

# Hawthorn Childcare Centre Newsletter



January 2019



## Welcome Back!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all of our families in 2019.

We hope that you had a lovely break with your family and friends.

We would also like to welcome all of our new families to the Centre. We look forward to getting to know you and your children.

## Bookings for 2019

We have now finalised all of our bookings for 2019 year and are currently running at full capacity.

If you wish to make any changes to your bookings, please let us know in writing at [kidz@chariot.net.au](mailto:kidz@chariot.net.au) and you will be placed onto our internal waitlist. We will do our very best to accommodate you.

## Kindy Bus

With Term One starting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January some of our friends are starting preschool.

This is such an exciting time for the children as they begin their preschool journey and can finally take a ride on the Kindy bus!

The bus leaves at approximately 8:30am. If you arrive after the bus leaves you will need to drop your child at preschool as we are unable to make two trips.

Please ensure that your child's backpack is large enough to accommodate their lunch box and drink bottle.

We are looking forward to watching the children grow and develop over this very exciting year!



## Updated Contact Details

We ask that ensure that you have provided us with your up-to-date contact details for 2019. 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.



## Upcoming Events

2<sup>nd</sup> January – Centre reopens at 6:30am

26<sup>th</sup> January – Australia Day

29<sup>th</sup> January – 12th April - Term One

11<sup>th</sup> March – Public Holiday



## Feedback

is always welcome



How can we make our newsletter in 2019 even better?

What information would you like us to include?

## Goals for Children's Learning and Development

We would like to know what YOUR goals are for your child's learning and development in 2019 so we can incorporate your ideas and knowledge of your child into the Centre's curriculum. Please do not hesitate to communicate with the educators in your child's room via phone, email, SeeSaw or conversation about what is important to your family and your child.



## 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 and/or out Centrelink will not be aware of your usage and you will not receive your benefit.

We thank you for your co-operation.



## Family 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 phone, email, or come and speak to Guitta at any time

## Absentees

Please ensure that you contact the Centre if your child is going to be away. 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 in 2019 please let us know two weeks in advance so that we can apply the holiday discount to your fees.

Thank you.



## Sustainability Links

There is now a growing number of products made from recycled materials. When you 'buy it back' you save the resources and energy that go into making products from virgin materials. This means you are also reducing the need for mining, conserving raw materials and creating less stuff, reducing the waste going to landfill.

Visit Planet Ark for a list of recycled products you can buy

<https://recyclingnearyou.com.au/education/recycleproducts>



## Helpful Links

The Australian government funded website <https://raisingchildren.net.au/> has lots of evidence-based parenting information in the form of articles, videos and free webinars that can be viewed any time.

## 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.



## Hats and Sunscreen

Our sun protection policy continues to be in effect.

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.



## Family Information Sessions

In 2019 we are looking to offer more parent information sessions at the Centre. At this stage we are looking to offer information sessions on toileting, sleep, and behaviour guidance.

If there is a particular speaker or session you would like to see offered, please speak to Guitta.

## Receiving Communication

At Hawthorn Child Care Centre, we use different form of communication. The office uses Skoolbag for information about the centre and upcoming events. The rooms use Seesaw for children's learning portfolios, snap shot of the day, programs, newsletter, upcoming events and information in the rooms.

If you would like to receive your information another way please come and speak to Guitta and she will arrange this for you.