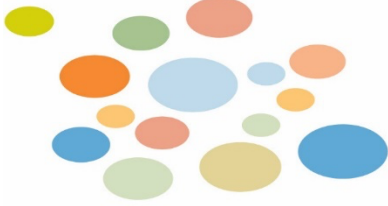




# Newsletter



**Children's  
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Development and Parenting



## Staffing Update

- ✓ Roshni Amroliwala has returned to a (0.6 FTE) Teaching position, working Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays.
- ✓ Michelle Cullen is teaching Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday.
- ✓ Kate Hallam will be the acting Director from 31 May until 2 July while Anne Whittleston will be recovering from a knee replacement.  
Kate is currently the Preschool Leader of The Heights School. She is very familiar with KFCC where she has worked for many years as a teacher and Community Development Coordinator (CDC).
- ✓ Janet Hazel will be on LSL the last 2 weeks of Term 2 and the first 2 Weeks of Term 3. Roshni and Michelle will cover Janet during this time.

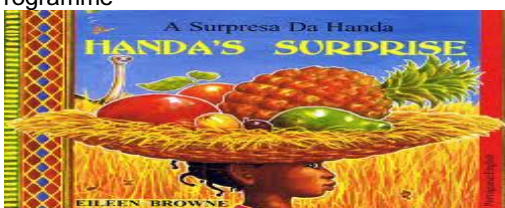
## Car Parking

We very much understand the frustration experienced by families not being provided a car park. Car Parking in all educational settings is a very complex topic. In the context of our setting it is more complex as we are a large site, surrounded by a large Primary School connected to a very large R-12 Private school. We have a staff team of over 30 members, rostered at different times of the day as well as staff facilitating community programs; students completing tertiary placements and Midwives running a midwifery service. On many occasions there are not enough parks and often staff need to park their cars on the road away from the Carpark. Our Long Day Care families (including Before and after Preschool Care) can utilise the car park 7.00 to 8.15am and later in the day from 3.30 to 6.00pm. Between now and the end of the term we will trial opening the gate at **3.00pm** when several staff members have completed their rostered day. If you are interested in being a volunteer Marshall from 3.00 – 3.30pm to ensure the Car Park is only utilised by Children's Centre families – please let me know.

## Curriculum

Our Prior to School Quality Improvement Plan (PQIP)  
Goal: **To promote children's Emergent Literacy Skills. (Oral Language, Phonological Awareness, Print Awareness).**

Our Speech Pathologist, Tamara has been working with our Preschool and Long Day Care Educators to implement a Book Based Programme



By now all children should have received a complimentary pack containing a copy of the book **Handa's Surprise**, which has been our focus book, along with related games and further information for your child to share with their family.

*Thank you to our wonderful volunteers Megan and Kelly (supported by Tamara) to collate these wonderful packs.*

We are looking for a volunteer to help collate our Children's Library. Please have a chat to Janet, Roshni, Michelle, Jen or Kate about the planned process and your availability.



We recently introduced 3 Silkie Bantam Chickens. The older Preschool children were asked to name the chickens and a poll was developed to identify the 3 most popular names (Rainbow, Cheep & Sprinkles). This activity enabled the children to experience an authentic way to see how data is collected and democracy work!

**Animal Fun** - Sarah our Occupational Therapist is supporting the implementation of this new evidence based program providing links between motor coordination and other important cognitive, social, physical and mental health outcomes in children.

**School Connections** Children in the Preschool program have been visiting the Keithcot Farm Primary School Resource Centre; Gym; playground; oval etc and participating in the KFPS Assemblies on alternate Fridays.

**Uni SA** – two Occupational Therapy students have been on placement at KFCC. The main objective of this placement are for the students to develop knowledge of child development and group management skills. Working alongside OT students is a great opportunity for our Educators to develop new skills and expertise in this critically important discipline.

## Health

If your child is showing signs of being unwell before coming to the Children's Centre, **it is important to keep him/her home for the day, and ring the Centre of your child's absence.**

Advice has been received from the Department of Health informing us that

*"Children who are suffering from vomiting and / or diarrhoea should not attend the Children's Centre. Parents / guardians will be contacted and asked to collect their child **within an hour** to reduce the possibility of the illness spreading.*

**The child will not be able to return to the Centre until all vomiting and / or diarrhoea has ceased for a period of at least**

**48 hours from the last episode and the child is feeling well.**



Now that we are heading into winter, could you please provide a warm **named beanie** and a **named rain jacket** for your child to wear outdoors? This also supports the implementation of our Nature Play Curriculum. We have a large covered outdoor area, but sometimes children get caught in the rain if there is a sudden downpour, leaving the rest of their clothes wet. A warm rain jacket that can be independently removed and hung to dry will reduce the problem of wet clothes in winter.



**Please name all your child's clothing.**

### 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 approx 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!**

### No Department for Education Preschool on Friday 2 July

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 2 will be **Thursday 1 July**.

Long Day Care will continue through the Pre School holidays. **Families whose children access Before / After Preschool Care need to confirm their intentions for their child's attendance during these Preschool holidays.**

The Preschool Program will recommence for Term 3 on **Monday 19 July**.

### End of Year Closure

At our last Governing Council meeting held on 24 May, approval was received 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.**

### 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** was well attended with a space theme, in conjunction with the Simultaneous Story Week. Copies of the book "Roaring Rockets" and accompanying activities was provided for each participating family. The evening was held outside in the undercover area with fairy lights and glow sticks. Special thanks to Nathan, Sarah and Tamara for making this such a special occasion.

**Visit to the Planetarium:** this was a great follow up to the PJ Story night. Over 60 people participated over two sessions on Saturday 22 May.

**Passport to play:** This Group is being facilitated by Sarah and our wonderful volunteer Megan on Wednesdays 10 – 11.30am. Each week different aspects of Play are explored including sensory, nature, active, pretend, as well as play ideas for home.

**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.

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

**Cyber Safety** will be offered on June 8, 6.30-8.30pm. *This session will explore 'big issues' in the online space*

- ✓ grooming
- ✓ cyberbullying
- ✓ social networking
- ✓ sharing images
- ✓ games and apps
- ✓ where to go to get up to date, reputable information
- ✓ positive approaches to the online world.

**My Child and Me** training will be provided by the Parenting and family support team over 2 nights - 23 June and 30 June @ 6pm. The program covers a range of topics including

- ✓ Building a positive relationship
- ✓ Child development
- ✓ Keeping children safe
- ✓ Parenting styles
- ✓ Guiding and limit setting
- ✓ Co-parenting
- ✓ Taking care of yourself

**A Fussy Eating** information night will be offered on 16 June (Evening Session). More information available soon

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

**GP Shared Care** offers a midwifery service on Wednesdays.

**Please contact Nathan (CDC) for more information**

- ✓ in person at the Centre
- ✓ by phone 0435 219 942
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