



Dear Families and Caregivers,

Welcome back to the third term of the year. We hope you have enjoyed quality family time and managed to stay warm during the cold and wintry weather.

This newsletter will briefly outline major focuses for this term for children and educators.

We have a number of important notices to share including changes to Preschool and Children's Centre staff and curriculum overviews. Please see details outlines below.

## Quality Area 1 - Educational program

### Preschool Program

- ★ This term we continue to build preschool children's awareness of the Child Protection Curriculum. We will focus on the topics- Relationships- Identity and relationships (family, friends and people who help us), fair and unfair (including bullying, anti-harassment strategies and assertive language) and trust and networks. Community members such as emergency services (Police) will support this curriculum topic.
- ★ We will launch Eat a Rainbow program each Thursday of term commencing week 2. The program is designed to expose children to a rainbow of fruit and vegetables through observation, discussion, storytelling and tasting. Half of the staff team have been planning the implementation of this health initiative during term 2. Support from families has been sought to cut up fruit/vegetables each week. Educators have also sought support of local businesses for donations of cash or food to support the roll out of the program. Each week a sign will be placed onto the Preschool doors to indicate the focus colour for fruit/vegetables during the week.



#### The Eat A Rainbow Project benefits kids by:

- ★ teaching them the concept of eating a rainbow every day
- ★ engaging them by hands-on interaction with fruits and vegetables
- ★ encouraging them to take control and responsibility of their food choices and health
- ★ providing a fun twist to nutrition education
- ★ offering tools to continue the learning at home and encourage healthy eating habits
- ★ instilling knowledge and skills that will last a lifetime



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### The Eat A Rainbow Project benefits families by:

- ★ creating tools to help implement healthy food choices at home
- ★ building excitement about eating fruits and vegetables
- ★ encouraging parents to learn about the many benefits Eating A Rainbow
- ★ uniting families to strive toward common goals for healthy eating

Additional information can be found at <http://www.eatarainbowproject.com/#>

- ★ **Sustainability**- Half of the staff team has been planning how to integrate the numerous aspects of sustainability present in our Centre (garden, Magic Harvest program, recycling, composting, worm farm). Their task has been to meet and plan activities and Centre practices to ensure sustainability is understood by all staff throughout the Centre and that all staff demonstrate and share this knowledge with children, families and community members accessing the Centre. Some of the planning has resulted in a visit from Northern Adelaide Waste Management System and an educator site visit to Paralowie Kindergarten to view their sustainable practices.
- ★ **Ella Trial**- Children have been exploring 3 apps on the ELLA supplied iPads throughout term 2 and will now commence working with a new app "At the zoo" being released for the beginning of term 3. We would like families to join children in exploring the iPads. The iPads will be available at the beginning of session to allow children and their families to work together and learn aspects of the Arabic culture.

## Great Start

If you are interested in supporting your child's education you may be interested in viewing a range of educational ideas from [www.greatstart.sa.edu.au](http://www.greatstart.sa.edu.au)



- Playing with playdough
- Painting
- Treasure hunt

### Giggle and Wiggle

**Mondays 11.30 - 12.30**  
**Free**

Ages birth to 5 years

Contact Nicky: 8258 0666



### Yoga

Every Tuesday during school term  
**6.30pm – 7.45pm**

**\$7** \$5 per extra family member

Contact Nicky: 8258 0666



### Circle of Security

**Starting Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**  
**9.30 – 11.30am**

Attendance is for 6 weeks

Free crèche available

Bookings for the course and crèche are essential

contact Alicia on

0419 782 668 or 8258 0666



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# Quality area 4- Staffing arrangements

Our staff team for term 3 consists of:

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**Director**-Sue Holecek- 1.0- 0.5 Teaching and 0.5 Administration

**Administration/reception** – Kim Smith

**Children's Centre Community Development Co-ordinator (CDC)**- Nicky King

**Family Services Coordinator (FSC)** - Alicia Neville. This is a contract position until November 2015 when the 1.0 FSC returns from Maternity leave.

**Teacher**- Cheryl Capewell 0.8 (Monday to Thursday)

**Teacher**- Helen Koppan 0.6 (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday)

**Teacher**- Claire Howell- 0.6 (Monday pm, Wednesday pm, Thursday and Friday)

**SSO** - Doreen Nicolai -27 hours per week Monday to Thursday. **Doreen will be on leave until week 7**

**SSO** - Vanessa Stuchbury- Thursday am and Friday plus relief work

**SSO** - Melissa Delia - Wednesday and Friday. Melissa will backfill Doreen's hours in the Centre until her return.

**SSO**-Tracey Hollingworth- SSO Monday and Wednesday

**Preschool Support**- Doreen and Kathryn will support individual children. Melissa will backfill Doreen's position until her return.

