



Coming Events

Week 11

Mon 10th April CAFHS Health Checks
Thurs 13th April Last day term 1

Term 2 Week 1

Mon 1st – Thurs 4th May First week term 2

WELCOME

Welcome to new and returning families. Term one seems to be flying by. The children are making the most of the changeable weather and exploring the way the preschool and Occasional Care environments change; adapting their activities to suit. For those children starting Occasional Care for the first time a big 'Well Done' on your first few weeks. It's a big change and it's hard! Different children will respond in different ways and regardless of how your child has responded to their transition we would like to reassure all families that it is normal and that they are working through their big feelings appropriately for them. The staff have all enjoyed meeting our new families, as well as seeing some familiar faces returning and look forward to getting to know you all better.

OCCASIONAL CARE STAFF

We would like to welcome **Linda** to our Occasional Care team. She has fitted in really well and we enjoy having her as part of our whole Centre team. We are hoping her position will be ongoing but are just waiting on confirmation. We will keep you updated with the outcome as soon as we know more. We also welcome back **Kristie**, who is continuing her role with the under 2's.

FEES AND BOOKINGS

Please remember to sign-in, pay and rebook **at reception** before taking your child to Occasional Care. Please sign-out at reception when leaving.

Fees are payable upon arrival and correct money is appreciated.

ABSENCES

If your child is absent please ring ASAP so we can try and fill your place. If we are unable to fill the place you will be asked to pay the fee when attending your next session.

REMINDERS

UNACCEPTABLE FOOD: As per our Healthy Food Policy please do not include muesli bars, fruit bars, roll-ups and juice as part of your child's snacks for Occasional Care. A copy of our Healthy Food Policy is available at reception.

EMAIL: On your next visit please provide us with a current email address. Once supplied please regularly check your email as this is our main communication method with families attending our Centre. If your email (or other details) changes please advise us via reception, thank you.

DOORS OPEN AT 8:30am: After signing your child in please wait in the reception or preschool area until Occasional Care session begins at 8:30am, thank you. This supports our team to ensure that all necessary preparation has occurred prior to the start of the session.

SESSION ENDS 11:30am: Please ensure your child is picked up by 11:30am. Occasional Care staff have other tasks in the Centre to attend to after this time. Please see our late collection policy for more information.

Please see staff if you have any concerns or questions.

IMMUNISATION HISTORY

DECD have updated their procedure 'Protecting Children against Vaccine Preventable Diseases'. We request **families to provide immunisation records as part of their child's enrolment at our Centre.** These records must be sighted by the end of term 1 (13th April, 2017). More information regarding this will be emailed to families in the coming weeks.

FAMILY SERVICES COORDINATOR

Hi Everyone,
My name is Natalie and I am the Family Services Coordinator at Ardtornish Children's Centre.

I am available for confidential assistance to support you with any challenges you or your family may be experiencing. Free short term individual and family counselling is available. If you need anything or would just like to have a chat and have a cuppa please come and see me at the centre or give me a call on my mobile: 0437169403.

CAFHS HEALTH CHECKS

CAFHS will be at the Ardtornish Children's Centre on **Monday 10th April** to conduct **4 year health checks. This session is now full** but if your child is 4 or older and hasn't had their check yet, and you would like to make an appointment for CAFHS next visit to our Centre, please see Jo at reception.



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SUN SAFE POLICY

HATS

As per our Sun Safe Policy all children are required to wear a hat for outdoor play. Please ensure you supply your child with a **named wide brim or flap hat**. No caps or hats with cords please.

SUNSCREEN

In line with our sun safe policy we are encouraging all children to apply sunscreen before playing outside – **please ensure your child comes to Occasional Care with sunscreen on.**

SUN SAFE CLOTHING

With the warm weather and increased UV rates children must have covered shoulders for outdoor play (no singlets or tank tops please). We also ask that children do not wear crocs or thongs as these are not safe for outdoor play; sturdy supportive shoes such as sandals with ankle straps are a suitable option. Thank you.

LITERACY KITS

We have numerous Literacy Kits available for you to borrow and share with your child. They are situated in our reception area.

When borrowing and returning a literacy kit please follow the procedure below:

Borrowing – Please write your child's name, the kit number, title and the date borrowed in the recording book.

Returning – Write the date returned in the recording book and then **put the kit in the box on top of the shelf, NOT on the hanger**, as they need to be checked and filled.

More information on the benefits and purpose of using Literacy Kits is available from the literacy kit trolley.

Please see one of our staff if you have any questions, thank you.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Term I Activities

Twilight Play for dads, mums and families of kindy children and their siblings is on the evening of Thursday 23rd March. This twilight play will be Messy Play – come dressed for mess! Twilight play is free and a meal for the children is always provided.

We run courses to assist parents to explore and review their parenting in supportive groups. A six week **Circle of Security** program will be offered in Term 2. If you are interested speak to John or Natalie. This course is free, runs in the evenings and there is a crèche.

Saturdays at Ardtornish

We will be holding several **Saturday** sessions this term including at least one for dads and their infants - more details later. **First Aid for Dads and Mums** will be offered from 10am-1pm on Saturday 1 April, book a place now for \$20.

Cycle Saturday is a great opportunity to support your child's cycling confidence and basic cycling skills such as balancing, steering & stopping. It will be held on 18 March – be there at 9:45 for registration. There will be a bbq snack at 11:45.

Cycle Saturday

It's free & there's a BBQ (veg option)



Best for beginner over 4½ yrs or
practiced younger riders

Saturday 18

March

9:45am–12pm

**In front of
the school's gym**

Please refer to our Community Events board or Facebook page for more information on upcoming events and courses.

Cheers, John Buckell
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