

Hawthorn Childcare Centre Newsletter

November 2018



Role of The Educational Leader

It is a requirement of the National Quality Framework and Education and Care Service National Regulations that all early childhood services appoint an educational leader. The educational leader:

- collaborates with educators and provides curriculum direction and guidance
- supports educators to effectively implement the cycle of planning to enhance programs and practices
- leads the development and implementation of an effective educational program in the service
 - ensures that children's learning and development are guided by the learning outcomes of the approved learning frameworks.
- guides and develops educators and families' understandings about play and leisure-based learning, and the significance of the early years in the education continuum for children
- builds the knowledge, skills and professionalism of educators
 - builds a culture of professional inquiry with educators, coordinators and staff members to develop professional knowledge, reflect on practice and generate new ideas

While our existing educational leader Jane is on maternity leave Liz will be taking over this role. If you ever have any questions, comments, complaints, or compliments about the educational program on offer in your child's room please do not hesitate to communicate with her via phone, email, or conversation. She welcomes your input in, and feedback on, all areas of the Centre's educational programs.

Hawthorn Child Care Centre Family Christmas Party 2018

6:00pm Friday 14th of December

This year we invite your family to pack a picnic and join us in the garden for a performance by The Drumming Monkeys, beginning at 6:30pm.

We will also be receiving a very special visit from Father Christmas!

Please RSVP via kidz@chariot.net.au with your family name, number of people attending, and number of children who attend the Centre attending, or by completing the sign-up sheet at the entrance to the Centre by Friday the 30th of November.

We look forward to celebrating with you!



Upcoming Events

Friday 14th December – Centre Family Christmas party

Friday 22nd December – Centre closes at 3pm

2nd January – Centre reopens at 6:30am

15th December – 29th January – School holidays



Goals for Children's Learning and Development

We would like to know what YOUR goals are for your child's learning and development so we can incorporate your ideas and knowledge of your child into the Centre's curriculum. Please do not hesitate to communicate with the educator's in your child's room via phone, email, SeeSaw or conversation about what is important to your family and your child.

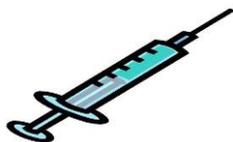
Meningococcal B Vaccine Is Now Available in South Australia

On October 1, 2018, the state government funded Meningococcal B Immunisation Program commenced in South Australia. The Meningococcal B (MenB) Immunisation Program will provide free meningococcal B vaccines to children and young people who are residents of South Australia and have a Medicare card.

Who is eligible for the Meningococcal B Immunisation Program?

The childhood program is offered to those aged 6 weeks to 12 months of age and commences 1 October 2018. A childhood catch-up program will be available for those from 12 months to less than 4 years of age. The childhood catch-up program will end 31 December 2019.

For more information about whether your child is eligible for this free immunisation and how to access it, visit the SA Health website.



How Families Can Support Health and Hygiene Practices

You play an important part in supporting the Centre's illness and infectious disease management practices and breaking the chain of infection. Families can assist Hawthorn Child Care Centre in minimising the risk and spread of illness and infectious diseases by:

- Practicing hand hygiene on arrival and departure from the Centre
- Keeping your child away from the Centre if their child is ill, even if they have a condition that does not require exclusion.
- Promptly collecting your child from the Centre if informed by educators or staff that your child is displaying symptoms of illness or an infectious disease.
- Adhering to the recommended minimum exclusion periods, both those set by the National Health and Medical Research Council and by the Centre.
- Informing Centre management if your child is diagnosed with an illness or infectious disease, with or without an exclusion period.
- Vaccinating your children following the National Immunisation Program Schedule.
- Following the responsibilities of families for illness and infectious disease listed by the National Health and Medical Research Council.
- Clearly labelling drink and milk bottles with your child's name.
 - Ensuring milk bottles have caps.
- Clearly labeling dummies with your child's name and providing a cap for the dummy



Quality Improvement Plan

We have finished our review and update of the Centre's Quality Improvement Plan. The aim of a Quality Improvement Plan is to help providers self-assess their performance in delivering quality education and care, and to plan future improvements. The Centre is required to have a Quality Improvement Plan in place at all times.

A copy of our Quality Improvement Plan is available at the entrance to the Centre as well as on Skoolbag.

Your feedback and input on our Quality Improvement Plan is always valued and appreciated so please do not hesitate to email, call, or speak to an educator regarding this document.

Spare Clothes

As the weather warms up we ask that you check your child has weather-appropriate spare clothes packed. It also greatly assists educators if your child's belongings are named.

Kindy 2019

If you are planning on utilizing our before-and-after Kindy care in 2019 please be advised that we will not be offering a service to Netherby Kindergarten in 2019.

If your child is enrolled at Mitcham Kindergarten and you wish to use the bus service, or change your existing days to fit around Kindy days, please let us know as soon as possible.

If your child will be attending another Kindy and will no longer require care at the Centre, or their days of care will change, please let us know as soon as possible.



Sustainability Links

National Recycling Week – 12th to the 18th November

Planet Ark is encouraging everyone to reboot their perspective on recycling in the lead up to the most important National Recycling Week since it was founded 22 years ago! This year's theme will explore the impact of the War on Waste and China's waste policies on Australia, the opportunities and positive waste stories emerging and the tools making it easier for you to reboot recycling.

www.recyclingweek.planetark.org



Staff Leave

Jane will be going on maternity leave with her last day Friday the 30th of November. While Jane is away Sam and Anna will be sharing the role of Assistant Director. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to Guitta, Sam or Anna

Bookings for 2019

We are now in the process of finalising our bookings for 2019.

If you wish to make any changes to your days in 2019 please let us know in writing and we will do our very best to accommodate you.

Summer Holiday Absentees

Please ensure that you contact the Centre if your child is going to be away during the summer holiday period. 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.

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

Updated Details

Please ensure that you have provided us with your up-to-date contact details. If you, or your emergency contacts, have had a change to phone numbers or emails, please provide us with your new details.

Please also ensure that we have an up-to-date copy of your child/ren's immunisation records.

Welcome

We welcome Tania to the Centre. Tania is a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education qualified educator and will be working in the Jacaranda Room alongside Katrina, Sam, and Michelle.

We also welcome Namnit, our new Centre cook.



Feedback 
is always welcome

How can we make our newsletter even better?

What information would you like us to include?