

NEWSLETTER

22/7/2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have enjoyed a relaxing and wonderful break with your family despite the cold and wet weather. Term 3 has arrived already and along with it a range of new experiences for children.

Enrolment for Preschool 2020 will commence shortly. If you have an eligible child or know of a relative, friend or neighbour with an eligible child please see our Receptionist Kim for an enrolment package very soon. First round offers will commence in August, just a few weeks away.

Quality Area 1- Educational Program & Practise

Focus texts for this term:

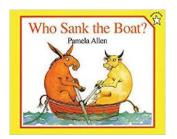
Educators have selected 2 text by Pamela Allen to continue to build oral language opportunities for children through literacy, numeracy, inquiry based learning and play.

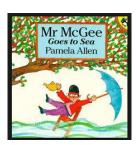
Our 2 focus text are:

'Who sank the Boat?'

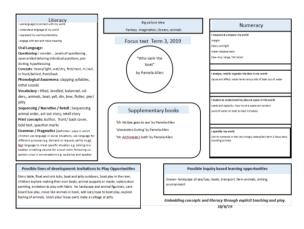
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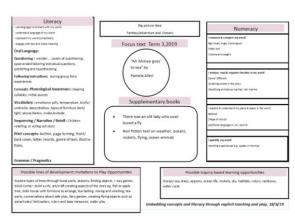
'Mr McGee goes to sea'





We have developed focus text overviews which will be displayed in the foyer area along with the group programs to support you to view the extensive learning which will occur over the term. As the term progresses you will be able to follow children's learning through floor book entries.





We will continue to deliver another topic of the Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum .Please find the general information below.

Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum (KS:CPC)

The Department for Education *Child protection in schools, early childhood education and care services* policy (2015) states that *'all children and young people in DECD preschools and schools will access the* approved child protection curriculum'.

The KS:CPC teaches children and young people to recognise abuse, tell a trusted adult, understand what is appropriate and inappropriate touching and ways of keeping themselves safe.

Themes

The curriculum is based on two main themes which are presented through topics and activities.

- Theme 1: We all have the right to be safe
- Theme 2: We can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust.

Focus Areas

The two themes are explored through four Focus Areas, which are examined in growing complexity in accordance with the age of the learners.

- 1. The right to be safe
- 2. Relationships
- 3. Recognising and reporting abuse
- 4. Protective strategies.

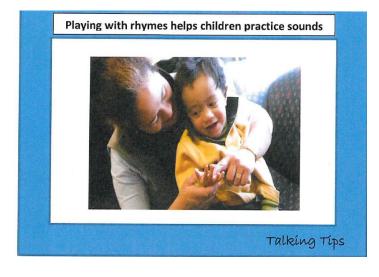
More information can be found on the KS:CPC website: http://tiny.cc/KSCPC-ParentCarerInfo

Our focus in the **Child Protection Curriculum** in Term 3 moves into the topic Recognising and Reporting Abuse.

3. Recognising and reporting abuse

- Privacy & the bodyTouching
 - Recognising abuse Secrets

More detailed information about the topic has been attached, in the form of a fact sheet, to the end of this newsletter. It may be a topic that you would like to build on through conversations with your child at home. If you wish to chat with the educators more about any of the information shared they would be happy to meet with you.



Our Allied Health
Speech Pathologist
has created a series
of helpful tips to
support children's
speech and
language
development. We
will feature new
tips each
newsletter.

Closing the Gap project: Update

Reception and preschool children, and teachers in Group 1, will commence shared play sessions in Term 3 on a Wednesday morning in the Acacia unit, and Group 2 will visit the Lily unit on a Friday morning.

A meeting with Bronte Stanford, the Assistant Principal Early Years, has commenced discussions on planning formal transition visits scheduled for Term 4. Our discussions have also focussed on the handover of information on individual children to Reception teachers to ensure they have the best possible start at school.

Quality Area 4 Staffing Arrangements



Hi. I'm Susan.

I am the Occupational Therapist at Lake Windemere B-7 School Children's Centre. I am here every Wednesday and alternating Mondays (odd weeks of term). The main focus of my role is running groups and providing information to families with children birth - 5 years of age.

