



THE NSEYC BUZZ

The Official Newsletter of the Northern Schools Early Years Cluster



Season's Greetings from the NSEYC team

'Thank you' from our CEO

2021 has certainly been another rollercoaster year for the children, families and staff of the NSEYC! We've had lots of great things happening, like our facility upgrades, new builds, and new programs for our children. We've also dealt with yet more COVID-19 restrictions, and our kindergarten teams have risen to the challenge once again - making sure that children continued to access high quality learning experiences from home.

On behalf of the NSEYC, I would like to thank all of our children, families, staff and partners for a wonderful year. To those children continuing on to school, we wish you all the very best for the next stage of your learning journey; and to those moving into 4 year old kindergarten, we look forward to seeing you again next year. Please stay safe, and enjoy the summer holidays!



Sigi Hyett,
Chief Executive
Officer

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GETTING READY FOR 2022

Tips for preparing for school over the summer holidays

Starting school is an exciting step, but it can be a bit scary too! If your child is starting school in 2022, there are lots of things you can do to help them prepare over the summer holidays. You can:

- Show your child where the school is and talk about how you will get there.
- Arrange play times with other families whose children will be going to the same school. It helps if your child knows another child at their school at the start of prep.
- Practise the things your child will need to do to get ready for school (e.g. putting things in their bag, remembering to take a hat).
- Confirm your before or after school care arrangements and explain these to your child.
- Be positive about starting school and enjoy your child's excitement.
- Visit your local library and read books with your child about starting school.

Also, make sure you share your child's Transition Learning and Development Statement with their primary school teacher (if it hasn't already been shared by the kindergarten teacher), as this has lots of information that will help them settle in and continue their learning at school!



Transitioning from 3 year old to 4 year old kindergarten

If your child attended a 3-year-old kindergarten program and is moving into the 4-year-program at the same service, it is likely they already know their new teachers and are familiar with the environment. Your child's current and new teacher will work together with you to plan for your child's learning next year.

You can talk to your child about what to expect next year - including that they will attend kindergarten for 3 days per week instead of 1, and that they may be in a different room, maybe with different educators.

Make sure you attend the interview and orientation at the start of the year to help your child's new teacher get to know you and your family - especially if you don't already know the teacher from this year.

Above all, be positive about the change and help your child to be excited too!



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and Glenroy Memorial Preschool**
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News from our kindergartens...

We have 3 new services opening in 2022!

The NSEYC is expanding!

We are pleased to be opening two new kindergartens in 2022:

- Holy Child Kindergarten located at Holy Child Primary School in Dallas
- Rothschild Road Kindergarten located at Willowbank Primary School in Gisborne.

Enrolments are open for 3 and 4-year-old kindergarten - call our office on 9306 1662 for more information and assistance to enrol.

We are also opening a brand new education and care service **Glenroy Hub Children's Centre**, located at the Glenroy Community Hub currently under construction (and nearing completion!)

We'll be offering long day care for children from 6 weeks to 6 years of age, with two years of integrated kindergarten for 3 and 4 year old children.

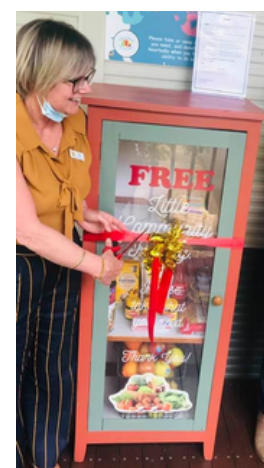
Registrations are now open for 2022 via Moreland City Council's [online registration form](#) or by emailing centralenrolments@moreland.vic.gov.au

New Community Pantry at Lorne Street Kindergarten

Congratulations to the Lorne Street kindergarten team on the establishment of their community pantry, which was officially opened during Term 4!

The community pantry aims to support local families who may be experiencing hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic by providing staple food items. Contributions from the community and local businesses are very welcome!

Well done to Suchana, Katie, Cathy, Tahli and Nick for this wonderful initiative.



Official opening of Rothschild Road Kindergarten in Gisborne



We were thrilled to have Mary-Anne Thomas MP, Member for Macedon, officially open our beautiful new Rothschild Road Kindergarten at Willowbank Primary School in Gisborne recently. There was a lot of excitement amongst families (and our team!) as they toured the space and imagined all of the learning opportunities it will help to provide for children from next year! We are super proud to be able to offer our high-quality early learning programs from such a stunning facility! Thank you to Mary-Anne Thomas and everyone who came all along to help make the opening such an exciting and special occasion.



Meet the team at our Dallas and Upfield kinders!

Our Dallas and Upfield Kindergartens are located at Dallas Brooks Community Primary School and offer wonderful learning opportunities for children - including an Arabic language program.

Meet the early childhood teachers leading the programs...



**Asli Mert,
4yo teacher
at Dallas
Kindergarten**

I was born and raised in Istanbul, Turkey and I came to Australia in March, 2019 with my family. I have a son who is 8 years old and goes to primary school.

I have been working with children from 2 to 6 for 13 years in both local and international schools as a preschool teacher overseas and I also worked as a centre director for 3 years. I have worked as an Early Childhood Teacher for 3 years in Australia and I truly enjoy the experience. I am passionate about watching the children learn and develop throughout the year and following their interests during their learning journey. I strongly believe in open communication and use it a lot in the room with the children.

