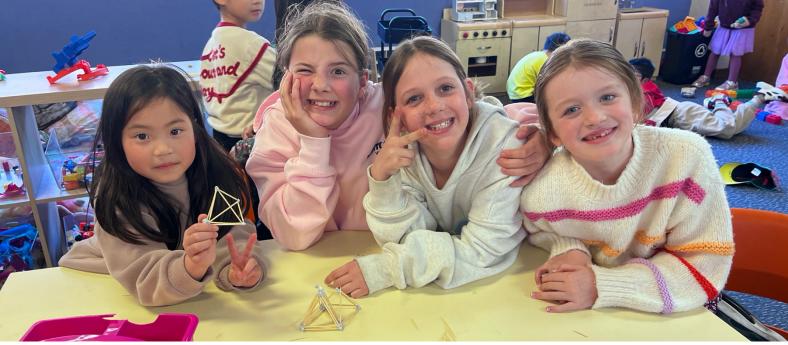
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What's been happening...

Dodgeball Fever Hits After School Care!

This term, dodgeball has officially taken over our afternoons! The kids just can't get enough. Every day we hear the same enthusiastic request 'Can we play dodgeball again today'. Whether it's a classic team game or an epic Educator vs All Kids showdown (yes, we've been brave!), dodgeball has become the ultimate favourite.

Beyond the fun, it's been a great way for the kids to stay active, work as a team, and practice good sportsmanship. We love seeing their energy, excitement, and creative tactics, especially when they're plotting how to take down the educators!

We're always exploring new activities, but it's clear, dodgeball has our kids hearts this term.





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After School Challenges

Friday Trivia Fun!

Our Friday afternoons have become a highlight of the week thanks to **Trivia Time!** Each week, we dive into a different theme. So far we've tackled **Geography**, **Disney**, and **Movies**, with many more exciting topics on the way. The kids love teaming up, showing off their knowledge, and sometimes even surprising us with just how much they know!

It's been a great way to wind down the week with some laughs, friendly competition, and a little bit of learning along the way.

While we're busy counting up scores and announcing our trivia champs, we often keep the energy going with a **Bingo Tournament**, giving everyone a chance to win (and shout BINGO! at the top of their lungs).







Club News

Sydney FC and Reptile Activities

This term, our **Sydney FC program** has had a fresh update—and it's been a huge hit with the kids! The sessions are now more tailored to different age groups, allowing everyone to develop their skills at their own pace and have even more fun.

Over the past three weeks, the focus has been on our **junior players**, and they've absolutely thrived. With games and drills suited to their level, they've been more engaged, more confident, and definitely more excited, not to mention relieved they're not getting outplayed by the seniors anymore!

Our **Reptile Extra-Curricular Activity** on Thursdays has been a big hit this term! Over the past 2 weeks, the kids have been diving into the fascinating world of reptiles, learning all about **turtles**, **lizards**, and **snakes**.

Each session has been hands-on and full of interesting facts, with the kids getting up close (and sometimes even touching!) these amazing creatures. It's been a fantastic opportunity to explore the natural world and spark curiosity about wildlife.

Next week, we'll be focusing on the stars of the show—snakes! The kids are already buzzing with excitement (and a few nervous giggles) as they prepare to meet and learn all about these slithery friends.

It's been an unforgettable experience so far, and we can't wait to see what new things we discover in the final sessions!

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Quality Area Reflection

Quality Area 1

This term, our main focus has been on creating a program that **truly meets the needs of every child**. We know that every afternoon looks different for different kids—some want to run and play, some want to create, and others just need a bit of quiet after a long school day.

We're doing our best to make sure there's always something for everyone:

- Art & Craft For those who love to express themselves creatively, we have a new art activity each day.
- Sport & Active Play Whether it's dodgeball or another outdoor game, we make sure there's space to burn off energy and have fun together.
- Quiet Corner A calm area is always available for kids who want to read, do homework, draw quietly, or simply take a moment to themselves.

We're constantly learning, listening, and adjusting to make our afternoons more inclusive, balanced, and enjoyable and we really appreciate the support and feedback from our community as we grow.

Recipe

Chocolate Crackle

- 4 cups Kellogg's® Rice Bubbles®
- 1 cup icing sugar
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 250g copha®*, chopped
- 3 Tbsp cocoa

DIRECTIONS

- 1. In a large bowl, mix the Kellogg's® Rice Bubbles®, icing sugar, cocoa & coconut.
- 2. Slowly melt the copha® in a saucepan over a low heat. Allow to cool slightly. Add to Rice Bubbles mixture, stirring until well combined.
- 3. Spoon mixture into paper patty cases and refrigerate until firm.



Coordinator Corner

Just a quick reminder to please ensure your **bookings are up to date** in Kidsoft. This helps us plan our days effectively and ensures we have the **right number of staff on site** to keep everything running smoothly and safely.

If your child won't be attending a booked session, please make sure to **mark the absence on Kidsoft** as early as possible. Alternatively, you're welcome to **email us or send a text** to let us know.

This not only helps with planning, but also avoids the \$20 non-notified absence fee.

We really appreciate your support in helping us provide the best care possible for your children!