



# Tottenham War Memorial Early Childhood Centre

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Term 4 Week 1  
10<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**Dates:** Please cut this out and refer to as needed.

| Date:   | Event:  | Who:   |
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| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2017               | Preschool returns for term 4  | Pre-schoolers  |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2017<br>Time 9:00am | Parent orientation at Tottenham Central School for our future kindergarten parents.   | All welcome.<br>Sign in at the office and be directed to a classroom for this session      |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2017<br>10:00am    | First Transition visit to Tottenham Central School for our Kindergarten group of 2018 | Pre-schoolers ready for Kindergarten   |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2017               | Speech Pathology session at the Centre at 2:00pm                                      | All parents are invited to attend. Good information with interesting topics to be covered. |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2017                         | Concert and end of year celebrations  | For all our attend the Centre  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2017                        | Last day of Preschool for 2017  | Pre-schoolers  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017                        | Last day of LDC for 2017  | LDC children   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018                         | LDC returns for 2018  | LDC children   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2018                         | Preschool returns for 2018  | Pre-schoolers  |

**Immunisation:** please read the below information on immunisation. This concerns all families for 2018.

## Changes to Vaccination Requirements for the ECEC Sector

On Wednesday 13 September 2017, the NSW Parliament passed a Bill to amend the Public Health Act to introduce stronger vaccination requirements for families enrolling children in early childhood education and care services.

Legislation introduced by the Department of Health, with the full support of the Minister for Early Childhood Education, means that from 1 January 2018:

- children who are unvaccinated due to their parent's conscientious objection will no longer be able to be enrolled in child care
- it will be an offence for a service to fail to comply with the child care vaccination enrolment requirements
- it will be an offence for a person to forge or falsify a vaccination certificate.

The change has been made to send a strong public health message about the importance of vaccinations to children's health. The change also aligns with national changes under the Australian Government's No Jab, No Play initiative that removed the conscientious objection exemption in determining eligibility for child care and family assistance payments.

Please note that *The Interim Vaccination Objection Form for Enrolment in NSW Child Care Centres* will be deleted and will no longer be accepted for the purposes of enrolling children in early childhood education and care from 1 January 2018.

New offences have been created to ensure that only children for whom the appropriate forms have been provided are enrolled, and that these forms have not been forged or falsified, with fines up to \$5,500. This is in addition to the current regulatory activities undertaken by the Department of Education under the Education and Care Services National Law and Regulations.

**Transition:**

| <b>Date:</b> | <b>Parent to assist with the transition times:</b> | <b>Times at Tottenham Central School:</b> | <b>Staff supervising:</b> | <b>Children involved each week:</b>               |
|--------------|--|---|---------------------------|---|
| 18/10/17     | Tanya Fulton                                       | 10:00am to 11:00am                        | Annette and Ella          | Max   |
| 25/10/17     | Lisa Fishpool                                      | 10:00am to 11:30am<br>With recess         | BillieJo and Katrina      | Marty<br>Jacob                                    |
| 1/11/17      | Kayla Nolan  | 10:00am to 11:00am                        | Annette and Katrina       | John Jnr  |
| 8/11/17      | Kylie Marsden                                      | 10:00am to 11:00am                        | BillieJo and Ella         | Adam  |
| 15/11/17     | Alicia Campbell                                    | 10:00am to 11:30am<br>With recess         | Annette and Ella          | Drew<br>Levi                                      |
| 22.11.17     | Natasha Levick                                     | 10:00am to 11:30am<br>With recess         | BillieJo and Katrina      | Charlie<br>Bella<br>Georgia<br>Jayni<br>Charlotte |

I will send out permission notes with this newsletter. If you could return these ASAP that would be appreciated. If these dates do not suit you please swap with someone else but let me know that this is occurring. My list of parent helpers on the day need to be at the Centre 10 to 15 minutes before the time that we are required at school and it will take us about the same time to return to the Centre after each visit. The parents on the list are first time parents to the BIG school experience and other Mums have done this before.

I also request that younger siblings are not part of these transition times. You will need to organise alternative arrangements for their care. This time is a special time for Pre-schoolers and needs to be appreciated.

**Orientation for parents** has also been set at an earlier date. It will be on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017** at the Central school at 9:00am.

**Parent Direct:** I think that most parents by this time have utilised this if needed. Please let us know that you have done this already so that we can check our voucher status as with online usage we have no idea of who has used it. If still intending to use the catalogue or wanting to have a copy as you have misplaced it please let us know and we will know the status of future orders.

**Clothing:** We are looking for some small school dresses for dress up time with our group. If you can donate that would be great or ask around for anyone with some small dresses. We are also looking at the coming weather and ask that you send in a change of clothes for these hotter days so that your child can be more comfortably dressed later in the day when it heats up. We have very limited supplies in our cupboard for these occasions or for when toileting accidents occur. Maybe you have some clothes at home that your child has outgrown and would like to donate to the Centre for our use.

**Earn and Learn:** Get your stickers in so we can count and see what we can purchase as we need to finalise numbers by the end of this week.



**Have Your Say:**

Please fill in for a thank you for your children's enjoyment of their day or if issues arise of any kind. These can be anonymous or otherwise and just dropped into the feedback box in the front foyer.

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