



"Little Kids Are Our Future"

# Tottenham War Memorial Early Childhood Cent

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Term 3 Week 4  
8<sup>th</sup> August 2017

## Waitara Angus Bull Sale – this Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August

Thank you to everyone who is able to help with our fundraising event at Steve & Amity's Bull Sale this Friday. If you haven't had a chance to think about it, but would like to contribute please drop a line to Nicole Klante via email [tenimate@gmail.com](mailto:tenimate@gmail.com) or text message 0429 873 070. At this stage, we are hoping for just a couple of extra cakes or slices or gluten free cooking.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> September with backup on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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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Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017

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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.*

**Earn and Learn** has commenced for 2017. We have a box at the Centre and dates are from 26<sup>th</sup> July to 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> October. End of year concert is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Last day of Preschool is Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December and Long Day Care is Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 which is two weeks before school returns. Preschool will return on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> December as this then covers the required 48 weeks of LDC in one year.

**Education week** is during the week of 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> of August. We have looked at some ideas and are running with the below dates. Our theme is "*Children have a strong sense of identity.*"

- ✓ We will have an innovative obstacle course over the week which involves challenges but also for the children to feel safe, secure and supported in their gross motor development.
- ✓ Clean up day – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017- where we will walk the block with plastic bags and gloves to clean up and enhance our area along with the Park.
- ✓ Pet Day – **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2017** at 2:00pm we invite parents to bring in their child's pet and we will have a parade and a show and tell session. This will be followed by afternoon tea of patty cakes, and fairy bread made by the children.

In these type of activities children learn about themselves and construct their own identity within the context of their families and communities. Relationships are the foundation for the construction of identity – who I am, how I belong and what is my influence.

**Book week** - This is over the week of 19<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017. 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. I will let you know the dates as they are set.

#### **DATES:**

- The Preschool census was over the previous two weeks and Kath and I will collate this reporting requirement and sent off as finalised.
- Earn and Learn sticker collection from July 26<sup>th</sup> to September 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017 Education Week clean-up of our block and park area – excursion note to be sent in.
- 10<sup>th</sup> August Pet Show at 2:00pm at the Centre followed by afternoon tea.
- 11<sup>th</sup> August Waitara Bull Sale
- 19<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August Book Week – dress as a book character
- Father's Day – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017
- 6<sup>th</sup> September photo day
- Flower Show Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September
- Fluro week Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September = last week of term.

#### **In-services:**

- 14<sup>th</sup> August – Annette to Dubbo for Transition session
- 1<sup>st</sup> September – Annette to Dubbo for Aboriginal Cultural Awareness
- 4<sup>th</sup> September – Katrina to Dubbo for the third session of Indigenous Yearning Circle

#### **REMINDERS:**

- ❖ Enrolment extras – birth certificates are still outstanding.
- ❖ 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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