmaine, Miss Sandra, Miss Tabi, Miss Tomomi, Miss Tash and Miss Luna**

Educators:



*Miss Charmaine, Miss Sandra, Miss Tabi, Miss Tomomi, Miss Tash and Miss Luna*



## Senior Toddler 1

Wunya families

This month we have been busy little learners and developing wonderful new skills. We have been thoroughly enjoying our learning wall approach with Miss Sarah.

Each week we have a new letter, phonic, number, song, colour and story. With this repetitive style of learning, the children are grasping and retaining this information brilliantly. Well done my darlings, you should all be so proud of yourselves!

This month also saw the beginning of our Spanish lessons with our amazing amiga Miss Mariela. Friday morning group times are hosted by Miss Mariela and she is exposing to the children simple greeting phrases, colours and songs in Spanish. The children have shown such great interest in this, thank you for sharing your amazing culture with us Miss Mariela.

Miss Dishu and Miss Luna have been focusing on group experiences that focus on art, colour recognition and number recognition. The children love their time doing these and show great pride while bonding with their educators and fellow peers.

Miss Laura has been introducing wonderful gardening experiences with the children through propagating plants, growing seeds and seedlings and caring for our current garden. We can't wait to watch this thrive and grow together. Parents you will notice a large poster on the inside of our front door to the right which has a bubble space with each child's name on it.

We would love your input on what goals you would like to see your child achieve by the end of the year. These can include social goals, skills, emotional goals, physical goals or any thing else you think we could achieve together. Please take the time to think about this and write your thoughts on the wall. Your input is so valuable to put program.

**Miss Sarah, Miss Laura, Miss Dishu, Miss Luna and Miss Mariela**

Educators:



*Miss Sarah, Miss Laura, Miss Dishu, Miss Luna and Miss Mariela*





## Senior Toddler 2

Hello families,

What a spectacular month in senior toddler 2, we have had. This month I have witnessed an over abundance of personal milestones being met by our little friends. I'm so very proud. We have been focusing on phonics, counting, shapes and colors.

We have also incorporated smiley minds meditation into our daily program, which in return has been popular with our little friends. We have also been exploring different cultures weekly by incorporating international cooking and focusing the day around that chosen culture including music, stories, etc

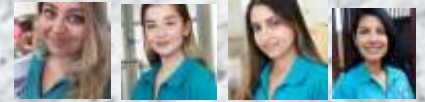
All our friends have shown they are intrigued and process a great curiosity when it comes to learning. We have been focusing on our phonics, counting and shape recognition. Currently we are seeking any donations of:

- ♣ Materials
- ♣ Empty formula tins
- ♣ Empty jars
- ♣ Shaving cream
- ♣ Used boxes
- ♣ Any home corner items, dress ups, old pots, pans, wooden spoons, plastic cups and plates
- ♣ Any old baskets

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact myself or Sophie. May you all have a wonderful month and I look forward to talking to you some more 😊

**Miss Mel, Miss Sophie, Miss Salma and Miss Mariela**

Educators:



*Miss Mel, Miss Sophie, Miss Salma and Miss Mariela*



## Pre- Kindy

Here's an update on a few things going on in the room lately.

Letter recognition – we have been working on letters, sounds and the alphabet in general, well we have been working on this slowly for most of the year. We tend to use a bit of repetition and serve this in a fun, play based setting – because learning IS fun. I have added in name recognition cards with photos to aid children learning what their name looks like in preparation for Kindergarten. I am making just plain name cards for the children to practice and extend on further.

Numeracy – we sing lots of song with numbers and count by fingers. I have purchased tens boards to bring numeracy into the play area, the children have been using stones and crystals to sort and count.

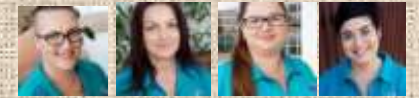
The Arts – We have a fully stocked arts area where the children can take their own paper and pencils off the shelf to draw when they like. We display the artwork in the cupboards at the back of the room and artwork is also placed in the children's portfolios to take home at the end of the year. One thing we love to do is to ask the children to describe what they are painting, building creativity and vocabulary.

Senses – we have worked hard to bring in new resources to the room that not only look pleasing but feel wonderful. We have plants, fur, crystals, stones, linen, wool, wood and lots of natural resources that the children can bring to the tables and engage in. We love how the children are touching and seeing these activities and move towards them to play with.

Where to from here – I want to be trying something new, which I haven't done in an educational setting before, and that is to create a seasonal table. Our first stone will be based on Spring. I am asking families to bring in natural objects with their children that remind them of Spring to be placed on the table with love and reverence. This table will be used for learning during Group Times, to aid in discussion and bring your input in. We have started reading stories pertaining to seasons and extending to the cycle of the year. The table will be Halloween, then Summer, then Christmas. ☺

We will continue to work on numbers, letters and most importantly continue to have fun! Have feedback or need a chat? Give **Tahlia, Irena or I(Amy)** to call or stop us in the yard

Educators:



*Miss Amy, Miss Irena, Miss Tahlia and Miss Nita*





## Kindy

Wunya families,

Over the last few months in Kindergarten has been full of amazing learning and exploration. I have settled into the centre and I have enjoyed getting to know all children and families. We welcome a few new children: Archie, Aurora, Kiona, Landon and Owen.

Kindergarten have been learning a different letter each week and all activities, indoor, outdoor, craft and group times have been planned around each focus letter. So far we have learnt all about letter S,A,T,P,I and now we are up to letter N. Next week we are focusing on letter C and K.

The children and teachers have really enjoyed our new Kindy room with our new room changes. Including new resources and furniture. Home corner has been a strong interest therefore we have made this area of play bigger for the children to continue to role play, dress up and care for the babies.

Our show and share has been going really well. We have been doing this every day at 1.45-2.15pm. Show and share is a great way to boost their self esteem, confidence, language through discussions and answering questions. Please check our show and share roster in the room to check your child's day and letter of the week focus.

Thank you for all your milk bottles for the igloo. We did attempt building it unfortunately it broke. Therefore we have continued to collect milk bottles since then and researched how to make it strong. We are ready to give it another try using masking tape.

Thank you for all your parent input about your family culture background. We can now use this information to embed different languages, songs, stories and learn about the world and where we are all from. We love parent input and if you would like to come into Kindergarten and teach us songs, cooking or read us stories.

**Miss Cathy, Miss Ailish, Miss Chrystel and Miss Nita**

Educators:



*Miss Cathy, Miss Ailish, Miss Chrystel and Miss Nita*



## Extra For The Kids



### Fun Soccer for Boys and Girls

To find more information about Ginger Sport, please visit their website [INFO@GINGERSPORT.COM.AU](mailto:INFO@GINGERSPORT.COM.AU) or give them a call on 07 3890 3338.

As always, if you have any concerns, queries or suggestions about anything that involves your child or Kidz Magic, please do not hesitate to contact either myself, the room leaders or any of our wonderful educators.

I hope you all have a wonderful month ahead.

### **Hayley Le**

Centre Manager

Kidz Magic – Capestone

