

Forbes Children's Centre Newsletter

Term 3 2018

Important Dates

Governing Council/AGM: 15th August, 6:30pm

Book Week: 17th August - 24th August

Preschool Closure: 3rd September

Nest Parent Interviews: 3rd September

End of Term 3: 28th September

Preschool Holidays: 1st October to 12th October

Reminders

We now have the dates for our closure at the end of the year: the last day of care will be Thursday 20th December with the Centre closed on Friday 21st December. The Centre will resume care officially on Monday 7th January 2018.

The weather is still cold and wet, so we ask you send your child to care with warm layers, some spare clothes and a rain coat if they have one. This allows us to get outside and play, even when the weather is a little gloomy.

There are some bugs going around at the moment and we ask you keep your child home if they are unwell. If your child is going to be absent, please call and let us know, along with any symptoms they are displaying. This allows us to keep an eye on any illnesses as they spread.

We have vacancies for families seeking to increase their sessions in the Reeds and River room. The external waiting lists are also open in all rooms - if you know anyone looking for childcare, we would love to speak with them!

Starting School/ Preschool

As we get closer to 2019, now is the time to finalise which school your Preschool child will attend next year. If you have an intended school where you've started the enrolment process, please let our admin staff know. If you require help with the enrolment process, or want to know more about contacting schools, you can speak with the River room educators.

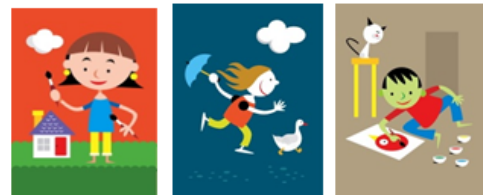
Preschool enrolments for next year will begin in August. Families in our catchment zone will be offered placements first as per Department of Education policy.

If places remain, we will then offer places to families who already attend the site in September. Kim will call families to offer and confirm placements. If you have any questions about preschool, please speak with Kim.

Governing Council

As per recent notes, our Governing Council approved a 2nd fee increase from the start of this term. Due to the new Child Care Subsidy, we also consulted with them around changes to Preschool fees. Further information can be found in your parent pockets/emails or you can speak with admin staff.

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up very soon! This meeting is a chance for us to share our achievements over the last year and when we elect new council members. If you would like to be a part of the Governing Council (or just come and take a look at what happens during a meeting), we would love to see you!



Your Children, Your Centre Invitation to join the Governing Council

When: Wednesday 15th August

Where: Forbes Children's Centre

The Governing Council is the management committee responsible for the ongoing and long term viability of the Centre and meets six times a year. We need parents interested in participating on the Governing Council.

Two meetings will be held on the night.

- **6:30pm Governing Council Meeting**
Purpose: So parents interested in joining can see how the Council operates – it's not that scary!
- **7:00pm Annual General Meeting**
Purpose: To advise members of the Centre's achievements for 2017/2018 and seek parent representatives for the Council for 2018/2019.

Agendas for each meeting will be available at the front desk.

Crèche and dinner will be available. Please **RSVP** to the Centre on **8293 9000**.

Playspaces

We have been continuing our work with the Playspaces project with the help of Dr. Robyn Dolby and Italia Parletta from TAFESA. Thank-you to all the families who have given permission for their drop-off to be filmed or have given feedback around the project. We will keep you updated as the scope of the project grows.

Feedback Survey

You may have noticed the feedback survey in your parent pocket. This survey is distributed annually and is one of our key tools used to decide Centre directions and goals. The survey can be accessed online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/53XC8WS or a hardcopy can be collected at the front desk. The survey is 30 questions long and takes about 10 minutes to complete. We would like the surveys back by the end of Term 3 (September 28th). If you are unable to complete the full survey, we would appreciate you completing and returning the focus questions in your parent pocket. If you have any questions regarding the survey, please speak with Ros or Kim.

Forbes Children's Centre Term 3 (July to ...)		
Forbes Children's Centre for Early Childhood Development and Parent...		
MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
Long Day Care & Preschool	Long Day Care & Preschool	Long Day Care
<p>"THE GARDEN" PARENTING PROGRAM Starts 6th August 1.30 – 3pm</p> <p>A group for parents/carers and their children aged 0 -4yrs. This group provides a wonderful opportunity for shared positive experiences and sensory exploration activities through play, music and movement to support the relationship between you and your child. Please call Helen or Maria at the centre on 8293 9000 for more information Cost: Free Bookings Essential</p>	<p>MY TIME Resumes 31st July 9.30am-11.30am</p> <p>For Mums, Dads and Carers of children (up to 16yrs with a chronic illness, disability or developmental delay). Morning tea provided. Free crèche for children 0-5yrs Contact Silvana 0488 151 789 Cost: Free Bookings Essential</p>	<p>MUSIC FUN FOR EVERYONE Resumes 25th July 10am sharp – 11am</p> <p>½ hour of singing and dancing fun for infants and young children then ½ hour of free play Cost – Free ALL WELCOME</p>
<p>BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS PARENTING COURSE Day and time to be advised Register your interest now!</p> <p>Explore how as children we receive messages from our parents, & as parents, how we send messages to our children. Cost: Free Free Crèche available Register your interest: 82939000</p>	<p>PEEKABOO BABIES MUSIC AND MOVEMENT PLAYGROUP Resumes 24th July 9.30 – 10.30am</p> <p>A fun group aimed at non-walking babies and their parent/carer featuring an opportunity to get active with well-known nursery rhymes, finger plays, singing and stories. The session promotes language development, social interaction and learning through play. Cost: Free ALL WELCOME</p>	<p>MULTICULTURAL WOMEN & CHILDREN GROUP Resumes 25th July 10.45 – 12pm</p> <p>For mums, grandmothers and their young children from diverse cultures to meet, chat, cook, play and have fun! Cost: Free ALL WELCOME</p>
<p>FOOD FOR FAMILIES MEALS TO PURCHASE Only \$13 for a ready to HEAT and EAT Meal!</p> <p>Our nutritious meals are prepared by our chef onsite. They will serve approx. 2 adults and 2 young children. Pre order your meal at reception or see what's available in our freezer for your family's dinner tonight!</p>	<p>DEVELOP OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY by appointment</p> <p>Assessment & Intervention for children who show functional difficulties</p> <p>Bookings Essential Sonya 0418857137 Or Alison 0403307019</p>	<p>CaFHS CLINIC at FORBES By appointment 9am – 12.30pm</p> <p>Free Child and Family Health service for infants and children 0 to 5 years, with a 0-3yrs focus Please call 1300 733 606 to make an appointment (Enter your postcode then ask to be booked in at Forbes.)</p>
		<p>EARLY PARENTING GROUP Starts 11th July 1.30pm - 3.30pm</p> <p>Free 6 week CaFHS course for new parents & their bubs! Bookings Essential 1300 733 606 (Ask to attend the Forbes group – New group each term)</p>
		<p>THE DAD FACTOR Starts 4th July 6 - 8pm</p> <p>6 week course exploring the important role of Dads Cost: Free Bookings Essential: Call George on 8392 3100 ALL WELCOME</p>
<p>For more information about any program or event listed, or for cop... Community Development Coordinator. Phone: 8293 9000 or Mo...</p>		