**Speech and Language Program** – Ann Marriott Speech Pathologist 0.4 and Kristen Scrimshaw 0.6 Early Childhood Worker.

**Allied Health Occupational Therapist** - Shelley Peart (0.3) every Monday and Tuesday each fortnight.

**Occasional Care** - Melissa Delia ECW2- Monday AM, Tuesday AM and Thursday. While Melissa is backfilling Doreen's position Kathryn will step up into the ECW2 position.

Kathryn Wall ECW1- Monday and Thursday morning. Kathryn will step up into the ECW 2 position during Doreen's absence.

Tracey Innes ECW 1- will step into Kathryn's position on Monday and Thursday morning during Doreen's absence

## Literacy and Numeracy Results Plus Leaders Professional Development

In Term 2, leaders from across DECD meet to commence planning how to improve Literacy and Numeracy practices and outcomes for all children and students across the state.

The Orion Partnership of which we are a member has selected to use Lines of Inquiry to further our professional learning. Through term 3 Preschool Directors will meet 4 times to engage in dialogue, reflection and planning.

**The Partnership inquiry question is:** "How do we transform pedagogy as a group of leaders to get intellectual stretch?"

**Our Centre inquiry question is:** "How do we use the DECD Literacy and Numeracy indicators to monitor and document children's engagement in Literacy and Numeracy learning as part of our ongoing programming and evaluation cycle?" This inquiry question will feed into the partnership question.

# Quality area 6 - Collaborative partnerships with families and communities

## Diary Dates



Week	Day and Date	Event
1	Monday 20/7/15	First Day of term
1	Wednesday 22/7/15 and Friday 24/7/15	SA Police to visit children in groups 1 and 2 as part of our Child Protection Curriculum
1	Thursday 23/7/15	NAWMA- Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority will visit groups 1 and 2 to share learning about recycling
1	Friday 24/7/15	Farewell assembly for Angela Falkenberg-School Principal.
3	Monday 3/8/15	Pupil Free Day- B-7 learning on Positive Education and Resilience
6	Monday 24/8/15	Child and Youth Health Screenings- educators will approach individual families based on child's date of birth. Sessions will be conducted each term this year
10	Friday 25/9/15	Last day of term. Early dismissal 1:45pm

### **PLEASE KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE**

**Due to a couple of near misses in the car park involving children we ask parents to help us by**  
**NOT PARKING IN THE CAR PARK.**

**Please encourage other parents to do the right thing.**

# Quality Area 7 - Leadership and service management

## Preschool sessions

Group 1 – Monday and Wednesday full day 8:45AM-2:45PM and Thursday morning 8:45AM-11:45AM

Group 2 - Tuesday and Friday full days 8:45AM-2:45PM and Thursday afternoon 12:00PM-3:00PM

**Preschool Fees** – are set at \$50 per term. Invoices have been generated and placed into your child's communication pocket. Please ensure fees are paid to Kim our Receptionist, within 2 weeks of receipt of your Tax Invoice. Thank you

## Occasional Care

Occasional Care sessions in term 3 are:

Under 2 children	Over 2 children
Monday 8:45-11:45AM Thursday 8:45-11:45AM	Monday 8:45-11:45AM Tuesday 8:45-11:45AM Thursday 8:45-11:45AM and 12:00 - 3:00PM

Please see Kim at our Reception desk if you would like further information or would like to enrol.

## Occasional Care Fees are set at

- ★ \$5:00 per session for non- concession card holders
- ★ \$1:50 per concession card holders per session
- ★ Sibling discounts apply if more than one child in the family attends Occasional Care

Families are reminded to please pay their Occasional Care fee on arrival to their booked session to Kim at the Reception desk.

If for some reason your child is unable to attend the Occasional Care session please notify Kim our Receptionist on 8258-0666 (ask for Children's Centre). If we do not receive your cancellation by 8:30am on the day your child is booked into care you will be charged the fee for the session.

Please be aware that demand for Occasional Care is growing. Waiting lists apply for most sessions. Your early cancellation allows us to ring another family on the waiting list and offer them care. Thank you for your consideration of other families.



## Preschool banking

Our banking days are Tuesday and Thursday.

We are hoping to invite a member of the Commonwealth Banking Team to the Children's Centre on a Thursday between sessions to talk to families and answer any questions you may have in relation to opening or operating a children's bank account.

For further information, please see Kim at the Reception desk. Children will be given a gift when they open an account. Thank you.



# Invitation to all families!

Come and grab a hot drink and something to eat Wednesday afternoon in the Children's Centre car park!

From 2.15 – 3.30pm



Find us on  
**Facebook**

We have a new Facebook page with lots of information about what's happening in the Children's Centre.  
Check it out!!

Lake Windemere B-7 School Children's Centre

From the Children's Centre Team



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