

Peninsula Children's Services

Term 2 2018

Welcome back to Term 2.

After a great Vacation Care we are happy to see everyone's friendly face again. This term we will be following the children's interests and doing lots of mini projects related to animals and science experiences. We will also be creating works of art to be displayed in the hall for the Biggest Morning Tea.

The Biggest Morning Tea

The Biggest Morning tea is an annual event that is run here at the community centre. It will be held Thursday 24th May 10-12.30pm we encourage all families to come along for this fabulous event to raise money for a great cause. There will be raffles happening all day and it's a good chance to relax and catch up with friends, maybe you could enter the cupcake challenge. Grab a flyer and check it out.



Car Park

Please be aware that we ask all parents to park in the main car park and walk down to pick up and collect your children using the crossing. Please note that the preschool have asked our employees and families to not use their car park

Non Notification Fee

Please make sure that you notify staff when your child will not be at After School Care. We currently have approximately 10 families per day who we have to contact to locate missing children. This makes our transition from school to After School Care quite hectic as a staff member is taken off the floor to make these calls. You will be charged the Non Notification Fee if you have to be contacted in this regard

Staffing

Loren Sultana, our Children's Services Manager will be away this term as she celebrates her wedding and enjoys a relaxing honeymoon. Congratulations Loren and Ryan! While Loren is on leave Emma Shepherd will be stepping into this role. Emma will be replaced by staff from our pool of casual educators.

Operating Hours

Just a friendly reminder that during the school term our Centre opens at 6.30am and closes at 6.30pm daily. We are not licensed to offer care before and after these hours.

Feedback

Thank you to all the families who provide us with feedback whether it's via a conversation in the morning or afternoon or a more formal email, we really appreciate all forms of feedback. We take all feedback on board and use it to make positive improvements to our service

Afternoon Snack Ideas

If you have any suggestions for our afternoon snack we would love to hear them, we love incorporating the children's suggestions and ideas into our weekly menu. Please see our Suggestion Box near our Sign in an out area. We will be uploading our menus each week to Appessment for you to review and give feedback.

Appessment

This app provides families the opportunity to be a part of their child's learning by viewing their documented development. Families are able to like and comment on our documentation, provide feedback through the forms we send out and are provided with notices relating to the care of your child/ren or upcoming parenting courses. (N.Q.F 6.1.2) We have noticed a large number of families who have not accepted our invites to access their child's account. Over the next two weeks we will be resending this invitation which is linked to your email address. Please advise our staff if you are having any issues with your invitation.

Programs

We are looking at ideas for the next school holidays so please let staff know if your child has an interest in an activity and we will try to incorporate it into the program. Also if your child has a particular interest at school or home we would love share this with the other children and incorporate it into our before and After School Care Program. The children have already expressed an interest in wood work "Minute to win it Games" and "Guinness World Records".

Child Care Subsidy Changes

As you should be aware, we have some changes coming to the way our Services receives your subsidy payments from Centrelink. As of July 2 both your Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate payments will be paid directly to your Child Care Service. Please check Appessment and your email inbox for regular updates on the steps you need to complete to be ready for the roll out on July 2. You will need to get on to the My Gov app and confirm your details and current bookings as well as complete the Activity Test to determine what percentage and how many hours of subsidy you are entitled to. Please note that if you do not accept your child's bookings on the My Gov app your eligibility will not be sent to your Child Care Service. Any family who do not accept their booking we will have their fees charged at the full rate need until this has been completed. Please visit their website (<https://www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage>) or talk to a supervisor on site for more information.

Signing In and Out of the Service

All children must be signed in on the roll at entry to the Centre every time they arrive and must be signed out of the Centre as they leave each day. This is a Department of Education & Community requirement as well as necessary for the safety of all children in the event of an emergency evacuation drill or in the event of a necessary evacuation.

