



If you have any children's socks at home, you're not using, or your child has grown out may we have them please for our Evacuation bin.

We are also looking for a baby monitor if anyone is getting rid of theirs it could be reused here 😊

HAPPY BIRTHDAY RITA!



All the team would like to send a big happy birthday to Rita as she turns 95 years old.

Rita is the Co-founder of Marjorie Mann.

FEBRUARY
Orientation policy
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Health & Safe Policy
Record keeping and retention policy

What's being celebrated this month:

6th Waitangi Day

21st Mother language Day

Call out for any families who have books in their home language to bring them in so we can share them with each other. You can even come and read for us if you want



Raspberry Cupcakes:

(Requested by a family for the recipe from Veronique)

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour**
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder**
- 1/4 teaspoon salt**
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened**
- 1 cup granulated sugar**
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature**
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract**
- 1/2 cup buttermilk (or milk with 1 teaspoon lemon juice added)**
- 1 cup frozen raspberries**

Prepare the cake:

Step 1: Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C). Line a cupcake/muffin tin with paper liners.

Step 2: In a medium bowl, whisk together the all-purpose flour, baking powder, and salt.

Step 3: In a large mixing bowl, cream together the softened butter and granulated sugar until light and fluffy.

Step 4: Beat in the eggs one at a time, followed by the pure vanilla extract.

Step 5: Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients, alternating with the buttermilk, mixing until just combined.

Add the next round of dry ingredients before the first is fully incorporated. It will help prevent over-mixing.

Step 6: Gently fold in the frozen raspberries into the cupcake batter, being careful not to overmix.

Step 7: Fill each cupcake liner about two-thirds full with the cupcake batter.

Step 8: Bake the cupcakes in the preheated oven for 18 to 20 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the centre of a cupcake comes out clean.

Step 9: Remove the cupcakes from the oven and let them cool in the pan for a few minutes before transferring them to a wire rack to cool completely.

Note from the Director Shelley:

Dear Families,

A warm welcome to all our new families, and to our returning families—thank you for being such an important part of our Marjorie Mann Lawley Daycare Centre community. We are excited to begin another year of growth, learning, and connection together!

At Marjorie Mann, we pride ourselves on the strong relationships we've built with the children, families, and community over the years. Our centre is rich with history, and we are committed to continuing the incredible work established by our co-founders, especially Rita, who is the heart of our community. In fact, next week, we'll be opening our hallway as an art gallery in her honor, showcasing the creativity and talent of our children. Rita will be officially opening the gallery on Friday, though we'll keep it a low-key event, as Rita, at 95, finds large gatherings overwhelming. It's a small but meaningful way for us to celebrate her contributions and share the history of our beloved centre.

This year, we are deeply committed to enhancing communication and transparency with all our families. We welcome your feedback and want to ensure we're always improving to meet the needs of our community. To kick things off, we're hosting a **Meet and Greet** event for all families on **15th March from 9-11am**. This event was inspired by the wonderful feedback we received from the end-of-year party survey, and it will be a great opportunity for new families to connect with one another and for us to foster a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

As always, we will continue to develop your children in ways that set them up for success. We are focused on providing them with agency to explore, take risks, and challenge themselves within our beautiful environments, all while building strong, respectful relationships with our educators. Our play-based, Reggio-inspired philosophy remains central to our approach, with a continued focus on sustainability honoring Marjorie Mann herself and her beliefs all those years ago

And here's some exciting news— we are in the final stages of upgrading our website, so stay tuned for that launch!

I'm truly excited for what's ahead, and I look forward to another amazing year of working together to provide the best possible outcomes for your children.

Also, if you are unaware of our history head to the website and find out how Marjorie Mann was founded back in the 1960's



For Lunar New Year, we explored it across all the rooms.

Babies- Explore sensory making their own red playdough

Toddlers- Lunar New Year Sensory Exploration the children had the opportunity to engage with red playdough, colored rice, and pop sticks set up on a sensory table. Red, the predominant color for the holiday, was highlighted as a symbol of good fortune, and rice was used to represent wealth

Kindy 2-Created a dragon as a group project.

Kindy 1- Castor shared the traditions with the children and they explore the red envelop designs and language.



