



Lake
Windemere B-7 School
Children's Centre
for Early Childhood
Development and Parenting

NEWSLETTER

29th January, 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of all staff we wish you a warm welcome to our Centre. For families returning to the Centre again we trust that you have enjoyed relaxing time with family and friends. All staff are keen to work to tailor individualised support for your child's care and education and provide resources and support to you as a family or carer to ensure that you are able to do the important job of parenting.

Our 2019 Centre priorities will focus on Reading, Transition and Wellbeing. This will result in an exciting year as staff continue on their professional learning journey.

Better Goodbyes

After a successful trial of Better Goodbyes in the Occasional Care program on Monday mornings terms 3 and 4, 2018 we are extending the strategy to Thursday morning Occasional Care and each Preschool session this year.

Better Goodbyes provides a quieter space for families to hand over care of their child to educators.

After the goodbye from the family, a staff member remains available in a quiet space: the sleep room for Occasional Care children and the divided preschool indoor space for Preschool children.

Occasional Care children can wander from the sleep room when they are ready to explore the wider learning environment and Preschool children can move outdoor when ready. For children who are anxious or struggling with separation, the quieter indoor spaces will provide a dedicated staff member to support them with attachment and emotional regulation.

We look forward to your support and feedback about the new procedure. Please chat to staff if you have any questions.

Focus Teacher

Each preschool child will be allocated a focus teacher for the year. The teachers will introduce themselves to you within the first week of preschool. They will also provide a focus teacher letter explaining their interaction with your child during the year and their planning and assessment responsibilities. Existing Preschool children will continue with their focus teacher from last year.

Quality Area 2- Children's Health & Safety

Parents and Carers are reminded to ensure all children have a sunhat for outdoor play in term 1 as required by the Sunsmart policy. Please ensure they are clearly marked with your child's name.

You can purchase a hat from the reception desk or school front office at a cost of \$6:00



We would like to remind every family that children are required to have the following each session:

- Sun cream applied prior to arrival at preschool/Occasional Care/Crèche
- Appropriate clothing to cover shoulders and tops of arms

- A drink bottle filled with water. Educators will top up drink bottles with filtered water throughout the day as necessary.



Literacy Packs

Have you seen our Preschool Literacy Packs?

Literacy packs are available for our preschool children to borrow for up to 2 weeks.

If you would like to take a pack home, please take the kit to Kim, our Receptionist for recording.

On return of your pack you will be given a star sticker to stick next to your child's name on the Literacy Star Chart.

When your child has 5 stars they can write their name on a piece of fruit /leaf to add to our Literacy Tree.

There is also a range of Parent Reading Book (located at the top of the Literacy Pack rack). If your child loves being in the outdoors we have some Nature Activity Packs for you to share.

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



QUALITY AREA 4 - STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS

Our staff team for 2019 consists of

Sue Holecek- Director 1.0- (0.4) Teaching and (0.6) Administration

Community Development Co-ordinator (0.8) Caroline Goldstone

Family Practitioner (formerly Family Services Coordinator) (1.0) Eliza Neander

Allied Health Occupational Therapist (0.3) Belinda Jankowiak- Each Monday and Thursday each fortnight

Allied Health Speech Pathologist (0.3) every Thursday and Tuesday each fortnight- currently vacant

Receptionist: Kim Smith -Monday to Friday

Libby Jones- Teacher (1.0)

Cheryl Capewell- Teacher (0.6)-Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Nikki Koutroulis- Teacher- (0.6)-Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

SSO's- Kathryn Wall, Melissa Delia, Vanessa Stuchbury, Tracey Innes, Elaine Thompson, Vicki Kerr

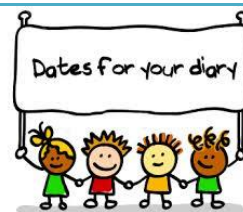
Preschool Support- to be confirmed

Speech and Language Program - Speech Pathologist Sophie Seekamp (0.4) and Kristen Scrimshaw 0.6 Early Childhood Worker.

