



## Coming Events Term 2, 2017

### Week 2

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May                      Governing Council 7pm  
Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May                    Pupil Free Day

### Week 3

Mon 15<sup>th</sup>-Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> May      Special Visitors Week

We continue to monitor the UV daily and when the UV is over 3 children need to wear a hat for outdoor play (as per the Cancer Council recommendations).

## SPECIAL VISITORS WEEK

Week 3 is Special Visitors Week (15<sup>th</sup> May – 18<sup>th</sup> May). All grandparents, aunts, uncles and special friends are welcome to visit our centre and stay and play. You are welcome any day or time (between 8:30 and 11:30am) during this week.

**Families need to advise us (full name) who will be visiting their child and special visitors will need ID to show upon sign-in. Please let us know either via email or at reception who your child's special visitors will be, thank you.**

Special Visitors please **sign in at reception upon arrival**. Thank you and we look forward to meeting you.

## WELCOME

Welcome back to term 2 and a big hello to our new families. As well as some new families we also welcome a number of new staff to our team. **Lisa** is our new Occasional Care educator, **Stacey** is working Tuesday and Thursday to fill the ECW position and **Nieta's** role has changed and she will be providing intervention. Also, **Melanie** will be working in the kindy on Tuesdays for this term.

**Lisa** has 10 years experience working with children and is looking forward to getting to know and working with you and your children.

## ILLNESS

If your child feels unwell please keep them at home.

Children who have had a bout of diarrhea or vomiting need to be absent from occasional care for 24 hours following the last episode.

Children with temperatures also need to be kept home. A sick child will feel miserable at occasional care and also risk spreading the illness onto other children and staff.

If unsure please ring and ask one of our staff.

**Please ring if your child will be absent. The earlier you ring the more chance your child's place can be filled from our waiting list. If we cannot fill your child's position you will need to pay the session fee at or prior to your child's next session (refer to the Occasional Care Guide)**

## REMINDERS

**UNACCEPTABLE FOOD:** As per our Healthy Food Policy please do not include nuts and/or nut products, 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.

**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.

If you would like to talk to one of our Occasional Care team at more length about your child please make a time that suits both you and the staff member as end of session is a busy time, thank you.

**Please see staff if you have any concerns or questions.**

## IMMUNISATION HISTORY

DECD have updated their procedure 'Protecting Children against Vaccine Preventable Diseases'. Due to this there is now a new **request for families to provide immunisation records as part of their child's enrolment at Occasional Care.** This is a request only but if evidence is not provided your child will be recorded as not immunised and therefore excluded from Occasional Care if there is an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease.

If you still need to provide your child's immunisation history please show your blue book or other evidence to Jo at reception. Please see the attached letter from the Department of Education for more information.

Thank you to those families who have already supplied this information.

## HATS

As per our Sun Safe Policy all children are required to wear a hat for outdoor play if the UV is over 3. Please ensure you supply your child with a **named wide brim or flap hat. No caps or hats with string/cord please.**



## LITERACY KITS

Thank you to Melanie, for sorting and restocking our Literacy Kits at the end of last term. They are now ready for borrowing again. Here is the process for borrowing and returning a literacy kit:

**Borrowing** – Please write your child's name, the kit number and 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 if required.

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

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### Term II - Some Highlights

Melissa's **Making Music** toddler program has moved to Mondays starting 8 May from 9:30am. Making Music costs \$30 for the five week program. The first session is free and families can start anytime.

We are camping - with tents, baked spuds and apples, marshmallows and damper for **Twilight Play** on Monday 15 May and we will Walk in the Dark (bring your torches and warm clothes) on Tuesday 20 June. Twilight play is free and a meal for the children is always provided.

This term's eight week **Circle of Security** program is already full but we are taking booking for Term 3. If you are interested speak to John or Natalie. This course is free, runs in the evenings and there is a crèche.

How do you deal with children's difficult behaviour? Donna's approach will explore children's feelings and help us better understand the underlying emotional needs and reflect on how we respond. She will be speaking on Thursday 18 May. The session is free and there is a crèche.

From Tuesday 16 May Philip Altmann will run a five week evening **Mindfulness** course. The sessions introduce proven techniques to overcome our less helpful reactions to life and develop healthier and less stressful ways to handle relationships and more difficult situations. This program costs \$60. The **Mindful Men** short course starts on Wednesday 31 May and costs just \$20.

Don't forget when there is a School assembly (usually weeks 3, 6, & 9) the Children's Centre will host a **Coffee morning** in the Centre's Community Room

Shopping, separating at school or care, meal times and toileting - all these things and more can bring stress and conflict...



Our presenter Donna Broadhurst is an early childhood educator and accredited social worker who will provide insights into how to better understand and to deal with young children's overwhelming emotions

### Saturdays at Ardtornish

**Saturday** sessions this term include at least one for dads and their infants - more details later. Family **First Aid** is offered from 10am-1pm on Saturday 20 May, book a place for \$20.

On Sat 3 June, parent Pam Carrington will be presenting a **First Home Buyers** seminar that cuts through the jargon. If you have any questions call Pam on 0425 872 929

In the first weeks of this term we will be organising a **Grow Free** 'stall' by the entrance doors. It will be a place where anyone can donate/share/swap surplus home grown fruit



and veg, preserves and seed etc... For more information see the Grow Free Facebook page, they recently had some excellent items about seasonal fruit; preparing pomegranates and making feijoa chutney.

For up to-date information about our program, see our **Facebook** page or look at the noticeboard in the foyer.

All activities can be further discounted if necessary for your family.

Cheers,  
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