



Peninsula Children's Services

Welcome Back

We would like to welcome all our new and returning families to Term 4. 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. We have also applied the \$10.00 Term fee to all accounts. I would just like to remind all families about the importance of notifying the Service of changes to your permanent or casual booking. Please be advised, as emailed out 17 August 2017, we have amended sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the fees policy. Please note that we have also added a \$2.00 non notification fee (3.3) which will be charged per child if:

- A child arrives at the service or school bus line without a booking.
- A child is absent and the service has not been notified.

Our Service can be notified within our operating hours of 6.30am-9am and 2.30-6.30pm on our landline number 43443018 or if it is outside our operating hours you can email bascwoywoy@coastcommunityconnections.com.au or alternatively you can text message or leave a voice mail on our mobile 0414911830.

Vacation Care

We had 23 new families attending our service and we look forward to seeing you all again next holidays. We enjoyed another successful Vacation Care Program during the September October holidays. Our most popular days were Terrigal Marine Centre, Ettalong Movies and Clip and Climb. The end of the year is rapidly approaching with the children already beginning to talk about Christmas and the upcoming holidays. We have already begun planning for our next exciting program of activities for the December/January Holidays based on the suggestions of the children and families. If you have suggestions for excursions or venues that you think your children would love please let us know. Our Services are always looking for something new and exciting to provide for the children.

Re-enrolling for 2018

Our 2018 enrolment forms are now available. They have been emailed to families and are also available on our families information shelf.

We would appreciate if these forms completed and returned before Monday 11 December 2017 so that we can process the information into our data base prior to Vacation Care. Please note ALL families are required to complete this paper work for all care after the 15th December 2017. (N.Q.F 6.1.1)

Dates for your Diary

Central Coast Kids Day Out

- Sunday 5 November 10am-3pm

Last Day of Before and After School Care for 2017

- Friday 15 December 2017

First Day Vacation Care

- Monday 18 December- 22 December 2017

Christmas Break

- Monday 25 December to Friday 5 January 2018

First day of Vacation Care for 2018

- Monday 8 January 2018 to Monday 29 January 2018

Staffing

During this term we will have two employees off on leave. Joann will be on leave from 16 October til 23 October and Loren Sultana will be on annual leave from 23rd October til 3rd of November. In Loren's absence Please refer all your concerns and questions to Mandy Barlow or Annette Rushton who will be our Certified Supervisor. Our staffing arrangement will be kept as consistent as possible to ensure there is minimal disruption for children and families (NQF 7 1 3)

Community Involvement

Links Day

The Community Centre recently held their Links Day an opportunity for community members and organisations to come together and share information. Our children contributed to this day by making banners to define the area. I would just like to thank our families and the community centre for working with us to ensure our service and the event set up ran smoothly for all involved.

Kids Day Out

This fantastic event will be held on Sunday 5 November at Kariong Mountains High School grounds from 10am til 3pm. Central Coast Kids Day Out is all about our Central Coast children, their families, the services and ways to enrich our families lives on the Central Coast. Our Services combined with Coast Community Connections will be holding a stall at this event. We will be providing information on all our services with some activities for children to participate in. Please come along to this fantastic event where Peppa Pig and Paw Patrol will also be making an appearance.

Tickets: Adults \$7.00, Children \$3.00 and children under 12 months are free. (N.Q.F 6.3.1)

Rough and Tumble Play

Rough-and-tumble play refers to the type of play in which children might climb over each other, wrestle, roll around and even pretend to fight. Physical, fun and high energy play that's not aggressive. Most children love rough-and-tumble play. Rough play allows children opportunities to test and practice physical and social skills, take safe risks, and learn about their bodies, including how strong they are.

Rough play is probably a basic human instinct that helps children develop many skills but mostly children like this kind of play because it's fun! Rough play helps young children to

- Understand the limits of their strength.
- Explore their challenging positions in space.
- Find out what other children will and won't let them do.
- Work out social relationships as they play roles, take turns and sort out personal boundaries.

Families might worry that your child is being aggressive, but you can usually tell rough-and-tumble play or play fighting from the real thing. In rough play, children smile and laugh. You might see excitement and pleasure on their faces. No one gets bullied, hurt or forced to do anything. Once children are finished with rough-and-tumble play, they keep playing together. If you see frowning, crying, fear or anger, it isn't play. Children who are really fighting move away from each other once the fight is over. Rough play can sometimes lead to real fighting, so try to set some rules about what is and isn't OK during play. Try and get some of the younger children involved in working out what the rules should be.

National Quality Framework and Regulation Changes.

Since August our Supervisors Loren, Denyelle and Emma have been reviewing the changes to our National Quality Framework and National Regulations. These changes to our National Regulations will commence on 1st October 2017 and the framework changes will commence on the 1st of February 2018. Our Nominated Supervisors will continue to update our families on any changes that will directly affect any Policies/Procedures or current practices that our service implements. The main two changes are as below

1. The National Regulations have Introduce a national minimum educator to child ratio of 1:15 for services providing education and care to children over preschool age. (N.Q.F 4.1.1)
2. Introduced a revise National Quality framework. Standards from 18 to 15 and elements 58 to 40. (N.Q.F 1.1-1.2)

Family reminders

Appessment

If you have not received an emailed invitation from Appessment to sign up an account please let one of our Educators know. We can resend this invitation link to your email address. This account allows families to like and comment on our documentation, feedback forms and notices relating to the care of your child/ren. Families' feedback will be taken into consideration as we continually improve our services ensure we are providing high quality care. (N.Q.F 6.1.2)

Sun Safety and Health

As we approach summer, this term we are focusing on getting all the children to learn about sun safety and take increasing responsibility for their physical wellbeing. We will be going through the correct way to apply sunscreen with the children and talking about the dangers of sunburn to their health.