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Term 3 Week 1
18th July 2017

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 all these photos.

Dates are set as Wednesday 6th September with backup on Wednesday 13 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.

I will send out an order list closer to the date and if families would like siblings they need to note this on the order form and one of the 6x4 photos will be utilised for these.

Earn and Learn is commencing again for 2017. We have a box at the Centre and dates are from 26th July to 19th September for the collect of the 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.

Education week is coming during the week of 7th to 11th 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."

- ✓ Send in family photos where we can discuss who, what you are doing etc.
- ✓ 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 9th August 2017- permission note to come 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 8th 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 19th to 26th 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.

Fluro day – this has also been targeted for this term but at this stage no dates have been set. Again, you may need to do some shopping. Details as they are decided by staff.

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:

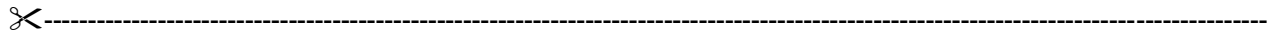
- Reporting for Preschool for our annual census is over the two-week period from Monday 31st July to Friday 11th August 2017. This is to count and report our attendance rate and other required information. But now that we are funded under the Start Strong model and placed under the Safety Net umbrella this report and census data will not affect our funding from the state government but is still an important part of the requirements that are committed to reporting on.

In-services:

- 19th July – Billie Jo to Dubbo for Indigenous Yearning Circle
- 28th July – Annette to Dubbo for Aboriginal Cultural Awareness
- 9th August – Katrina to Dubbo for the third session of Indigenous Yearning Circle
- 14th August – Annette to Dubbo for Transition session

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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