



November Newsletter

Annual General Meeting



Our AGM will be held at the Children's Centre on
Wednesday 8 December @ 6.30pm.

Reports will be available outlining accomplishments
achieved at the Children's Centre through 2021.

We have two Governing Councils

1. Keithcot Farm Children's Centre for Early Childhood Development and Parenting.
2. Keithcot Farm Children's Centre Childcare Inc.

Membership of the Governing Councils consist of parents, and community members elected at the Annual General Meeting and the staff leadership team. The two Councils meet simultaneously and are both informal and informative – a great way to get to know other parents, talk to staff in a more "relaxed" atmosphere, and for you to have a positive productive say in the future directions of your child's Children's Centre. We meet "Face to Face" in term 1, however in terms 2+3 we meet online via Zoom in the comfort of your own home. The days and times for meetings are negotiable around the most popular day +time. We usually meet apx. once/ month or twice per school term (apx every 6 weeks).

Role of the Governing Councils

- ✚ To support the implementation and financial management of the integrated Long Day Care; Department for Education Preschool Program; Allied Health and Community Development Programs.
- ✚ To develop and review policies and directions which will ensure a supportive learning environment for all children and their families.
- ✚ To identify strategic directions in the form of a Preschool Quality Improvement Plan (PQIP) along with the Centre Leadership team.
- ✚ To use human resources flexibly, effectively and efficiently.
- ✚ To raise funds to enable the purchase of resources and the maintenance of facilities
- ✚ To work collaboratively with Community Groups to strengthen community partnerships.

Preschool Statements of Learning

In all government preschools and government- funded preschools a **Statement of Learning** is provided to the family/ carers and to the school the child will attend, on completion of the child's eligible preschool year. Parents of children in Preschool who will be transitioning to school will soon receive their child's Statement of Learning from their child's Primary Educator. Opportunities to discuss and clarify this statement will be available upon request via the See Saw App.

End of Year Family Celebration



To celebrate the end of the year, we are inviting families to come and join in with the children (two years and older) to sing some of their favourite songs including some new Christmas songs!

Date: Tuesday 30 November

Time: 6.30 – 7.00pm

Where: Golden Grove High School

The "Grove Way" entrance

Dame Roma Mitchell Building

Due to the current COVID – 19 Social Distancing requirements 2 adults per family + the child's immediate siblings will **ONLY** be admitted. Currently masks will need to be worn by all adults

Soon we will be sending home a separate registration and tickets will be issued to families as they RSVP.

This will be a ticketed event

- unfortunately no ticket, no entry.

We have developed a COVID-SAFE Plan for this event. A unique COVID-Safe Check In (Keithcot Farm Children's Centre Christmas Concert) has been provided by the State Government. Adults attending will need to scan the QR code and show our COVID Marshalls the Green Tick prior to entry. A Sign In Sheet will be available if needed.

In order to protect children and respect the wishes of all members of our community, we ask that our **Social Media and Cyber Safety policy** is followed by all parents, carers and community members when using personal social media such as Facebook, Flickr, Twitter and others.



- You are most welcome to photograph or record **your child** at the End of Year Family Celebration. However, please consider the angle of your photo so that other children are not included - you may need to crop your photo to remove images of other children.
- If your photographs or video recordings contain the image of children other than your own, these **must not** be uploaded to any website, Facebook or other social media site, emailed to third parties or reproduced /printed and used outside of your home. *(Please note that there may be children enrolled whose parents have not granted permission for their child's image to be recorded or published outside of the Children's Centre, or they may be a Child in Care.)*

Sun Protection



As we enter the Summer months we will be discussing the importance of **safety in the sun** and reinforcing the importance of wearing hats and sunscreen when outside.

Navy Blue Legionnaire Hats are available for purchase @ \$4.00 each.

Sunscreen should be applied by parents/ caregivers to all exposed skin **before** arrival at the Centre. We regularly re-apply Sunscreen in response to Cancer Council recommendations.

*Parents who do not wish for the Children's Centre to reapply sunscreen will need to inform the Centre **in writing**.*

We purchase sunscreen which is specifically for **sensitive skin**. However, if your child is required to have a particular brand specific to their skin type – **you will need to supply a chemist labelled tube of this sunscreen with your child's name clearly labelled.**

Please do not send children with exposed shoulders/ backs/ chests etc.

Lost Property



Please check the **Lost Property** in our **Front Foyer** for any items which may belong to your child. All remaining items will be donated to charity at the end of the year.

