



## Peninsula Children's Services

Term 3 2017

### Welcome Back

We would like to welcome all our families back to Term 3 after busy and fun filled Holidays. We had 42 new families and children attending our service and we look forward to seeing you all again next holidays. Our most popular days were Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July when 104 children attend our Movies day, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July when 105 children attend our incursion Animal day and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> when 105 children attend our PCYC excursion. If you have suggestions for excursions or venues that you think your children would love please let us know. We are always looking for something new and exciting to provide for the children.

- ✓ Our Vacation Care Programs are currently being created.
- ✓ If you have already completed an enrolment form for 2017 then all you need to book in for Vacation Care is a booking form. This can be found on our website from the 14 August 2017, in service or you can ask our team to email one directly to you.
- ✓ Once we receive your booking form we can issue you a quote for the requested days. **Vacation Care fees as well as any outstanding term two fee's must be paid** before we are able to confirm your booking.
- ✓ Our Vacation Care opening hours are 7am to 6:30pm.

### Staffing

During this term you will notice that our staffing arrangements have changed slightly. Loren Sultana **has just commenced a new role as our Children's Services Team Leader. This role involves Loren assisting and supporting our entire Children's Services and Early Childhood programs by working more closely with the other Nominated Supervisors.** Mandy Barlow is our Certified Supervisor and Educational Leader, Annette Rushton will commence her new position as a Certified Supervisor on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July. Moira Donlevy, Sharon Rayner, Joann Redshaw, Madeline Donlevy, John Woods and Zoe Pardey make up our great team of Educators, (NQF 7.1.3). Joann will be in our Service only one day a week now as she has now returned to Occasional Care Service after growing her skills and knowledge across all our services over the past 10 months. We have also employed a new casual team member Lauren Scott which you will meet throughout the term. All our Educators meet **the children's service qualification requirements** set out in the regulations as well as first aid, asthma, anaphylaxis, and risk of harm training.

### Afternoon Tea

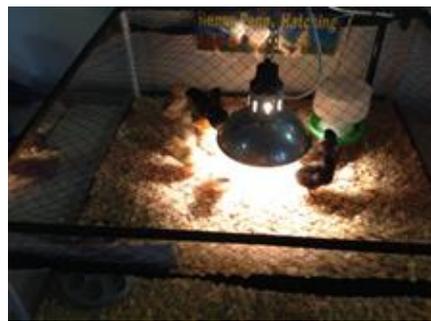
We have started having conversations with the children around healthy eating as part of our project this term. As we are trying to provide children with healthier food choices we welcome your suggestions **to our" Afternoon Tea Menu". If you have any suggestions, we would love to hear them, we love incorporating the children's suggestions and ideas into our weekly menu.** Please see our Suggestion box near our sign in an out area or provide feedback via our Appessment app.

### Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers

We are once again collecting the stickers for our service this year. Thank you to our families we collected 8,400 stickers last year. This is a great opportunity for our service to earn some more educational resources through this program. Please help support our Service by shopping at Woolworths and bringing in your stickers to our Service.

## Henny Penny Hatching

We were very lucky to participate in the “**Henny Penny Hatching**” **experience late last term**. This program allows the children to watch eggs hatching in a specially designed incubator, and then to observe the hatched chicks at play in a large, clear-sided brooding pen. Our children delighted in visiting the chicks every day with most of the children happy to nurse and pat the chicks. This was a beautiful firsthand experience interacting with nature. We had 10 out of our 14 Chicks get adopted out by our families of the Services. If you could send us some pictures in and letting us know how the Chickens are going that would be a great follow up experience for our Children.



## New Equipment

We were very lucky to recently be allocated \$500.00 for the purchase of equipment for the Centre. Much of these funds were used to purchase resources for our new home corner area.

## Healthy bodies

**Our current project is about healthy bodies where we will be exploring and learning about nutritious food and exercise that keep your bodies healthy. We are hoping to get some organisations in to talk about the local sporting clubs, dental hygiene and healthier choices. Family feedback and knowledge you have to offer would be appreciated.**

## Appessment

We are in the process of adding each child to the web based program “ **Appessment**”. This will enable us to **document your child’s learning** and meet the Early Years Framework. Once this has been completed each family will get an email to sign up an account. Families will receive an instant notification to view, like and comment through a secure portal. If you have not yet signed a permission form advising us whether we can use pictures of your child/ren please do so.

## Professional Development

Since May our Supervisors and Educational Leaders Loren and Mandy will be attending training to extend their knowledge about “**The Role of the Educational Leader**”. Over the past few months we have been learning about “**Being and Effective Mentor**” and “**Communication and Interpersonal skills**” This training has assisted our roles in improving the culture of our service. Soon we will be about “**Reflective Practices to improve our program.**(N.Q.F: 7.1.4)

## Coming Events

1-7 August	Dental Health Week To raise awareness of how best to look after <b>your own teeth and your children’s teeth.</b>
2-9 September	Child Protection Week National Child Protection Week invites all Australians to play their part to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. “ <b>Protecting children is everyone’s business.</b> ”

## Family reminders Signing In and Out of the Service

All children must be signed in on the roll at entry to the Service every time they arrive and must be signed out of the Service as they leave each day. This is a Department of Education & Community requirement as well as necessary for the safety of all children in the event of an emergency evacuation drill or in the event of a necessary evacuation.

## Accounts

Please ensure your accounts are two weeks in advance at all times. Please remember that casual bookings must be paid at the end of each week. If you have any money owing on your account you will be unable to book in any extra days until the amount owing has been paid. There is a \$10 term fee applied to accounts as well as our yearly \$25 admin fee.

## Feedback

**We’re always looking for feedback from our children and families. We’re running this service for you and you children and we’d like to hear any feedback that you have whether it’s a positive or an improvement.**