I love being outdoors and exploring the city in my free time. I think the time spent with our families is very important so I always encourage children to share the happy moments and memories of their weekends with their peers.

I completed my Bachelor in Early Childhood Education in Istanbul. I believe I am still learning something new each day and will continue to grow with the children of Dallas Kindergarten.



**Elham
Ghalayini,
4yo teacher
at Upfield
Kindergarten**

Hello! Salam Alaykum ☺
My name is Elham Ghalayini but children call me Elle or Elley and my background is Lebanese, Arabic speaking. I am the 4-year-old teacher at Upfield Kindergarten located at Dallas Brooks Community Primary School.

I have been an early childhood teacher for nearly 14 years and love what I do. I have a passion for collaborating with children and families, inspiring children to learn through play.

I believe children learn through fun, exciting play-based experiences that challenge children to think, communicate and explore. As their teacher I am there to support, strengthen and work with children and families to achieve goals and simply have fun as we learn together.

Away from educating children I am a massive sports fan and love attending the footy (Go Essendon!) I also love being an aunty to six cheeky nephew and nieces.

I look forward to meeting my new friends each and every year and can't wait to meet you too
See you soon Ma Salama



**Alison Fraser,
4yo teacher
at Dallas
Kindergarten**

I grew up on a farm near a small town called Boolarra, on Gunaikurnai land. I now live in Pascoe Vale on Wurundjeri land with my wonderful partner Raymil, who is from Cuba and who moved to Australia over 10 years ago. I also have two teenage children Willow and Eleanor, a cheeky dog called Waffles and a rescue cat, Bobby. On weekends I encourage the family to escape Melbourne's hustle and bustle and explore nature, something I value and try to instil in my children.

I have been working in the early childhood sector since 2004 and I love that there is always more to learn. I believe in the power of play and trust that children are capable individuals who have the ability to create their own meaningful learning experiences.

I am very enthusiastic about promoting equity for all families and respecting everyone's right to express their individual thoughts and feelings. I provide, in consultation with families and colleagues, a safe and high quality play-based early childhood education and care curriculum that supports and promotes the learning and development of each child.

Our kindergarten facility upgrades are nearly complete!

Our new 3-year-old kinder rooms and outdoor play spaces will be ready for children in 2022

Thanks to the Victorian Government's Building Blocks grants, by 2022, every single one of our kindergarten facilities will have had an expansion or an upgrade - either to their interior, their outdoor play space, or both.

We wish to thank our children, families and kindergarten teams for their patience and flexibility during the construction process, as well as our primary school partners for allowing us to use their playgrounds and facilities! As a bonus, this has provided a great opportunity for children to get to know the school environment.

Our children and teams are excited to see the improved facilities taking shape, so we thought we would share a few photos of the process.

New walls under construction at Moreland and Will Will Rook



Transforming the outdoor play spaces at Upfield and Lorne Street



New sand pit at Dallas Kindergarten



New play structure at Belle Vue Park Kindergarten





Wellbeing support for children at the NSEYC

The NSEYC places a high priority on children's wellbeing, including their social and emotional development. That's why in 2022 we are establishing a new Wellbeing team to work across all of our services and support children and families that may be experiencing vulnerability.

In 2021 we introduced the Access to Early Learning (AEL) Program for our kindergarten services, which provided additional support for 3 and 4-year-old children experiencing vulnerability to access a kindergarten program. Our AEL Facilitator, Leonie Bourke, has been working with many of our kindergarten families and teams to ensure that children can access kindergarten on a regular basis and receive the support they need to learn and develop - both at kindergarten and at home. Leonie has formed caring and supportive relationships with children, families and educators alike, and has become an integral part of the NSEYC team.

In 2022 Leonie will transition to a new role as our Family Support Worker within the Wellbeing team, and will continue her work to support children and families experiencing vulnerability across all of our services as part of our broader Wellbeing program.

Thank you for all that you do for our children and families Leonie!



Leonie (centre) with Linda and Sigi from the Management team, and teachers Ilham and Michelle



Leonie with a child in the AEL Program

OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES

- **Belle Vue Park Kindergarten** (located at Belle Vue Park Primary School)
 - **Bethal Kindergarten** (located at Bethal Primary School, Meadow Heights)
 - **Broadmeadows Preschool** (located at Broadmeadows Primary School)
 - **Dallas and Upfield Kindergartens** (located at Dallas Brooks Community Primary School)
 - **Glenroy Central Kindergarten** (located at Glenroy Central Kindergarten)
 - **Glenroy Hub Children's Centre** (located at Glenroy Community Hub)
 - Holy Child Kindergarten (located at Holy Child Primary School, Dallas)
 - **Lorne Street Kindergarten** (located at Fawkner Primary School)
 - **Meadows Kindergarten** (located at Meadows Primary School)
 - **Moreland Kindergarten** (located at Moreland Primary School)
 - **Rothschild Road Kindergarten** (located at Willowbank Primary School, Gisborne)
 - **Will Will Rook Preschool** (located near Glenroy Central Primary School)
 - **York Street Kindergarten** (located at Glenroy West Primary School)
- Call us on 9306 1662 to enrol!**