End of Year Cleaning



Before the end of the year - there are many cleaning/sorting tasks which need to be completed. Some of these tasks include cleaning construction equipment such as Lego, which you may choose to take home to clean. Please let one of the staff know of your availability to assist with these necessary tasks.

End of Year Requirements.

If your child is coming into the Preschool Program in 2022 and you no longer need Childcare, we will need you to sign a **Notification of Change** form. Please see Cathy in our front foyer for this form.

If you need Childcare after 3 January and before 31 January (when the Preschool Program commences) please confirm with Cathy and Jen **well before** the end of our year (10 December) to ensure that we have the appropriate number of staff ready to start the New Year.



Christmas Raffle



The Governing Councils have organised a Christmas Raffle-donations of non-perishable foods; new toys; books; gift vouchers; wine etc are still needed.

Books of 10 raffle tickets @ 50 cents each have been given to all families and staff – additional books are available on request. Raffle Books + money are due back on Monday 29 November.

The raffle will be drawn on **Monday 6 December**.

Preschool and Childcare vacancies for 2022

We still have a number of vacancies in both our Preschool and Long Day Care Programs for next year. We are confident that families who live within our catchment area have all been offered a place in the Preschool program. Families with preschool children who live further away can now be offered a place in the Preschool Program.

We also offer Before and After Preschool Care for families who work, study, volunteer etc and find the traditional Preschool hours restrictive for their busy family lives. We offer a minimum of 2 days and a maximum of 3 days / week for children in our Long Day Care Program.

Please spread the word and tell your friends before these much sought after vacancies are filled!

Toilet Training Workshop



Sarah our Occupational Therapist will be facilitating a Toilet Training Workshop on Thursday 18 November from 9.30 to 11.30 am.

Please register by ringing the Centre on 8251 2700. A Creche will also be available.



FIRST AID REFRESHER



Has it been some time since you or your parents have participated in a formal First Aid Course? Then come along on 23 November from 6:30pm and participate in a session facilitated by Heather Palmer. The session will cover: Allergies, bandaging, bites, burns, head injuries, rashes, respiratory management. This is a non- accredited but extremely worthwhile opportunity

Bookings are essential please contact the centre on 8251 2700 to book your spot.

Helping little people with Big Transitions



Is your child starting Childcare, Preschool or School? Come along to hear about why children experience separation anxiety. Learn some practical strategies that you can use to support your child, build their confidence and resilience and make their transition a positive one.

This workshop will be facilitated by Sarah our Occupational Therapist on Wednesday 24 November 9.30-11.30am.

Bookings are essential please contact the centre on 8251 2700 to register.

PJ STORY TIME



Sarah, Tamara and Nathan will again be offering a PJ Story time in the evening of 24 November – *more information will be sent home soon.*

[Allied Health](#)
[\(Occupational Therapy and Speech Pathology\)](#)
[Drop in and chat.](#)

Do you have any concerns about your child's development?

Is your child under school age?

Are you: looking for advice, support in accessing services, or are you currently waiting on services.

Contact the centre to book a [free drop in and chat](#) appointment for Thursday's on 8251-2700

Keithcot Farm Children's Centre Website



We have a brand new Website with lots of useful information – please check it out

www.keithcotfarmcc.sa.edu.au



<https://www.facebook.com/keithcotfarmchildrenscentre>



Dates to Remember



Wednesday 10 November:

2022 Preschool Information Session for families new to KFCC @ 6pm

Thursday 11 November:

Transition Visit to Keithcot Farm Primary School

Thursday 18 November:

Transition Visit to Keithcot Farm Primary School

Thursday 18 November:

Toilet Training Workshop

Tuesday 23 November:

First Aid Workshop

Wednesday 24 November:

Helping Little People with Big Transitions

Wednesday 24 November:

PJ Storytime.

Thursday 25 November:

Transition Visit to Keithcot Farm Primary School

Tuesday 30 November:

Family Christmas Celebration @ 6.30pm

Wednesday 8 December:

Annual General Meeting @ 6.30pm

Monday 6 December:

Christmas Raffle is drawn

The whole Centre will close at 12.30pm on

Friday 10 December.

There will be no

Preschool or

Long Day Care after 12.30pm.

The Centre will then be closed for 3 weeks.



Tuesday 4 January 2022:

Long Day Care recommences for 2022

Monday 31 January 2022:

Department for Education Preschool program will commence for 2022