

## Forbes Children's Centre Newsletter Term 2 2017

Welcome back for Term 2!

### Important Dates

**Simultaneous Story Time:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>  
May, 11:00am

**Governing Council Meeting:** Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup>  
May, 6:30pm.

**Preschool Closure Day:** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June

**Queen's Birthday Public Holiday:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup>  
June

**End of Term,** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

### Reminders

Winter is on its way and the weather is starting to get colder and wetter. We try to play outside as often as we can, so a pair of spare clothes in case of cold weather or rain is always appreciated.

We have lots of children with dietary requirements and allergies on site and a wonderful chef who creates lots of different meals. To help our chef Mayumi, please call the Centre in the morning if your child will be absent so she can prepare her meal plans for the day

accordingly. If your child's allergies have changed or you have any questions about allergies/dietary needs/medication, please come and speak to Nat.



If your family is new to the site, you may have noticed your parent pocket outside of your child's room. These pockets are our main method of communication with families and should be checked regularly. If you would like correspondence to be sent to your email address instead, please let the front desk know.

### Transitions

There were lots of transitions last term and we hope you all have had a chance to settle into your new rooms. We would also like to welcome all the new families and children who have started at Forbes.

Thank-you to all the families who made time to speak with their child's new primary carer either over the phone or in person. We are so grateful for your feedback and hope we can offer further interview opportunities later in the year.

The waiting list for the Reeds room is still open and if you know anyone with a toddler who is looking for childcare, we would love to speak with them!

### Outdoor Environments



The outdoor environments in both the River and Shared Nest and Reeds areas are now complete! We have already started exploring a little and enjoying everything the new spaces have to offer.

Later this term we will have an official 'opening' so you can explore with us and give us your thoughts and feedback on the new environment.

## Governing Council Updates

We are still looking for Governing Council members from our local community. The Governing Council meets six times a year with a free crèche offered to parents. The council discusses the management of the site and helps guide the site's direction and assist in decision making. If you would be interested in joining, please come speak with Ros or Kim.

## Staffing News

We have a few staff that we have to say goodbye to. Sarah from the Reeds room has left to spend more time with her family. Sayeda will be on leave for the next three months.

Late last term, Linda left to explore new opportunities but will still be visiting Forbes to run crèche and community groups.

We would like to welcome Louise and Makayla, two of our new regular relief staff. Recently we advertised for more educators to join our relief pool so there may be some more new faces at the Centre soon.

## Kids App

We are currently setting up a new program called 'Kids App'. This will allow us to communicate with families via a mobile application so that you can get up to date information about what is happening at the Centre, reminders and access your account balance. This app will make it easier for families to access information outside of the Centre and will address some of the feedback we received during our annual survey last year. As this is a large process with many complexities, we will be rolling this out slowly to support families and educators with learning a new system. We will be sending more information out with when we will be changing over the system and what this means for parents.

## Here are some fun things to do in Adelaide during Term 2:

**Baby Bounce**, Every Thursday from 9:30 – 10:00am, Park Holme Library. Call 8357 6745 for more information.

**Changing Places**, Until Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August, Migration Museum, 82 Kintore Avenue, Adelaide.

[migration.history.sa.gov.au/events/2017/changing-places-migration-now](http://migration.history.sa.gov.au/events/2017/changing-places-migration-now)

**We wish you all the very best during the new term!**

**Kind regards**

**Ros, Kim, Nat and Cathy**

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### Holiday Bookings?????

If you are already enrolled in the Long Day Care sessions at Forbes are you aware of our [Holiday Booking Policy](#)?

When you are planning to go away let us know in advance and [we could advertise](#) your sessions to be on sold to another family at the site while you're away.

If you need an additional one off bookings to cover meetings or appointments [check the holiday booking advertising sheet](#) in the parent hub we might just have the additional bookings you are looking for.



For further information about eligibility criteria, discounts how to apply to advertise your bookings please see our friendly admin staff.