The areas I can provide support around are:

- Fine and gross motor
- Independence in self-care skills and routines e.g. going to the toilet, mealtimes, dressing, bathing and following other daily routines
- Play and social skills with siblings and peers
- Sensory processing, regulation skills and managing 'big feelings'
- Referrals to other supports and services in the local community

If you have any concerns about your child's development in these areas or you would like to know more about Occupational Therapy I would love to catch up with you! Feel free to pop in to see me or phone the centre to book an appointment.

Helping keep children safe through new screening laws

Stronger, more effective and transparent screening laws for people working or volunteering with children have been introduced in South Australia. The new screening laws were recommended as part of Federal and South Australian royal commissions, to help keep children safe in our communities. The new laws mean that from 1 July 2019 everyone working or volunteering with children must have a valid child-related check.

Also changing from 1 July 2019 is the state's current system for child-related employment screenings, which will be replaced with a working with children check (WWCC). This new check is coming in to better protect your children and make sure that people working or volunteering with children are suitable. It does this through a monitored and more robust assessment of a person's eligibility to work or volunteer with children. Because the check is monitored, immediate action can be taken if a person is charged with a concerning offence. The new check covers off on a person's national criminal history including all spent convictions, pending and non-conviction charges, and other disciplinary and child protection information.

A WWCC is valid for five years and is portable across roles and organisations throughout South Australia.

Current, valid child-related employment screening checks done by DHS/DCSI will be recognised as a WWCC until they expire. There is also a 12 month transition period for anyone with a National Police Certificate assessed by their organisation, with the certificate valid till 1 July 2020.

For most people, this means they don't need to do anything to be ready for the new law starting on 1 July 2019. For more information about the new check visit the DHS website.

Diary Dates



Week	Day and Date	Event
1	Monday 22/7/19	First day of term
6	Friday 30/8/19	School Closure Day
7	Monday 2/9/19	Pupil Free Day
9	Monday 16/9/19	C&YHS Health screening for Group 1 children
10	Friday 27/9/19	Last day of term. 1:45PM early dismissal

Quality Area 6: Collaborative partnerships with families and communities

NEW LITERACY PACKS

During the school holiday break Kim has been very busy preparing new literacy packs for families to enjoy at home. See if you can *SPOT* the new packs!! ©

Happy reading!

TERM 3 COMMUNITY TIMETABLE

The timetable for the Community space has been completed, and is available in Community Corner, and in children's pockets. Please feel free to contact Caroline (Community Development Coordinator) for further information on upcoming events.

The timetable can also be found on the **Lake Windemere B-7 School Children's Centre Facebook page**, along with other information about programs, workshops and community events in the area. IF you haven't already, give us a 'like'.

If you have any feedback or suggestions for community programs, events or workshops that you would like to see provided at the Children's Centre, please have a chat with Caroline and we will see what we can arrange.



Quality Area 7 Leadership & Service Management



Preschool banking

Our banking day is Thursday. For further information, please see Kim at the Reception desk.

Preschool and Occasional Care Fees

Preschool Fees of \$65 are required to be settled before the end of term Friday 27/9/19. Thank you.

Occasional Care fees: We request that all Occasional Care families please pay their child's session fees on arrival at the centre prior to moving into the learning space. All fees can be paid to Kim at the Reception desk. Thank you.

Occasional Care sessions for children 0-4 years old in term 3 are:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

8.45am to 11.45am (Over 2's)

Thursday

12pm to 3pm (over 2's only)

Monday and Thursday

8.45am to 11.45am (Under2's)

<u>Bookings are essential</u>: Children may only be booked for 1 session per week. Please ring our Receptionist Kim Smith on Monday mornings from 8:15am phone: 8258 0666 to make a booking.

Preschool Students Starting School in 2020

During the first couple of weeks of Term 3, all students who will be attending Lake Windemere B-7 School in 2020 will receive an enrolment pack. The enrolment pack includes a school enrolment form / consent form, and other information that may answer some of the questions you have regarding the new school year. We ask that the enrolment / consent forms be completed and returned to Kim at the Children's Centre reception desk at your earliest convenience.

