



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We asked, we listened....

The most common feedback received is to improve communication and real-time access to your child's day. We are very excited to let you know that over the next couple of months we will be transitioning to OWINA. A Childcare APP which is a CCSS approved software provider allowing us to better meet your needs. OWINA is an effective parent communication app which gives you real time access to your child's data, allows you to view images/videos in real time. It is a great feedback tool, featuring up-to-date event calendar and loads more features.

We are busily setting up the system in the background and will provide updates of our progress in each newsletter to keep you informed of how the transition is progressing. We will also continue to provide updates via our social media group throughout the transition to help you become familiar with all the great features that will be available once we go live.

This will mean that we will transition from QK and My family lounge when needed.



REMINDERS

All Services

Be sun safe in the holidays

Covid Safe QR Codes are available at the centres

Vacation care

Vacation care needs to be booked in advance – please book now via 'Myfamily Lounge' App

DO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SNOWMAN?

With Christmas coming closer, the children at OOSH have really been getting in the spirit! After the OOSH Christmas Tree appeared, the educators worked with the children to create our own decorations.

We then got to work building some snowmen out of wooden disks and painting them white. Once dried, the children used their creativity to build their perfect snowman, complete with beads for buttons, pipe cleaners for noses and googly eyes finishing them off!

This was a great way for the children to build social skills as well as develop an understanding of the similarities and differences between home cultures and the various ways people celebrate Christmas.



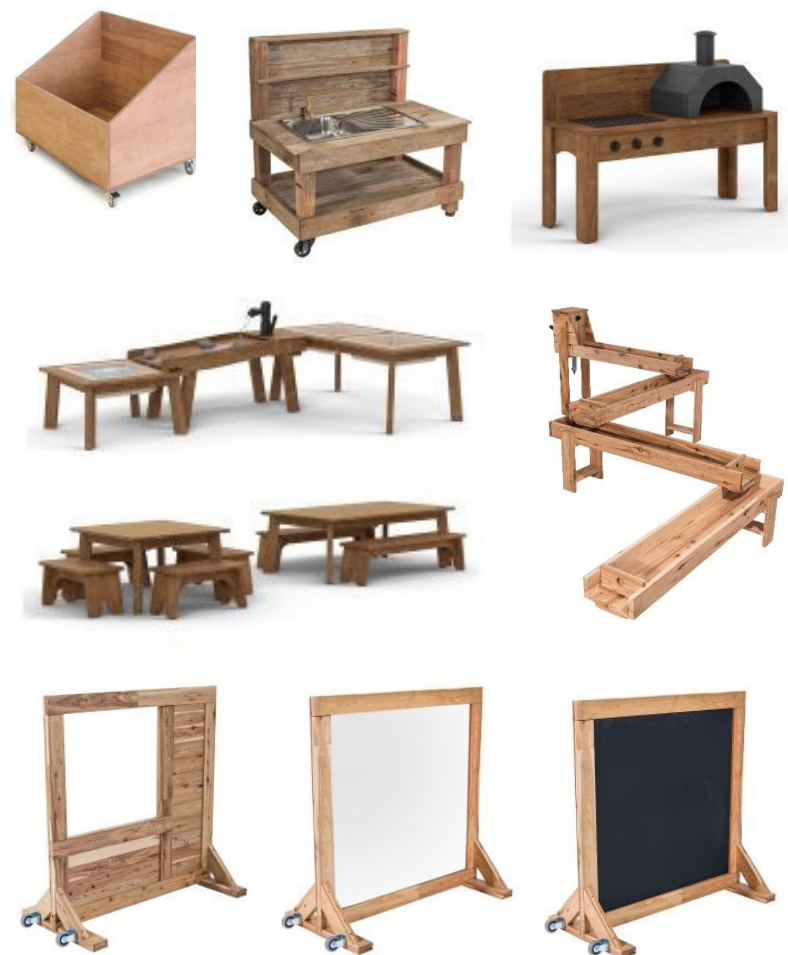
2020 QUALITY LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS GRANT SUCCESS

Colleen Gale is receiving a grant for \$13,177 to further enhance its outdoor playground area.

The Enhanced Natural Environment Play Space will provide a range of outdoor timber resources, including but not limited to a shop, kitchen, pizza oven, carpentry benches, cascading canals, picnic tables, river bed table and hand pump.

These will improve the environment further offering unique and flexible learning spaces for the children to interact with, encouraging them to become lifelong self-directed learners.

Play spaces in natural environments of this kind invite open-ended interactions, spontaneity, risk-taking, exploration, discovery and connection with nature. They foster appreciation of the natural environment, develop environmental awareness and provide a platform for ongoing environmental education.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

As this will be our final newsletter for 2020, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a wonderful holiday period. We thank you all very much for all of your patience and understanding through what has been a challenging year for everyone. We thank you for the opportunity to work with you and your children during their formative years and pass on our very best wishes to families who are leaving our early childhood services for the year ahead. Stay safe, relax, recharge and we look forward to seeing you in 2021.



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2021 ENROLMENTS OPEN ALL SERVICES

- All current enrolments will roll over as is, if you would like to make changes to your enrolment please do so through "My Family Lounge."
- Accounts may be in Spam/Junk email as 'webreports.'
- All accounts should be in credit – please ensure outstanding monies are paid by 23 December 2020.
- Please transition to Direct Debit as the preferred payment method, this will help avoid suspension/cancellation of care due to outstanding fees.
- 2 Week notification periods apply to all accounts. If you are not returning in 2021, please notify in writing NOW.

CHILDCARE CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

CLOSED 24 December to 3 January

RE-OPEN 4 January



Sushi Rice Balls

Ingredients

Sushi rice, rinsed, drained	1 Cup
Frozen peas, corn and capsicum	1/2 Cup
Sliced ham, finely chopped	60g
Green onions, thinly sliced	2
Sushi seasoning	1/2 Cup
Salt reduced soy, to serve	

Method

1. Cook rice following packet directions. Transfer to a large bowl.
2. Meanwhile, place frozen vegetables in a heatproof bowl. Cover with boiling water. Stand for 2 minutes. Drain. Refresh under cold water.
3. Add vegetables, ham, onion and seasoning to rice. Stir until well combined. Spread over a large tray lined with baking paper. Set aside to cool.
4. Using damp hands, roll level tablespoons of rice mixture into balls. Place on a tray lined with baking paper. Serve with soy sauce.



Recipes
from the
kitchen

