

The Tottenham Preschool Kindergarten Association Inc T/A



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Term 4 Week 6
14th November 2017

REPORTS: I still have 4 of these outstanding. I will send out reminders to individual families at the end of the week for outstanding returns. We need to be able to collate these and take on board your feedback.

Meetings next year: It was tabled at the Committee meeting last night that it may be more suitable for parents to have the meetings on LDC days, 9:00am to 11:00am so that children can be cared for at the Centre and we are not taking parents out at night. We have traditionally met at night as we had a bigger number of working families and this suited them at the time. When I first started here in 2001 it was held in the morning in the cot room at the Centre. We now have a group of parents who are not in the traditional way "working" committee members. This suggestion is open for discussion and will be tabled at the first meeting next year on Monday 12th February at 6:30pm. Come with your thoughts on this or let Committee members know your ideas.

Are there any other means where we can make Committee Meeting more accessible for families? Your thoughts please.

Enrolment packages: It would be appreciated if these could be returned soon so that we can make plans for 2018 and have a general idea of families intended usage of LDC and PS places. If you know of anyone requiring an enrolment package please notify the Centre.

Fees for 2018 will remain the same and be reviewed when our funding for LDC sustainability is received in July 2018. Preschool is \$15 per day, \$5 for low income or indigenous children and LDC is \$50 per permanent day or \$56 for casual places. Remember CCB is also changing in July 2018 and this may make a difference for families.

Have placed in children's pockets recently a **flyer** on the new child care package commencing in July 2018. There are also some videos on our website discussing these changes. It is the family's responsibility to be informed of these changes and to be aware of how it will affect your fees for Long Day Care attendance.

CONCERT: We have purchased clothing for your child for the concert. These are a gift to your children. The boys have a Christmas themed t-shirt which will go home before the event (hopefully they are the correct size for your child). If you could dress the boys in jeans long or short on the night with the t-shirt that would be great. The girls have some special dresses/tops to wear .. some may be shortish and need leggings underneath or nice shorts to complement the outfit. These will also be sent home before the event for you to make certain they are all OK. Our concert looks as if it will be a very colourful event.

We are doing a sausage sizzle on the night for all families and ask if you could provide some fruit and nibbles for after the concert for sharing that would be terrific. We request that families do a calculation of how many sausage sandwiches (one sausage on a slice of bread with onion if required) you would eat along with your extended family so that we can order in the amount needed. Please reply to Lisa with these numbers.

elmfishpool@hotmail.com Concert: Thursday 7th December at 5:30pm

Family name Number of sausages

We will have a slushie machine for the children on the night and tea and coffee is available for anyone requiring this. Bring your own drinks (non-alcoholic).

GRADUATION LUNCH: Wednesday's group are going to the Tottenham Gold Club for lunch between the hours of 11:00am to 1:00pm on Wednesday 13th December 2017 to say farewell to our children going to BIG school next year. Notes will go our next week for this. Monique is supplying the food and many extras for the children at the cost of \$10 each. We will go out on the Berryman bus and we thank them for their help. Kylie and Lisa are supplying some fruit and cake for the event and we also thank them for their contribution.

What exciting times we have.

LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL: Thursday 14th December 2017. Events for the day are colour run, water play, and visit to the park. Again, notes will be sent out next week. We will also do slushie cups for the children to enjoy. The park visit may depend on our weather and be early if days are too hot but also water play needs to be not in the heat. We will work this out on the day.

Earn and Learn stickers gave us a count 2640. We purchased three indigenous pillows, a table runner and 1 brush. It is hard to balance this as we can't add dollars to the purchase and we can't go over the count. These articles added up to 2630 with 10 unused.

Transition:

Date:	Parent to assist with the transition times:	Times at Tottenham Central School:	Staff supervising:
15/11/17	Alicia Campbell	10:00am to 11:30am With recess	Annette and Ella
22.11.17	Natasha Levick	10:00am to 11:30am With recess	BillieJo and Katrina

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. If you can't make it let us know as we need to cover ratio and require 3 adults on each transition visit.

Clothing: We are 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.

Dates:

Date:	Event:	Who:
Wednesday 18 th October 2017 10:00am for the next 6 weeks	First Transition visit to Tottenham Central School for our Kindergarten group of 2018	Pre-schoolers ready for Kindergarten: Two weeks to go!
7 th December 2017	Concert and end of year celebrations	For all our children
13 th December	Preschool graduation lunch	For our Wednesday group
14 th December	Preschool fun day Colour run Water play Park visit	For our Thursday group
14 th December 2017	Last day of Preschool for 2017	Pre-schoolers
19 th December 2017	Last day of LDC for 2017	LDC children
22 nd January 2018	LDC returns for 2018	LDC children
7 th February 2018	Preschool returns for 2018	Pre-schoolers

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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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