



# September Newsletter

Please note - there will be no Department for Education preschool on **Friday 27 September**

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

Our core Educators from across our site will spend the day reviewing our Workplace Health and Safety Policies. We will monitor the progress of our Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) and plan for the remainder of 2019 and into 2020.

## Collection of Children

*Please ensure that you collect your child at the time when the program they are enrolled finishes. Some of our programs overlap and it is important for your child's safety that they are collected on time as our Educators have a range of responsibilities they need to complete at the end of each program.*

*If your child attends Long Day Care can you please try to collect your child no later than **5:45pm** so that our Educators can finish the last end of day tasks and prepare for the next day – thank you 😊*

## Health Care



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 to inform of your child's absence.**

Correct hand washing is one of the most effective ways to help prevent the spread of colds and influenza. Common cold viruses can get on our hands when we touch infected hands, surfaces and objects. When we put our unwashed hands in our mouth or rub our eyes and nose with them we can infect ourselves with a cold virus. Wash hands thoroughly, especially **before eating** food and **after blowing** the nose, coughing or sneezing.

**Children who have diarrhoea or are vomiting must be kept home for 24 hours after the last episode.**

Please notify staff immediately should your child contract an infectious disease.

Should any child become unwell at the Children's Centre, parents or contacts nominated by parents on



## Children's Centre Professional Photography

Tania Pile from Photoplay Studios will be visiting



**Monday 16 + Friday 20 September**  
**early in the morning**  
**7:30 – 10:30am.**

If you have misplaced your order form please ask for another. Photo packages are to be pre paid by cash or preferably online payments.

Tania's website is

<https://www.photoplaystudios.com.au/>

Please have a look at the website to see the quality and consistency of

images you can expect to receive, however Tania is providing 100% money back guarantee if you are dissatisfied.

Photos will be available for collection from Monday 21 October 2019

their child's enrolment form, will be contacted and requested that they be collected as soon as possible **or within one hour** to reduce the possibility of the illness spreading to other children and staff.

In some instances when a Doctor has recommended that a child stay home, a Doctor's clearance that it is OK for your child to return to our Centre, may be required.

**Please note:** in the event of an Outbreak of a communicable disease, families of "**non-immunised**" children will be asked to **exclude their child** from the Children's Centre for the relevant period.

## Sun Safety

**Sunscreen** must be applied by parents/ caregivers to all exposed skin **before** or on arrival at the Centre.

Sunscreen will be reapplied through the day in line with the current Cancer Council recommendations if the UV rating is 3 or more.

If your child has a medical need for a particular brand of sunscreen (eg- allergic to others) we need permission from your Doctor to administer this sunscreen and you will need to supply your own sunscreen with your child's name on a Chemist label.

If you do not want your child to receive sunscreen-please put your request in writing and it will be filed with your child's confidential documentation.

## Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you for completing our Parent Opinion Survey. Your feedback about the Children's Centre and the range of programs that we provide is currently being collated and reflected upon during planning processes - the planning of the learning program; the centre priorities and strategic directions.

The information is also used when completing the Annual General Report.

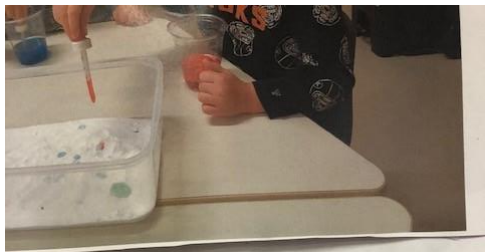
Overall the responses to the 2019 Parent Opinion Survey indicate *a continuing high degree of satisfaction* in each Quality Area of the National Quality Standard.

## Curriculum

At Keithcot Farm Children's Centre our play based program is integrated across our site.

**Science Week** was celebrated across our *Birth to School Entry* site between 12 and 16 August 2019.

Some of the Science Activities included



Creating a **chemical reaction** between food colouring, baking soda (sodium bicarbonate) and vinegar (diluted acetic acid) which generates carbon dioxide gas in the form of colourful bubbles.



