



Term 3, 2017
July 19th

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Hello parents and carers,

As school holidays approaches for kindy children we will continue to operate childcare over the holiday break for all children needing care. Perhaps you might need your own break, shopping time, hair dressers or appointments or just some chill time. Just give us a call and we will see if we can get you in.



Photo Packs will be back shortly and we will put a notice of their arrival up on the front door or they will be given out to you when we see you in the centre. Please contact Kidspics direct for any queries you have.

Next term will be a busy one and we encourage you to check the term's calendar agenda so that you know what's happening. A couple of special things occurring are Fathers Day breakfast, Annual Farm visit, Book Week and Science Week.

VISITORS Week– July 30th to August 3rd

We are hoping to have as many visitors come through the centre in the week beginning 30th July between 10-11am. Children love to share their special place with their families and friends and take you around for a tour and a play.

Seen our **FACEBOOK** page yet? We put on regular reminders and important events so that you are up to date. Follow us at:
Waikerie Children's Centre DECD

TEXT SERVICE—haven't received any photos or texts from us lately? The reason why is that recently we had to reload all the numbers onto the phone. We hope that we've got them all on there if you have previously sent us your number to be part of this service. This will be back in action this week.

Did you know we can send you photos and videos of your child's day to your mobile phone. If you would like this service please text us your name and your child's name to

0400 904 366

JUST A REMINDER

Medication for children

If your child requires medicine of any type to be given at the centre it must be supplied with a signed Medication Authority from the doctor or health professional. Please let your child's doctor know that they attend kindy or childcare so that they can give you this form straight away at your appointment.

Health and Diet Changes: please keep us informed so that we can cater for your child's food intake at the centre.

COMING SOON– Our favourite Recipes all in one place. A cookbook is in the final stages of production and will be available to purchase as part of our centre's fundraising.

We also have a new menu for term 3. Be sure to check it out.

Kindy for 2019– children turning 4 before May 1st are eligible to commence kindy in January 2019. Please share this news with your friends as we will be sending out kindy offer letters shortly. These will come via mail or your child's notice pocket if you already use the centre. You must accept and return your letter to us to confirm your child's place.



Childcare Vacancies: we currently have some vacancies in childcare. Please see Kym at the front desk on how we can help you.

Carparking on the street– please ensure that cars are not parked in front of resident driveways and the entrances coming in and out of the main car park. We are aware that certain times this is very congested and perhaps parking a little bit further away might be better for child safety and accessibility. Residents have expressed some concerns.

Librarian Visits– Katrina will visit us 3 mornings this week to share stories and activities with the children. The children love her visits.

CHILDCARE SUBSIDY– The new subsidy affects families from 2nd July for all childcare sessions and kindy lunchtime sessions. Ensuring that you have logged onto your MYGOV account or through Centrelink and updated your details will prevent you from paying full childcare fees if you are receiving any subsidies. Kym has put many reminders out to parents about this process as we are unable to make any changes to the Commonwealth system from our end. See Kym if you need further help

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CHILDREN'S LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- * Children have a strong sense of identity
- * Children are connected with & contribute to their world
- * Children have a strong sense of wellbeing
- * Children are confident & involved learners
- * Children are effective communicators

OUR PRACTICE:

- * Holistic approaches
- * Responsiveness to children
- * Learning through play
- * Intentional teaching
- * Learning environments
- * Cultural competence
- * Continuity of learning & transitions
- * Assessment for learning

OUR PRINCIPLES:

- * Secure, respectful & reciprocal relationships
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Term 2, 2018
July 2nd

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Pirate Day Fundraiser

What a terrific amount of money we raised for children with brain cancer research. A total of \$118.05 was donated. Thanks to all who supported our dress up day.

Staff news:

A brief update on staff across the centre:

- Joan is enjoying a holiday in QLD for another two weeks.
- Amanda will be on personal leave for the next 4 weeks from childcare
- Kay will be on personal leave for part of term 3 from kindy.
- Caitlin Waechter will be working in kindy during term 3 and 4 in a teacher and ECW role.
- We welcome Rachael back into the childcare room
- 15 of staff spent a Saturday updating their first aid requirements

Diary Dates

- 2/7/18 New Childcare fees start
- 2/7/18 Governing Council mtg 7pm
- 30/7/18 VISITORS WEEK 10-11AM Visits
- 6/8/18 Librarian Week
- 13/8/18 Science week begins
- 20/8/18 Book Week Begins
- 21/8/18 Annual morning visit to Kroehn's Farm
- 22-23/8/18 Book character dress up days
- 29/8/18 Fathers Day Breakfast for all dads
- 30/7/18 Governing Council mtg 7pm
- 17/9/18 Governing Council mtg 7pm

COMING SOON– our brand new website will be launched by the education department.

LOST PROPERTY: Please remember to label hats, jumpers and shirts.... We are pleased that this year we only have one basket of lost items, so keep checking it regularly.

Students on site:

We have welcomed some new faces on site who are studying their Diploma of Children's Services. Their chance to work and learn amongst us gives them the opportunity to have hands on experience and be considered for future employment.



WHAT ABOUT YOU? If anyone is considering working with children the Diploma of Children's Services is the course that is offered by TAFE, MADEC and other training organisations. We are always looking for staff and if you would like to consider a career working with children come and have a chat to us.

Parent Feedback: we really enjoy the discussions that we have with parents about their children and how they are learning. Incidental conversations with all parents offer us great information across the centre and allows us to help your child develop socially, emotionally, mentally, psychologically and physically. It's important to have these conversations with us so that we can consider your child's individual needs and what may be best for them. This term kindy families had the opportunity to have some 1:1 discussions with kindy staff about how their child is progressing. We also love listening to the conversations that you have with your child when you are looking through our floorbooks, their Learning Stories, their Profile Books and the Community Book on the reception counter.

What do we need at WCC? Do you have any treasures at home?

Indoor plants

Indoor pots (for plants)



These items are called Loose Parts and can be used in a variety of ways:

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| Buttons | Muffin trays |
| Wood off cuts | Divided containers (Dip/biscuit type) |
| Pine cones | Pipes (sand & water play) |
| Dried flowers | Rope |
| Keys & padlocks | wooden reels |
| Things we can pull apart | Wooden bowls & Trays |
| Tools– screwdrivers, | Old curtains for cubby's |
| Leather scraps | Smooth pebbles |
| Bubble wrap | Coloured rocks |
| Hessian | Low wooden cupboards/tables |
| Outdoor cushions | Pipes |
| Nuts and bolts | Helmets |
| Child safety vests | Gum Boots |

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