

# POSSUM POST

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## iCheck-In

Little Possums is excited to introduce the iCheck-In process this week .

You may have noticed an iPad on the front desk in a silver case. This will allow you to electronically mark your children as 'In' and 'out' with just a PIN. When you first use the system it will ask for your mobile number, then a security PIN will be sent to your phone. With this PIN you will be able to access your child/rens enrolment and sign them in.

Each authorised parent, guardian or friend listed on your enrolment will have the ability to generate a PIN with their mobile number (or landline). This may be a good time to check that your list of caregivers is up-to-date!

This system ensures accurate records of arrival and departure times are recorded and also increases the sustainability of our centre by removing the need for paper based forms and double handling of information.

If you have any queries on this system please do not hesitate to contact one of our team leaders.

## A note from the Director

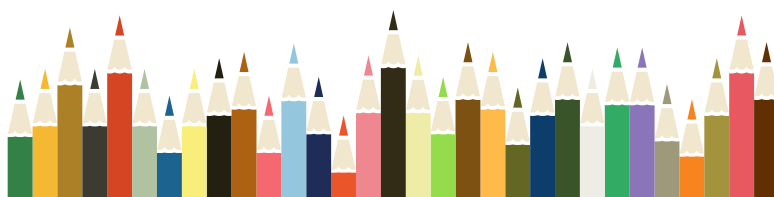
### *Starting Fresh*

Hello to all the Possums Families! I am excited to share our first Newsletter for 2019 and indeed the first one where I have been in place as the Nominated Supervisor. I am absolutely thrilled to be back in my hometown of Warren and look forward to meeting you all. As you are all aware there have been some substantial changes with programs, staff and rostering at Little Possums. The full effect of this will come into play this week.



I would like to assure everyone that these changes have been made with the best interests of the children front of mind. If you have any concerns or would like to contribute further to your child's learning please don't hesitate to contact myself or one of the Educators here at Little Possums.

Kindest regards, Roz Darcy *Nominated Supervisor*



## Zucchini Slice

This is one of the easiest recipes you will ever find! Perfect for lunch box fillers or afternoon tea it is ready in a flash with cheap and easy to find ingredients.



375g Zucchini

1 large brown onion

3 rashers of bacon (rind removed)

1 cup grated cheddar cheese (or whatever is in the fridge)

1 cup self-raising flour

1/2 oil (vegetable will be fine)

5 eggs

Salt & pepper

Method

Grate unpeeled zucchini coarsely, finely chop bacon and onion. Lightly beat eggs in a bowl and then add zucchini, onion, bacon, cheese, sifted flour, oil and season with salt and pepper. Pour into a well greased lamination tin (base measures 16cm x 26cm), bake in moderate oven for 30 - 40 minutes or until browned. Serve warm or cold.

This recipe also freezes well.



## Brushtail Babies

Hello Brushtail Possum Families new and returning! We would like to introduce you to the dedicated educators that will be teaching and nurturing your children this year. Miss Shantana (Brouff) and Miss Deb (Parry) will be sharing the role of lead educators and are supported by Jo and Yasmin as assistants in our room. This year in the Brushtails we will look forward to watching your children grow and reach their developmental milestones and become independent learners. We believe play is an integral part of children learning and development and your child will be given choices, responsibilities and opportunities to initiate their own learning. We provide play-based experiences daily to ensure we give our little ones lots of different ways to learn, develop and grow. We understand that play based learning builds confidence, develops language, communication and motor skills. We acknowledge that play helps babies feel happy and safe. We would like to invite you to have input to our program and welcome any suggestions on the daily practice and program of the room. Please feel free to discuss with one of our team members at any time.

Kind regards, Deb & Shantana x



## Sugarglider Juniors

Hi There! Please let me introduce you to our Sugar Glider team. I am Miss Jodi and will be the lead educator in the Junior room, I currently hold my certificate III in Children's Services and am working towards completing my Diploma and hope to have that finished early this year. In the Junior room I will be assisted by Miss Brady who has joined our team as a trainee and is currently working towards her certificate III in children services.



Throughout the year we will endeavour to guide your children on their developmental journey encouraging their independence and social growth.

We believe that a fun filled, happy environment helps your children feel nurtured and secure. Sometimes this may seem like a whole lot of mess and craziness when you enter the room, please do not be alarmed . We believe in play based learning and will nurture your child's journey through activities exploring the great outdoors and beyond.

We welcome parental input and invite you to come into our room at any time and participate in your child's learning. Please don't hesitate to drop in for a chat anytime.

Look forward to seeing you all!

Jodi x

### Whats on in Warren?

**Golden Ibis Shoot**  
9/3 - 10/3/19

**Central West Riding Club**  
**Championships**  
30/3 - 31/3/19

**Back to Warren weekend**  
30/3 - 31/3/19

**Golden Fleece Races**  
30/3/19

**Warren Community Triathlon**  
31/3/19



## Have you liked us on Facebook?

We have found that facebook has been a fantastic and easy way to communicate with families about what is happening at Little Possums and what events are coming up. We would love and so much appreciate you to head over to our page and provide us with some feedback and a rating of our centre.





## Welcome Jemma!



We are super excited to announce that this week Jemma Rolfe will join the team at Little Possums.

Jemma will take off from where Miss Sue left and be assisting Emmanuel with our Preschool Program.

Jemma has a background in law and conveyancing, however she has made the decision to change careers and has commenced study in early childhood. A big change for Jemma and we look forward to supporting her passion for education and early childhood development.

Jemma spent much of her childhood in Warren but has recently been living in Nyngan. Jemma has family locally and in her spare time loves to hang out with her nieces and nephews.

Welcome to the team Jem! x



## Honey Possums Preschool

Hello to our Dear Families,

Our preschoolers have been settling well in the room with their new friends and educators. One of our goals this year is for the children to be responsible and develop self-help skills and be independent. Taking care of their own belongings and developing a real sense of belonging and caring for their room and their friends.

Each child has a locker and we will have their name on that locker, we will also have placecards with each child's photo and name on it as well. These initiatives will assist in the children's ability to recognise and write their own names.

We will be introducing 'Jolly Phonics' into our daily literacy program and have lots of cognitive and problem-solving activities incorporated into our daily program to further develop social skills and ensure readiness for life. We welcome inputs from you all and look forward to making this year fun and productive together.

Thankyou, Emmanuel