Observing the process of **"Capillary Action"** as plants draw up coloured water from their roots and stems to the rest of the plant and essentially change colour.



Pouring milk into a shallow dish and then adding several drops of different food colouring. A pop stick was dipped into dishwashing detergent and then placed into the milk. After a count of 15 seconds we watched the **fat protein in the milk start to separate** as the **molecules in the soap** tried to attach to the fat molecules in the milk.

**Book Week** was also celebrated across our site. 2019 Theme for Book Week was

***Reading is my Secret Power!***

Throughout the week, children (and staff) wore their pyjamas and talked about their favourite books. The week culminated in **PJ Story time** with Tamara (Speech Pathologist) and Roshni (Educator).



*Please see attachment*

**“Getting the Most from Books**

**Community Development**

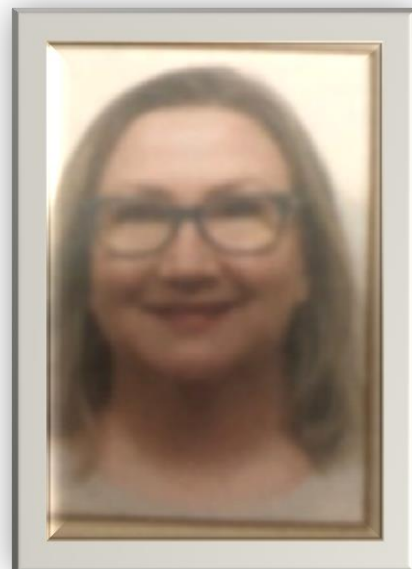
Welcome to Spring! I am very happy to be working here at Keithcot Farm CC. It is a beautiful Centre in a really lovely area of Adelaide. I am filling in for Laura and I know that I have big shoes to fill, as I am aware that Laura has made very strong connections in this community! I want to thank everyone here, staff and families as I have been warmly welcomed.

Our term programs are running along very well this term. Sarah and Tamara have worked very hard and each of their groups are well attended, as are Nurture Nest facilitated by Melissa our very wonderful Midwife

and the Mums and Bubs fitness with Sophie Personal Trainer.

Into next term we are looking to develop programs that suit Dads, such as Playgroups, Parenting programs and general get togethers for our Dads. If you would like to contribute to the development of these programs please do come in a have a chat or email me at - [tracey.alexander@sa.gov.au](mailto:tracey.alexander@sa.gov.au)

I am also working toward connecting with young mums and will be meeting with a group of pregnant young women at the Lyell McEwin Hospital next week. Exploring ways to connect in with the local Aboriginal Community is another avenue of exploration for our Centre. To that end I am making connections with Marringa Turtpandi, Muna Paeindi and Nunkawarrin Yunti Aboriginal Health Services.



Please introduce yourself to **Tracey** (Community Development Coordinator) and come in and have a chat if you have any questions, queries or suggestions.

**Dates to Remember**

**Monday 9 September: Governing Council**

Meeting @ 6.45pm.

**Tuesday 10 September: Being with Big Feelings**

9.30-12 noon.

**Tuesday 10 September: Raising Baby**

1.00-2.30pm

**Thursday 12 September: Preschool Visit to**

**Road Safety School.**

**Friday 13 September: Coffee and Chat**

with Tracey 2-3pm.

**Monday 16 September: Professional Photos**

7.30-10.30am.

**Tuesday 17 September: Raising Baby (final)**

1.00-2.30pm

**Friday 20 September: Professional Photos**

7.30-10.30am.

**Thursday 26 September: Last preschool day for term 3**

**Friday 27 September: Preschool closure** - Long Day

Care continues as normal for children booked into a Friday and through the school holidays.

**Monday 7 October: Public Holiday**

**Monday 14 October:** Preschool program recommences for

**Term 4.**

**Tuesday 29 October Health Checks** for children

4.3 months (or older).

**Tuesday 29 October Preschool Information Night** for

*Long Day Care* families whose children are commencing preschool in 2020

**Tuesday 5 November: Preschool Information Night** for

*new families* whose children are commencing preschool in 2020.