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Term 3 Week 5
15th August 2017

Waitara Angus Bull Sale – Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with supplies, cooking for the day and help and time on the day. Well done everyone.

Photo day:

We are looking at late in term 3 for our Centre photos. We have contacted Jo Lincoln from Warren and her price package and sizes are as follows.

8x10 single 6x8 single 6x8 group 2 lots of 6x4 single 4 wallet sizes

@ cost of \$35 for this photo package of 9.

Dates are set as Wednesday 6th September with backup on Wednesday 13th September 2017. We will set up for Jo and she will bring lights and anything extra that she needs and we will start at about 10:30am. Children who do not attend on Wednesdays can come in on the day and use this service if desired for a photo session. I will check with Jo closer to the date and see what time would be suitable for the extra children.

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Name:

Wednesday 6 th September 2017 Photo day	Photo package @ \$35 Yes / no (please circle)	I will come in on the day even though my child is not enrolled on that day Yes / no (please circle)	I would like one 6x4 photo to be of my children together for families who have 2 children attending the Centre Yes / no (please circle)
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Please return by Wednesday 29th August 2017

Also payment needs to be sent into the Centre before that day (that is Wednesday 6th September 2017) .. no money means no individual photos taken on the day.

Children who are not enrolled on Wednesday's are very welcome to utilise this service. Just fill in the above form and I will give you a time closer to the date.

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Policies: We recently sent out two policies and these were ratified and passed at last week's Management Committee meeting. Attached are these two policies for your reading and please take note of the below dot point. This year in August we are still waiting for 4 birth certificates from children enrolled at the beginning of the year.

- If enrolment requirements are not fully met the Centre has the right to delay your child's commencement date until this has been rectified. It is the parents / guardian's responsibilities to provide all the relevant information.*

I have attached a copy of the Social Media and Website Policy for your feedback to ratify at the next Management Committee meeting.

End of year dates:

I know that this seems very early to be discussing this but I have looked at this with staff and the Management Committee and dates have been set. AGM is set for Monday 16th October. End of year concert is on Thursday 7th December. Last day of Preschool is Thursday 14th December and Long Day Care is Tuesday 19th December 2017.

This then means that we return later in January 2018 which suits the majority of our families as January is historically a low period in attendances. So Long Day Care returns on Monday 22nd January 2018 which is two weeks before school returns. Preschool will return on Wednesday 7th February 2018, a week before the Eastern zone of NSW as we have an extra week for climatic allowance. Our end of year finish for 2018 will be Friday 20th December as this then covers the required 48 weeks of LDC in one year.

Earn and Learn has commenced for 2017. We have a box at the Centre and dates are from 26th July to 19th September for the collection of these tokens. Once collected we send in a report and use the fundraising effort for resources for our children. So, if shopping away at Woolworths please collect and send in for us to get extra resources. Send out messages to families to help support our little Centre with their vouchers.

Education week was a great success. The block clean-up was a great experience for the children and they had all positive answers as to what we should do and how we dispose of rubbish.

A very big thank you to all the families who brought in your child's pet. We ranged from horses to chickens and pigeons and many varieties of dogs. They were all well behaved and the children appreciated the experience. One asked me the next day when are we having our next pat parade ... not yet I said.

Book week - This is over the week of 19th to 26th August 2017 which is **next week**. We ask the children to dress up as their favourite book character. The theme for the week is to "*Escape to everywhere*". We will celebrate the joy of storytelling. More details later but this gives you ample warning for ideas of who to dress as and what clothes or props are required.

Ella and practical days for TAFE – During the first few weeks of term 3 Ella is required to do some practicum work at the Centre for her TAFE Diploma course. No dates have been set yet but these days entail observation of the children (we have as part of our enrolment permission for TAFE students to observe our children with confidentiality preserved), Ella taking some of our group sessions (reading time, show and tell session and a group with gross motor and movement with music) and her TAFE accessor coming out for a visit entailing one to one discussion and observation of her interaction with the children. Date not yet set.

DATES:

- Earn and Learn sticker collection from July 26th to September 19th.
- 19th to 26th August Book Week – dress as a book character
- Father's Day – Sunday 3rd September 2017
- 6th September photo day
- Flower Show Friday 15th September
- Fluro week Monday 18th September to Friday 22nd September = last week of term.

In-services:

- 1st September – Annette to Dubbo for Aboriginal Cultural Awareness
- 4th September – Katrina to Dubbo for the third session of Indigenous Yarning Circle

REMINDERS:

- ❖ Enrolment extras – birth certificates are still outstanding, a copy of the form at apply in in children's bags.
- ❖ Centre expectations signed and returned



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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