



Queen of Hearts, Balmy Beach



Abigail Milliner – General Manager

Abigail started at Queen of Hearts in September 2020. Her background in childcare began in 2017 after completing her Degree in Youth and Children Studies at Wilfred Laurier. Since 2017 she completed her ECE diploma and gained employment experience in both preschool and toddler classrooms. In January 2021 she became Nursery Manager of Queen of Hearts, Balmy Beach being responsible for Customer Service and the Queen of Hearts Curriculum, Policies and Procedures. She has now taken extra responsibility of looking after the reservation needs of families

A message from Ms Abigail

I am lucky enough to have joined the Queen of Hearts team in September 2020. Although I am still relatively new, I absolutely love the nursery school. My enjoyment from this job comes from being able to interact with the children and watching them grow and develop. This creates a passion to do more for each child and shows it is the right choice for me to be working in this field.



Heather Funston – Nursery Manager and Lead Teacher

Joining Queen of Hearts in February 2021, Heather has brought lots of child care experience to our Nursery School. Moving to the area from Cambridge with her partner and young daughter she has made her home in our beautiful county. Graduating from Conestoga College and a registered RECE, her enthusiasm and warmth is enjoyed by the White Rabbits and Mad Hatters. Heather is expanding her duties to take on the management of the Nursery School and is looking forward to getting to know families more.

A message from Ms Heather

Working with children feels like a vocation that was just meant to be. I have enjoyed moving into a more structured and calm environment at Queen of Hearts and thrilled to see the children grow in confidence and ability with each day.



Kailey Arnold – Program Manager and Trainer

Kailey began her passion for teaching children through aquatic programs, as an instructor and lifeguard. She attended Brock University, earning her degree in Recreation and Leisure Studies, with a focus in Outdoor and Therapeutic Recreation. After graduation, Kailey worked as a private nanny, while completing her Montessori diploma and became a qualified Montessori teacher teaching preschool and school age in Port Elgin. She joined Queen of Hearts in May of 2021, as our Program Manager and now Trainer. Her role is supporting, growing and developing the Queen of Hearts curriculum at all levels and supporting the teaching team through training and development ensuring the curriculum is maintained and enhanced at all levels.

A message from Ms Kailey

I have always had a passion working with children and being actively involved with their learning development. It is a rewarding experience help children meet their learning goals. I am excited to continue to develop the Queen of Hearts Curriculum and create an enjoyable and memorable experience for each child.



Mr Jesse Tilson – Science and Environment Teacher and Lead Teacher

Jesse has many years of teaching and coaching children at Camp Presqu'ile located in Kemble where he coordinated, developed, and facilitated a Leader in Training/Counsellor Training program as well as one to one support work for campers with special needs. Before coming to Queen of Hearts he worked at a local child care centre in their school age programs. Jesse joined Queen of Hearts in November 2020 to work with our preschool children and run the science and environment program.

A message from Mr Jesse

My mission has and always will be that the care and compassion of every young mind that I encounter be given equal and the utmost attention. I have a gigantic heart for children, teaching, and coaching for as long as I can remember and am delighted to have the opportunity of sharing the wonderful world of science with our young people.



Kim Hawthorne – French Specialist and Lead Teacher

Kim started with Queen of Hearts in April, 2021. She is currently completing the Early Childhood Education program online through St. Lawrence College in Kingston. Kim completed two years of the Concurrent Education Program through Nipissing University including French language courses. Kim is a graduate of the Ontario French Immersion program, completing placements in French Immersion classrooms at a French language childcare center. She has over twenty years' experience working with children

A Message from Ms. Kim

I absolutely love watching the children grow and succeed. It is such a wonderful opportunity to learn and grow as a teacher alongside them. I am really looking forward to expanding the French language curriculum at Queen of Hearts. I look forward to sharing my knowledge, creativity, imagination and passion for education with the children and their families.

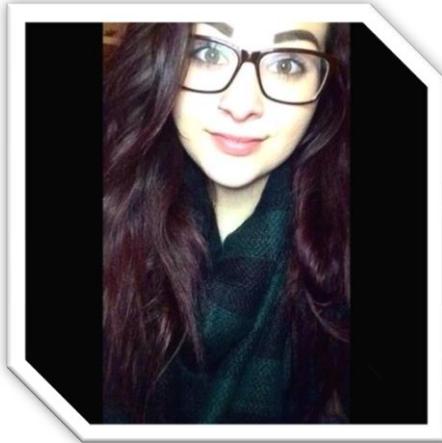


Meagan Wyatt – Lead Teacher Mad Hatters

Meagan joined Queen of Hearts in February 2022. A local resident she went to Fanshawe College in London where she graduated with a diploma in Child and Youth Worker. Meagan brings a wealth of knowledge and experience. She was particularly drawn to a career with Queen of Hearts when learning of the in-depth structure and customer service as well as community involvement that is forefront to the Queen of Hearts way.

