



Dear families,

It's hard to believe that another term is over! We have seen so much learning and development with the children over the past ten weeks. The teachers have very much enjoyed meeting with all of you during the parent-teacher chats and have gathered so much invaluable information all of which helps us to support, challenge and extend your children.

To celebrate the end of term 2, we are inviting you to come to the centre on Wednesday night for **Twilight Kindy**. It will be an opportunity for you to meet other families, and to see some of the learning that happens. The children have been very clear about which experiences should be on offer!

It will be a very informal event so you can choose to stay for as little or as long you like. The centre will be set up for a normal preschool day and your children will be able to participate in their favourite experiences with you. At 6pm we'll stop for a shared meal of pizza. To help us with catering, please return your RSVP by Monday July 3, indicating how many people will be attending and any food preferences.

As often happens at the end of a term there are people to welcome and people to farewell.

It is with great sadness that I inform you that **Sarah McPhillips** (teacher) has made the decision to leave Lockleys at the end of this term. We are incredibly sad about her decision, she has made a wonderful contribution to Lockleys Children's Centre over the course of this year, developing strong relationships with children, families and of course the staff team. We have appreciated her calmness, can do attitude and of course her skill as a teacher. She will be very missed but we wish her all the best and hope she comes back in the future. We will welcome Lucy Highett as the full time teacher for terms 3 and 4.

We also farewell **Caitie Adams** (Support early childhood worker) for term 3 but Caitie will return in term 4 after completing her final early childhood teaching placement.

We also farewell **Holly Ruminski, Ryder Clayton** and **Michael Albert** all of whom will be starting school in term 3. We wish them every success as they continue their learning journey.

As many of you are aware, 2023 is the first year that we return to having a mid-year intake. From now on children will be able to start preschool in either January or July. Next term we will welcome our first group of mid-year children and their families.

We wish you all a safe and relaxing break and we look forward to seeing you in term 3.

Nadia on behalf of the Lockleys Children's Centre team



TERM 2 DIARY DATES

Monday 1 May -

Friday 7 July 2023

Week 10

Wednesday 5 July

Twilight Kindy, 5pm-6.30pm

Friday 7 July

Last day of term 2.

TERM 3 DIARY DATES

Monday 24 July -

Friday 29 September

Week 7

Monday 24 July

First day of term 1

Friday July 28

Friday session **CASSOWARY** group

Are you coming to
Twilight Kindy?

Please RSVP by 3pm
Monday July 3

Your child's immunisation...

Have you provided Robyn with evidence of your child's four year old immunisation?

As you are aware **children cannot attend an early childhood service unless they are fully immunised.**

An updated immunisation record is required each time your child receives vaccines and must be provided within the stated timeframes below:

After the child turns 4 years and 2 months of age but before the child turns 4 years and 8 months of age, the immunisation record is due before the child turns 4 years 8 months of age.

We are still waiting for this information for a number of children. Please be aware that if your updated immunisation history statement from the Australian Immunisation Register is not provided before your child turns 4 years and 8 months of age they will not be able to attend preschool until this information has been provided.

If you are having difficulty accessing the immunisation history statement please speak to either Robyn or Nadia.



HELP!.... Do you have some free time this week to help us with some end of term cleaning?

This can happen any time during the day.
Add you name to the roster if you can help!

Many thanks to parents Sarah (Holly) and Kylie (Thomas) for helping with book covering this term!

Starting school in 2024....

Have you enrolled your child at your chosen school for the start of the 2024 school yea?

All children should be enrolled to help schools prepare for the 2024 school year.

A number of families are still to make a school choice. Please see Nadia if you need any help.

We have enrolment packs for Lockleys North Primary School at the front desk - see Robyn.

Please let Robyn know any information related to school choices.



Have you paid your term 2 fees?

Office furniture no longer required!



**Make us a donation!
See Nadia.**



Occasional care update...

Dear occasional care Families,

We can't believe how quickly the term has gone and how much we have achieved together over the past 10 weeks.

At the end of the term we will farewell a few of our occasional care children as they continue their learning journey and commence kindergarten. We wish **Orlando, Jake, Fletcher, Lee, Orianthi, Alessio, Ella, Haya, Aya and Charlotte** all the very best. We will miss you all, but know you are ready to spread your wings.

Over the course of this term, we have built on our sense of identity by building attachments with educators and with each other, by continuing to openly express our feelings and ideas with each other and by participating in familiar routines. Many children are becoming increasingly independent, finding their locker space for belongings and putting their lunch boxes and drink bottles on the trolley.

We have participated in many experiences this term which link back to our 'Under the Sea' theme. We have made octopi, decorated and cut out Jellyfish, read stories and learnt about sea creatures, listened to the sound of the ocean, dug for treasure in the sand, used shells to make patterns in playdough, kinetic sand and slime, talked about and shared our experiences at the beach/sea, learnt about our impact on living things and marine life and read stories about keeping safe at the Beach.

We have enjoyed other activities/experiences such as:

- home corner role play (naming objects, food, turn taking and quantifying)
- blocks with various adjuncts (constructing, imagining, naming, estimating)
- climbing, crawling, jumping, balancing using various equipment (developing our gross motor skills, balance and spatial awareness)
- joining in with group time songs games such as stretchy lycra and storytelling (listening to and following instructions, joining in and becoming confident to share ideas in a group setting, creating a sense of togetherness)
- pizza making (estimating, enjoying, turn taking, describing, predicting)
- sorting objects using tongs (developing fine motor skills, naming colours and objects) using a range of media to express our ideas through the arts (painting, drawing, manipulating playdough and slime)

We hope you all have a wonderful break and we look forward to welcoming you back from Tuesday 25 July.

Lauren and Di