Occasional Care - Melissa Delia ECW2- Monday am, Tuesday am and Thursday

- Kathryn Wall ECW1- Monday and Thursday morning

Diary Dates



Week	Day and Date	Event
1	Tuesday 29 th January	First day for Group 2 Preschool children
1	Wednesday 30 th January	First day for Group 1 Preschool children
3	Wednesday 13 th February	Governing Council meeting 7pm-9pm in the school staff room. All welcome to attend
7	Monday 11 th March	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday Centre closed
7	Tuesday 12 th March	Pupil Free Day- No Preschool or Occasional Care programs run. Staff attend Professional development.
9	Monday 25 th March	Child and Youth Health services 4 year old health screenings- Group 1 children. Families will be approached by staff for an appointment.
11	Friday 12 th April	Last day of term. Early dismissal 1:45pm

Quality Area 7 Leadership & Service Management

Preschool Banking

Our banking days are Tuesday and Thursday. For further information, please see Kim at the Reception desk. Children will be given a gift when they open an account. Thank you.



Preschool Sessions

Group 1: Monday and Wednesday (8:45am-2:45pm) and Thursday morning (8:45am-11:45am)

Group 2: Tuesday and Friday (8:45am-2:45pm) and Thursday afternoon (12:00pm to 3:00pm)

Occasional Care sessions: For children 0-4 years old- Bookings are essential

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 8.45am to 11.45am (Over 2's)

Monday and Thursday: 8.45am to 11.45am (Under 2's)

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

Fees

Preschool Fees: of \$65 are to be paid by the end of week 3 term 1. We would appreciate you finalising your child's preschool fees by Friday 15/2/2019

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.

Illness and absences

If your child is going to be away or has been away from Preschool can you please notify Kim our Receptionist or your child's focus teacher. We are required to provide a reason for your child's non-attendance at Preschool.

Communication Pockets

Your child's communication pocket is located on the wall of the hall (to the left of the reception desk). These pockets work alphabetically by your child's first name. We ask that you check pocket every day that your child attends preschool.



**Parking for
staff only**

Carpark

We wish to remind you that the Children's Centre car park is for staff and visitors.

We ask families to please use roadside parking to access the Centre. Thank you in anticipation.

SA Dental Service

Keep your kids smiling



Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Call us now for an appointment!

Your local clinic is: Salisbury Community Dental Clinic

Phone: 8250 9254

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental

Baby Playgroup

For babies from birth to pre-walkers

Lake Windemere B-7 School Children's Centre, Holstein Drive, Salisbury North

Opportunity for babies and parents to explore and spend time together through a range of play activities.

Facilitated by Eliza, (Family Practitioner)

Belinda, (OT) and Caroline (CDC)

General developmental information provided during sessions

Thursdays

1.00pm - 2.30pm

31/1/19 - 6/3/19

(The first 6 weeks of term 1)

All sessions are FREE

Come and meet other parents and babies!

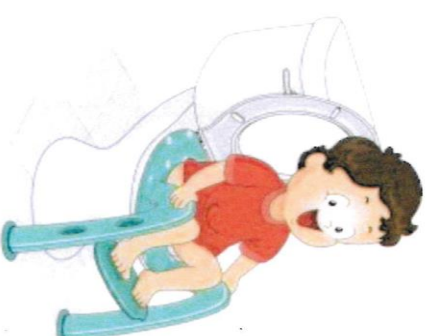


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If you have any questions please contact
Eliza on 8258 0666 or
just come along !!

Toilet Training



Learning to use the toilet is a big step! Come along to our toilet training workshop to learn some information and tips.

When: Monday 25th February

Time: 1:00-2:30pm

Location: Lake Windemere B-7 School Children's Centre,
Holstein Drive, Salisbury North

Facilitated by Belinda, Occupational Therapist

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Bookings essential.
Please call Caroline or Belinda on
82580666 or email
belinda.jankowia2@sa.gov.au
to register.