

Hawthorn Childcare Centre Newsletter



March 2018



Easter Meet and Greet

Please come along to our Easter Meet and Greet night – This is a great opportunity to get to know the educators in your child's room; look over your child's portfolio and other work; ask any questions you may have; and get to know other parents.

The Easter Bunny will be dropping by for a visit and tea, coffee, and hot cross buns will be served.

Date: Wednesday 28th March 2018

Time: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

RSVP: By the 19th of March via kidz@chariot.net.au with your family name, number of people attending, and any dietary requirements, or via sign on front door



Lift the Lip Screening

10am Thursday March 29th 2018

This is a free non-invasive dental screening available to all children to check for any potential dental issues.

If you would like your child to receive a check, please complete the consent forms and return to the office by Wednesday the 28th of March.



Family Information Sessions

On Wednesday the 21st of March at 6:30pm we will be offering a parent information session led by Donna Broadhurst. We will be running the following session at the Centre free of charge to all families:

Separation Anxiety

When children have difficulty separating from a parent it can cause stress for both parent and child and for those into whose care the child is being given. While separation anxiety is a normal stage of development, it can become problematic if not handled well. In this session we explore normal developmental separation anxiety, how to manage and ways to support a child when the anxiety is escalated to the point of a child being very distressed.

Please let us know if you would like us to attend by emailing kidz@chariot.net.au. Sign-up sheets are available at the front door.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Upcoming Events

21st March – Separation Anxiety Family Information Session

28th March – Easter Meet and Greet

29th March – Lift the Lip Screening

30th March – 2nd April – Easter Long Weekend.
Centre Closed.

14th – 29th April – School Holidays

25th April – ANZAC Day. Centre Closed.

30th April – Term 2 Starts



Accreditation 2018

As we work towards accreditation in 2018, and as part of our ongoing commitment to improvement, we are currently engaged in critical self-reflection using the National Quality Standards and our Quality Improvement Plan. If you have any feedback about areas which you feel we need to improve on, please do not hesitate to let us know via email at kidz@chariot.net.au or speak with Guitta or Jane. We welcome and value your feedback.

Hats and Sunscreen

Our sun protection policy has continues to be place.

We ask that each child be provided with a hat that provides adequate sun protection; bucket hats are a great option. Please ensure your child's hat is clearly labelled with their name. Children without hats will be unable to use the full yard during the day.

We encourage you to send your child in warm weather appropriate clothing including clothing with collars and sleeves.

Please ensure that your child has sunscreen applied upon arrival. There is sunscreen available here for you to do this.

We will re-apply this during the day.



Feedback 
is always welcome

How can we make our newsletter even better?

What information would you like us to include?

Welcomes and Farewells

This month we are welcoming Anna to the Centre. Anna will be working in the Banksia Room.

We are also welcoming our new Centre Cook Andrea.

At the end of this week we will be farewelling Nicole from the Centre. We wish her luck.

Sustainability Links



National Ride2School Day is held around Australia on the 23rd of March every year. It provides an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to try riding, walking, skating or scooting to school as well as celebrating the regular walkers and riders

Visit <http://paf.org.au/ride-or-walk-to-school/national-ride2school-day-23-march-2018/> for more information

Helpful Links

The Government's New Child Care Package commences on the 2nd of July 2018. Under the new package, the existing Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate will be replaced by a new Child Care Subsidy.

Please see the below link for more information:

<https://www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage>



Bookings for 2018

We have now finalised all of our bookings for 2018.

If you wish to make any changes to your bookings please let us know in writing and we will put you onto our waitlist.

We will do our very best to accommodate you.

Absentees

Please ensure that you contact the Centre if your child is going to be away for the day.

Our staffing is based upon child to staff ratios and being informed if children will not be attending assists us with managing our staff on a daily basis.

Thank you.

Lost Property

Whilst we endeavour to ensure your child takes home all of their belongings, this task is easier if everything your child brings in is clearly named.

Our storage space is limited for items that are left at the Centre so all items left at the end of the day will be placed in our lost property basket which is located out by the front door.

All items that are not claimed by the end of each month will be donated to charity.

Naming Drink Bottles

If your child brings a water or milk bottle with them each day please ensure that all parts are clearly labelled with your child's name and have a secure top

This is not only for health and safety reasons, but also to assist Educators in handing out bottles. It is also another opportunity for your child to develop independence by recognising their own name.

Thank you



Parent Grievances

As a service we strive to ensure that we are providing a service that all families are happy with.

To be able to do this effectively we ask for families to please tell us if you have any concerns or questions.

Please email us or come and speak to Guitta or Jane at any time.

Signing In and Out

We would like to remind all families to ensure you sign your child in and out each day.

The iPads are automatically linked to Centrelink, so if you do not sign in Centrelink will not be aware of your usage and you may not receive all of your benefit.

There is a messaging function on our iPads. Please be aware that you need to click that you have read the message prior to signing out your child otherwise the device will not acknowledge your child has been signed out.

We thank you for your co-operation.



Holidays in 2018

If you are planning a holiday in 2018 please let us know two weeks in advance so that we can apply the holiday discount to your fees.

Also please note that when children go on holidays this affects our staffing. If your plans change and you are no longer going on holidays, or your dates have changed, please let us know so we can ensure we have the correct staffing.