



July Newsletter

Staffing Update

- ✓ Anne Whittleston has returned after well-earned rest and recovery from her knee replacement. Thank you to Kate Hallam who filled in as Acting Director whilst Anne was on leave.
- ✓ Janet is on LSL for another couple of weeks and Michelle and Roshni are working an extra day.
- ✓ We farewelled Rabia Laiq at the end of Term 2, who has been working across the centre. Her family has re-located to Sydney.

Children's Library

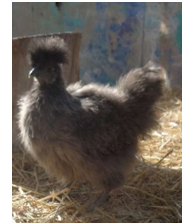
Did you know that we have a children's library that you can borrow from?

You are welcome to peruse through the library with your child to choose a book, sign it out and then take it home to read, returning it once you have finished.

There are books for children all ages up to school age.

Some of the benefits to reading to your child include

- Bonding, - providing a wonderful opportunity for you and your child to connect. It's a nice way to spend time together and slow down during an otherwise hectic day
- Listening skills - Hearing a story read aloud involves some level of comprehension on your child's part.
- Cognitive and Language skills - Even the youngest children benefit from hearing their caregivers read to them. Studies have shown that babies who are read to and talked to score higher in language skills and cognitive development, like problem solving.



We recently introduced 2 more Silkie Bantam's to add to our brood. We now have 4 chicken's after discovering Rainbow is a rooster! He is happily living with other Silkie's on a farm. After consultation with the children, the votes have been tallied and we welcome, Coco and Liquorice who have been busy getting to know Sprinkles, and Cheep. Naming the chickens involved mathematical concepts such as number sense, counting and data analysis. The children have been enjoying holding, patting and getting to know the new chickens.

Would you like to take part in caring for the chickens during the weekends? Please see Roshni for more information.

This term we will be introducing some new movements to our Animal Fun repertoire. Children will be moving like millipedes, centipedes and camels, waddling like penguins, jumping like kangaroos and frogs, galloping like horses and skipping like crows!

All of these movements support children to develop and refine their **locomotion** skills - that is, their hopping, jumping, skipping, and running. These skills are essential as a foundation for later participation in more complex physical activities. In our preschool, they also provide our children with the opportunity for much needed 'movement breaks' - which helps to support their attention and concentration to engage in learning activities.

If you have any questions, please speak with your child's primary Educator, or Sarah, our Occupational Therapist.

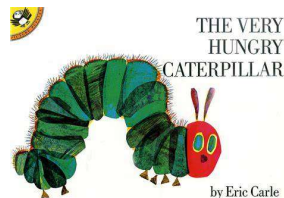
Curriculum

Our Prior to School Quality Improvement Plan (PQIP)

Goal: **To promote children's Emergent Literacy Skills. (Oral Language, Phonological Awareness, Print Awareness).**

In conjunction with our Speech Pathologist, Tamara, we have been implementing a Book Based Programme across the whole centre. This term's book focus is The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle.

This story is rich with opportunities to extend all children's learning in all the areas of Science, Technology, Art, Numeracy and Literacy. We are excited to see where the children's journey takes us.



2022 Preschool Program

In August 2021 letters will be sent to families who have registered an Expression of Interest in our Preschool Program and who live in our immediate catchment area

- ❖ Bridge Road
- ❖ McIntyre Road
- ❖ The Golden Way
- ❖ The Grove Way

offering a place in our Preschool Program for 2022.

Depending on the number of available positions, offers for families who live beyond the catchment will be mailed out approximately 2 weeks later.

The aim of this procedure is to ensure that children are offered a place in their local centre. A consistent state-wide approach, including the establishment of local catchment areas, ensures that all families are provided with the same information about their Preschool enrolment options.

Please encourage friends and families to register their child for 2022!

Change in Pupil Free Day in Term 3

Governing Council approved a change in Pupil free day from 24th September TO 6th September. This is a mutual pupil free day across the partnership.

Our core Educators from **across our site** will spend the day monitoring the progress of our Prior to School Quality Improvement Plan (PQIP) and reviewing Policies and Procedures.

Long Day Care will be available to families who have children with a regular LDC booking each Friday.

Last day of Preschool for Term 3 will be **Friday 24th September.**

Long Day Care will continue through the Pre School holidays. **If you normally access Before and After Session Care during the term and need care in the holidays please let us know by 10th September to ensure staff rosters are adjusted.**

The Preschool Program will recommence for Term 4 on **Monday 11th October.**

Reminder - End of Year Closure

Governing Council approved to **close the whole Centre** from **12.30pm on Friday 10 December 2021.**

The Long Day Care program will then resume on **Monday 3 January 2022.**

Reminder – Photo Day

Centre photos will be taken by a professional photographer on Friday 10th September and Monday 13th September. More information to follow soon.



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Community Development Update

Fun with friends: is a small Playgroup running in our Community Space on Mondays from 9 – 11am.

Being with Baby: is provided on Thursday afternoons with Tamara (Speech Pathologist) and Sarah (Occupational Therapist).

PJ story night will run during book week on 26th August.

Allied Health (OT & Sp) Drop in and Chat – Thursday AM

Do you have any concerns about your under school age child's development? Are you looking for advice or support in accessing services? Please call the Centre on 82512700 to make an appointment.

Circle of Security: Wed mornings 4th Aug until the 22nd of September

Northern Area Midwifery Group Practice offers a midwifery service Mondays and Fridays.

GP Shared Care offers a midwifery service on Wednesdays.

Autism SA run a Playgroup on Tuesday morning for community children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Stay tuned for more information about

- **Baby Massage,**
- **An information session with parenting expert Mark Le Messurier**
- **Children's Cooking with Amanda**

Please contact Nathan (CDC) for more information

- **in person at the Centre**
- **by phone 0435 219 942**
- **Email: Nathan.mcguinness3@sa.gov.au**



Did you know that you can find Keithcot Farm Children's Centre on facebook?

If you like the page, you can stay up to date with community programs, what's on for lunch each week as well as other relevant parenting topics.

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