



PARENT NEWSLETTER

Hi everyone,

Welcome to our first parent term newsletter which is to become a regular feature at the beginning of each term. The newsletter format will feature updates on what is happening at the Centre, occasional educational segments and important dates/upcoming events for your information. Under Upcoming Events we have noted days and themes that will be worked into the program – this is just so that you can follow along with what is happening at the Centre.

Any significant days that require further information/input from the family have been marked and you will receive further notices about them.

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TERM 3

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 8th August - World Indigenous Day

Monday 12th August – Science Week

Wednesday 21st August, 2019 – Speech Therapist visit (email has been sent to you – please let us know if you wish to have your child screened asap)

Friday 23rd August – (Book Week) - 1pm at Tottenham Central School for the Book Fair and 2pm for the book parade (more information to follow)

Wednesday 4th September 8am - Fathers Day Breakfast BBQ at the Centre (more information below)

September 5th at 2.00pm - Musica Viva Tottenham Central School (more information below)

19th September – Talk Like a Pirate Day (more information to follow)

27th September – Last Day Term 3

14th October – Term 4 commences

October 24th at 4.30pm – AGM followed by General Committee Meeting

Friday 20th December – End of Term 4

Monday 20th January 2020 – Term 1 commences



Whoo Hoo !

Thank you to the NSW Government's Quality Learning Environment's Grant for the funding to purchase our outdoor musical equipment. A huge, big thank you to our wonderful fathers (David Greig, Ian Larkings, Tim Ellem, Brett Starr, Steve Chase and Eric Fishpool) who spent a full Saturday installing it. They also moved and altered our playpen fence to make the space flow more efficiently and keep the chooks off the back verandah. A big shout out to the Chase's for their very generous cement donation for this project. So so appreciated!



SCRAPBOOKS

This year, after much discussion, we will be replacing our Portfolios with Scrapbooks. The scrapbooks sit in a box in the middle of the room and children will grab them as they please to add craft, paintings or draw in them directly. Ella has sat down and explained the scrapbooks to the children. The interest so far has been amazing from the children and little conversations can be heard about what items they want to put in them. The scrapbook is entirely the children's work unlike the portfolio's which were a series of set tasks, and often took a lot of encouragement to get them to complete it. This scrapbook is much more in line with our new philosophy below, which was ratified at the committee meeting on Thursday 1st August.



Our new PHILOSOPHY

We aim to provide a welcoming, safe and high quality care environment for our children. Under the National Quality Framework we provide a holistic, inclusive, diverse and stimulating play based curriculum where children actively engage in a range of meaningful experiences which extend their development and learning.

Each child is provided with play experiences that are planned according to their interests, strengths and needs. We achieve this learning in a secure, home like environment.

We build positive relationships with parents and encourage families to participate in the Centre at whatever level they feel comfortable. We compliment the role of family and community in a child's life by encouraging family and community partnership through consultation and collaboration.

The Centre is supported by a parent run Management Committee that recognises the importance of our service as being an integral cornerstone within our small yet vibrant community.

Happy 29th Birthday to our fabulous Ella,

The children were in charge of decorating the cake. It had to have sprinkles (and lots of them!!) and 29 candles. We had a surprise visit from Billie-Jo and Mason and there was so much excitement. The traditional Centre birthday chair has been repainted green and Ella got to sit in whilst blowing the candles out. Eloise told the story of how she sat in it when she went to Preschool when it used to be across the road.



MUSICA VIVA - September 5th at
2.00pm

The cost for this performance is \$9.00.
Please send in the money when you get
a chance.

Father's Day BBQ Wednesday 4th September 8am

During this stressful drought time the committee have decided to put on a Bacon & Egg roll breakfast morning for our wonderful Father's. We would love as many to attend (including the mothers). It will only go for an hour or so (so that those parents that need to work can still do so). Please let us know if you are able to attend for catering purposes by Thursday 29th August to: admin@tottenhamcc.com.

EARN & LEARN

A big thank you for your Earn and Learn stickers. We were able to purchase some items from MTA which was excellent – every little bit counts!!