REMINDER

* Please provide a wet bag for your child every day they attend.

* We have a limited amount of Wet Bags that you can buy from us for \$25.00 each, which will be billed to your account. Please see office staff if you would like one.

Please make sure you have something suitable for your child/children for us to use.

* A reminder to please provide several changes of spare clothes for your children throughout the day. They may need spare clothing if they get wet in the garden, if weather goes from cool to hot or hot to cool, and especially when toilet training.

*Wash or sanitise your child/children's hands on arrival and departure

* We can't administer over the counter medication without a prescription

* If you would like a birthday cake for your child email the office a week before so an order can be put in with the cook.

*Please don't allow your child to bring in any food with them to Day care, we have several children with high allergies.

*Please apply suncream prior to drop off in the morning.

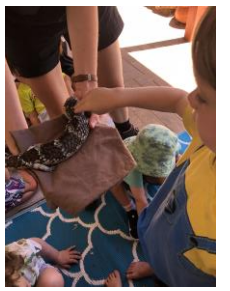
If you provide your own sunscreen because the centre's causes skin issues for your child, you must provide a MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet) from the company before we can use your one. Please email MSDS to officeadmin@marjoriemann.org.au.

*Please don't let anyone in the gate with you on arrival and departure unless you know they are a family here. Ask them to ring the buzzer so we can be aware, and we can stay with them whilst they are on the premises.

*Babies room, introduction to solids please remember to circle the new food you try at home so we can provide your child with more variety.

*Opening time is 7:15 and closing time is 6PM- policy states if you are after that is \$15 for the first 15minutes

Incursion of Australian animals



On Wednesday 29th January, we had a special visit from Hannah from West Oz Wildlife where we got to meet and even touch some Australian animals.

We got to meet Nutella the koala, Willow the python, Ninja (a desert snake), Toothless the bobtail and Flossy the sugar glider. It was lots of fun and a great hands-on learning experience for everyone.

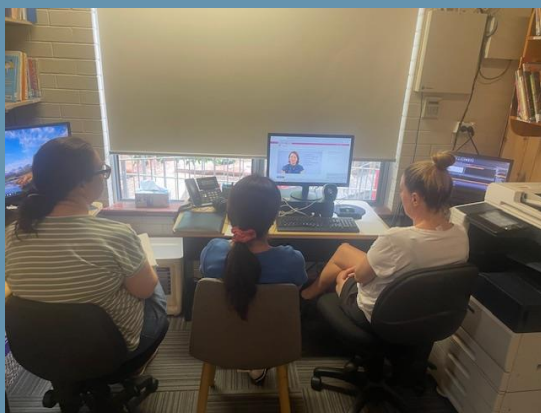
What have the staff been up to this month:



After completing a survey about wellbeing, and goals, we worked in groups to brainstorm the common themes coming through and how we can achieve these goals and what it looks like for us as a team.



To kick start our wellbeing journey of 2025, we had Ryan from Perth Sports Chiro come in. Ryan spoke to us about prevention and care for our backs with all our bending and lifting. Creating this partnership has also given us the added benefit of a discount rate with them.



Educators started with their attachment training

Staffing Reminders

For all our new families who will be joining us this month, so you know who will be looking after your child/children.

Shelley – Director and Educational Leader

Eloise – Curriculum Leader

Jenna- Mentor Coach

Babies Room

Susan – Room Leader

Alicia

Sunila

Eileen

Toddlers Room

Angela – Room Leader

Noel

Richell

Erika

Kindy 2

Eva

Somchan

Cassy

Kindy 1

Stacey – ECT and Room leader

Donna R

Caster

Our Support Workers

Sarah Shiwei Linda Bhavani Aleesha Steph
Caroline

Our support workers work in all rooms. Have a look at the staff photo board in the foyer each day and you can see who is looking after your child/children.

Cook

Veronique

Goodbye: Maddie has decided to leave us to work closer to her new home, we wish her all the best for her next adventure and her new home.

Upcoming for the team...

Team Leaders; Mental Health First Aid

All Educators: Attachment Training

13th Team Leader Meeting

18th Staff Meeting Assessment and Rating Prep.

22nd Team Bonding Activity