



TODDLER ONE BILBIES

GUNGAHLIN LIBRARY



With the extensive experience that the Toddler One children and educators have with local excursions, they decided to plan a trip to Gungahlin library. This opportunity scaffolded upon their engagement with the Franklin School Library throughout 2024, the educators drive quality engagement with literacy and ensure there is a range of ways children can engage with and develop a love of literacy.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Toddler One- Bilbies class have built exceptional relationships with the team at Franklin Woolworths. They have taken many trips throughout the year to share community spirit and an abundance of gratitude. For Easter we were fortunate to receive a gift of fruit, chocolate eggs, Hot Cross Buns and Soft Toy bunnies.



Our dedicated team of educators use these opportunities to teach emotional intelligence through gratitude and caring practices, always taking time to create something special to say "Thank You."



LOCAL WALKS FRANKLIN, 2013

Our team of educators value the opportunities for learning within the Franklin 2913 suburb. Frequent local walks to surrounding parks, are a great opportunity for skill building and forming memories that will last a life time.

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY, CULTURE & INCLUSION



Kavitha shared her Indian culture by immersing the Bilby children in the festival of Diwali. The children were captivated as Kavitha created traditional Rangoli artwork.



Disna the JP2 educator, spent time to share her skills of making traditional Sri Lankan "String Hoppers." The bilbies showed their kindness by sharing this food with other educators in the centre.



Jian another JP2 educator, took time to come and share her language as she read the book "Brown Bear," in Mandarin. Here at Franklin we value the opportunity to engage in social learning as a way to share our own cultures and traditions.



Incorporating Indigenous perspectives is our programs are an integral part of our Reconciliation action plan (RAP) We connect with Country, up at Gubur Dhaura Heritage Park.



MEET THE TEAM

NADEEKA

**Team Leader
(Diploma in Children's Services)**



Hi, my name is Nadeeka. Currently, I am working as the room leader of Toddler 1.

I have 11 years of industry experience and have worked across the service of Anglicare Franklin, representing ACT playgroup, Giggle and play at Gungahlin child and family centre. Prior to that, I've worked at Yarralumla Italian School as a casual. Currently, I am studying for my Diploma in Child Psychology. Apart from mentoring, my passion is to connect children with the outside world to enrich their skills and knowledge through strengthening their connections with community members.

MARIA

**Assistant Educator
(Certificate III Children's Services)**



I've spent the last four years as an educator at Anglicare Franklin. I enjoy being a strong support for children as they grow in their development. I am eager to expand my knowledge to continue to strive for best practice.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS (EXTENDED)



Instilling good oral hygiene practices is important from a young age, our Toddler team reached out to Dr. Alex at Franklin Dental to organise a visit to the dentist!

The Toddler children spent the morning meeting with Dr. Alex and exploring the dental surgery, also practicing their brushing skills on the friendly Dinosaur toy. Opportunities like this are invaluable in supporting children's understanding and engagement with brushing their teeth, whilst also familiarising them with the dentist.



Opportunities to support children to be active and respected citizens within the community are embedded into our Programs. A morning babycino is always enjoyed from time to time and is an opportunity to connect with local businesses.



FERIABA

**Assistant Educator
(Certificate III in Children's Services)**



I've been involved in the Early Childhood industry since 2013, taking on casual roles with various agencies in Canberra. Since 2018, I've been with Anglicare, where I have developed my skills as an educator for children aged 0-5. My passion lies in expanding my knowledge about child development and supporting their learning journey.

JASHAN

**Assistant Educator
(Certificate III Children's Services)**



I joined the team at Anglicare in August of 2024, taking on the role of an assistant educator. I am eager to deepen my understanding of children and provide the support they need to thrive in their learning journey.