A Message from Ms. Meagan

I enjoy being a part of helping to nurture children, and even learning from them at times myself. I love Queen Of Hearts's curriculum and how it gives you the tools you need to make every transition throughout the day a fun, learning one for your children, and I'm so happy and excited to be a part of that.



Jennifer Ferreira –Teacher Mad Hatters

Prior to working at Queen of Hearts Jennifer was employed at a Veterinary Clinic as well as helping many families and friends with the care of their children. Jennifer also looked after children for a local church group. She joined Queen of Hearts, Owen Sound in September and trained in all classrooms. Jennifer has now moved to Queen of Hearts, Balmy Beach and now spends her time with the Mad Hatters and Ms Heather.

A message from Ms Jennifer

I simply love working with the amazing team and helping to expand the minds of the young children. Being part of their everyday learning and development is so rewarding.



Tamara Hayward-King – Teacher White Rabbits

Tamara started at Queen of Hearts in August 2021. Her background is in nursing, which began when she graduated from the Registered Practical Nursing program at Georgian College in 2015. After years of nursing, she looked back on her roots which began at a nursery school in the early 1990's. This career change brought Tamara to Queen of Hearts where she is enjoying teaching and caring for the youngest in our Nursery School.

A message from Ms Tamara

This is a change of career for me, but I am very excited to apply my knowledge from past careers towards this new position at the Queen of Hearts nursery school. As my own three children are now grown-up, it brings me great joy to be able to work with the children and help them to excel during their time with us.



Raven Adams – Teacher White Rabbits

Raven joined Queen of Hearts in February 2022 after taking a year off work with her new daughter. Having always wanted to have a career in Childcare she signed up for the Queen of Hearts ECE apprenticeship with Georgian College and started working in our White Rabbit classroom. Raven grew up in Sauble Beach and even now spends a lot of time there with her family enjoying outside time.

A message from Ms Raven

I am very excited to be part of Queen of Hearts and to start my apprenticeship. I have enjoyed watching the children grow in confidence as they are exposed to new learning and find you cannot help but love these little ones that have such an enthusiasm for learning.



Tristin Tollett – General Assistant

Tristin started at Queen of Hearts in October 2019 as Teacher for our White Rabbit classroom before leaving late 2020. We were delighted to have her return in September 2021 as General Assistant, supporting the teachers throughout the Nursery School and bonding with the children. Born and raised in Grey Bruce. Interests include: hiking, cooking/baking, and spending time with friends and family. Before she started at Queen of Hearts she was a stay at home mom and she has always had a love for children and childcare seemed like such a great fit for her as she ventured into the workplace again.

A message from Ms Tristin

The opportunity of working for Queen of Hearts is one that I am very grateful for. It allows me to succeed in my career goals as well as love what I do. Spending each day watching the children learn and grow, and knowing that I am part of their early development is very fulfilling. The various opportunities to grow in your career and the amazing support from staff and management makes every day great.



Alesha Doran – Teacher – Supply for Balmy Beach

Alesha studied at Trent University and achieved a BA in Women's Studies before moving back to Owen Sound and joining the Salvation Army where she completed her ECE before moving to join the Queen of Hearts team in April 2015. With her wealth of experience and being a much loved teacher, Alesha leads a White Rabbit Classroom in Queen of Hearts, Owen Sound North but also supports the Balmy Beach and Owen Sound team when needed.

A message from Ms Alesha

Working at Queen of Hearts I learn something new from the children every day and I love to watch them grow and develop throughout their time with us. I particularly enjoy our outside learning and how it's incorporated into the children's day



Grace Holyome – Teacher – Supply for Balmy Beach

Grace started with Queen of Hearts in 2018. She is currently enrolled in Fanshawe College taking the online Early Childhood Education course. Her time is split during the week days taking part in the college program and working in both Nursery Schools and at the QYC Before and After School program

A message from Ms Grace

There is so much I enjoy about Queen of Hearts. It is a wonderful place to work. My colleagues are amazing and the children and families are the best. I am so really lucky to be a part of this school.