



Families and Children's Newsletter

June 2023

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Monday – Friday 7:00am – 6:00pm

Upcoming Events for June 2023

1st of June: **Global Day of Parents**

3rd of June: **Butterfly Education and Awareness Day (BEAD)**

5th of June: **Work Environmental Day**

8th of June: **World Ocean Day**

National Buddy Day

15th of June: **National Vegemite Day**

18th of June: **National Sushi Day**

International Picnic Day

21st of June: **International Day of Yoga**

29th of June: **Eid al-Adha**

Mother's Day Morning Tea

The service hosted a Mother's Day morning tea on Friday the 12th of May to celebrate all the special people in our children's lives. A table was setup near the entrance in the foyer with morning tea provided such as croissants, cupcakes, biscuits and fresh fruit. We hope everyone enjoyed the morning tea and had a very Happy Mother's Day.



Family Participation

The service invites families to come in and share their talents and interests with the children and educators for example, reading their child's favourite storybook to the group, playing a musical instrument, teaching the children to count from 1 to 10 in another language, singing, gardening, cooking etc. However, please ensure you have a current volunteer or employee working with children's card.



Donations Needed

The service would really appreciate if families would donate small, clean, cardboard boxes for the children to use for art and craft experiences such as cereal boxes, and cracker boxes.

The service would also like scrap paper that the children can use for drawing.



Menu Feedback

The Winter Menu will be starting on Monday the 19th of June. We would really appreciate feedback you may have about our Summer Menu such as your child's likes and dislikes, and foods you eat at home. Please email your feedback to office@therangecc.org.au



Welcome to the Team

The Range Children's Service would like to welcome our newest educators, Elisa and Gianne. They will be working in all the rooms.



The Winter Season

As the weather is becoming colder, we ask that families bring in jumpers, coats and beaners to keep the children warm while playing outdoors.

Please ensure clothing is clearly labelled.

Also, children are more likely to become unwell with the colder weather.

Please ensure you keep your child at home if they are feeling unwell to give them the necessary time to rest and recover.



Change of Clothes

Please pack spare clothes and shoes for your child in their backpacks in the case that they need to change their clothes or shoes due to a toileting accident or messy play.



Also, we would appreciate if families would donate clothes in good condition to use when children need to change their clothes and have no more spare clothes in their bags.

Child Safe Standards

On the 1st of July 2022, the new Child Safe Standards are put into effect across the state of Victoria. These new changes are being made to update the previous 7 standards established in 2016, which makes the Standards even stronger.

Additional information can also be found at the Commission for Children and Young People at: www.cyp.vic.gov.au

Standard 5: Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice.

- The service takes steps to understand the diverse circumstances and needs of children who engage, or may engage, with it. (5.1, 5.3).
 - Staff and volunteers:
 - are provided with information and guidance about children's diverse circumstances, how to identify factors that can increase a child's vulnerability to harm, and how to promote equity and safety for all children
 - take action to support and respond to children who are experiencing vulnerability, including making inquiries and responding where there are signs of increased vulnerability
 - take action to uphold equity for all children, promote children's safety and prevent child abuse and harm. (5.1, 5.3, 5.4)
- Leaders set clear expectations around achieving equity and respect for diversity. (5.1 and links to 2.2)
- The organisation ensures all children are reasonably supported to participate. (5.1)



Lemon Myrtle Cookies

Yield: 3,678 grams

Portion Size: 51 grams

Serves: 72



Ingredients (Includes Brand Name):

Margarine (Nuttelex): 500 Grams

Water: $\frac{3}{4}$ Cup

Self-Rising Flour (Black and Gold): 6 Cups

Sugar, Caster (CSR): $3 \frac{1}{2}$ Cups

Custard Powder (Black and Gold): 2 Cups

Lemon Myrtle: 6 Tbsp

Canola Pan Spray (Black and Gold): 1 Tbsp

Procedure:

Step 1: Combine: In a glass bowl, combine water and margarine and heat in microwave until margarine is melted.

Step 2: In a separate large bowl, combine flour, sugar, custard powder and lemon myrtle.

Step 3: Pour the liquid ingredients into the dry ingredients and mix. It will become a soft dough, not sticky to the touch.

Step 4: Prepare Cooking Trays: Spray tray with Canola pan spray until lightly coated.

Step 5: Roll mixture into balls (approximately 2 teaspoons per ball) and place on baking tray.

Step 6: Flatten each ball gently using a fork, to create a decorative top.

Step 7: Bake at 180°C for approximately 15 minutes. Allow to cool for 5 minutes before removing from the tray.



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