

# Centre News



JULY 2020

## A NOTE FROM CENTRE DIRECTOR

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all our amazing children, parents, families, educators, and community for your strong support during these unprecedented times. It is a difficult time for everyone, and we understand you are all undergoing different challenges and changes due to the COVID-19 crisis. Let's be strong and continue to help and support each other.

We are following all the Government guidelines and advice to ensure that all the children, parents and educators at our centre are in a safe, hygienic, and clean environment. Please use the hand sanitiser before you use the iPad for sign in/out on arrival. Please keep monitor your families health and keep us updated. Please remember to adhere to social distancing and being as quick as possible upon arrival and departure. Hopefully we will be back to normal soon.

We would also like to extend a big thank you to all who donated to our PJ Day on the Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020. We've raised \$10 in total for the Pyjama Foundation to support children in foster care. We've transferred the money to the Pyjama Foundation.



Thanks Shirley

Thank you for participating in National Pyjama Day 2020 and for making a donation of \$10 to The Pyjama Foundation!

Your support is helping little people with BIG dreams.

With your generous support to our campaign, we will be able to provide more children in care their very own special Pyjama Angel mentor who will empower them with learning, life skills and confidence.

Return to The Pyjama Foundation (<http://www.thepyjamafoundation.com/>) homepage

## End of the Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package and JobKeeper:

As you are aware, the Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package has ended since the 12 July 2020. Starting from the Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020, the Government has resumed the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) system. Thus, we have started charging our families for the childcare fees from the Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020. If you want to pay via Direct Debit, please set up your bank account details via Xplor website.

<https://login.myxplor.com/?app=home-web>

You need login with your Xplor email and password to set up the account.

To support families as they return to normal hours of work or study the Government has also announced a more relaxed CCS Activity Test. From 13 July 2020 until 4 October 2020, people who previously received CCS but can no longer engage in the same hours of work, training, study or other recognised activity they engaged in immediately prior to the COVID-19 crisis can access 100 hours of subsidised care per fortnight. From 13 July 2020, families will be able to update their activity levels to access the 100 hours through either their Centrelink online account, MyGov or the Express Plus Centrelink mobile app.

We strongly advise all families to check their CCS details are up to date as a matter of priority.

Please note that if you are experiencing financial difficulty, we encourage you to contact the Centrelink to see if you are eligible to receive a higher CCS percentage or the ACCS.

As per our Fees Policy, we require families to pay fees in advance from the 13<sup>th</sup> July and statement will be sent on to you on a fortnight basis. We understand you may have concerns or questions in relation to returning to the previous fee-paying system, and Shirley will be happy to discuss these with you. Please do not hesitate to speak with us.

## PARENT TEACHER MEETING

This Month our educators have been busy with their reflections on work performance, programs and curriculums, snap shots of the children's learning journeys and development, as well as preparing for the Parent Teacher Meeting in August.

Starting from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2020, we will be holding mid-year Parent Teacher Meetings to discuss your child's progress and school readiness with you.

The start times will commence at 10 am and go through until 6pm, each meeting will last for approx. 15 minutes each. This is a great time for us to share information about your child, and detail where your child is at with regards to attending school in 2021.

Due to the COVID-19, the individual meeting will be held via ZOOM. If you find it is difficult to do it via ZOOM and require a Face-to-face meeting, please let talk to Shirley to arrange. The dates and times for each room will be available for booking from Thursday 23 July 2020. Please talk to the educators in your child's room to make a booking.

## POLICY UPDATES

- Fees Policy 2020

We have reviewed the Fees Policy this month and a copy of the reviewed policy will be email to you. Also, a copy will be displayed at the reception. Please come to reception to view these policies. Please feel free to provide feedback regarding these policies.

## MEET OUR EDUCATORS

We would like to formally introduce Ms Jane to our families.

Ms Jane started working with us this month. She works part-time, mainly on Thursdays and Fridays in the **Murawung Room** (Red room 2).

Ms Jane has been working as an educator in the Early Childhood Education settings for about 10 years.

She completed the Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education) in the University of Sydney last year. She can speak fluent English and Mandarin.



## EVENTS IN JULY/AUGUST

- 24 July Friday **Crazy Hair Day**  
Come to the Centre with your craziest hair
- 31 July Friday **School Tree Day**
- 2 August Sunday **National Friendship Day**
- 3 August Monday – 14<sup>th</sup> August Friday  
**Parent Teacher Meeting**
- 15 August Saturday -23 August Sunday  
**National Science Week**
- 22 August Saturday – 28 August Friday  
**Children's Book Council Book Week**  
(Dress up optional as book characters all week)

## CHANGES TO THE ROOMS

We've re-structure the two preschool rooms to better support children's learning and development.

**The Murawung Room (Red Room 2)** will be our 3/4yrs Preschool Room, mainly for preschoolers who are 3.5yrs to 4.5 yrs.

**The Baragarang Room (Red Room 1)** will be our 4/5yrs Preschool Room, mainly for preschoolers (4yrs to 6yrs) who are going to Kindy next year.

With the new structure, the curriculum and programs for each room can be more age specific and better support children's learning and development based on their current capability.

## QIP UPDATE

We have our new QIP display area and the Suggestion Tree at the Reception.

Please feel free to take an opinion leaf, fulfil it with your feedback and suggestions, and put it back on our Suggestion Tree. We would love to hear from you.



## SCHOOL READINESS

Parents of pre-schoolers in the **Baragarang Room (Red room 1)**, please prepare a lunch box with 2 types of fruits in it every day. Pre-schoolers will need these for the School Readiness program.

As you may know, the most important part of our School Readiness program is to get children ready for school life next year. One of the main changes for their school life will be the use of Lunch Box. They need to learn how to use the lunch box, how to allocate all food in the lunch box for morning recession, lunch and afternoon recession.

Thus, starting from August, all pre-schoolers who are going to school next year need to prepare a lunch box with 2 types of fruits in it. Please label the lunch box with a name tag and give it to the educators on arrival. We will organise and put the other food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea in the lunch box and teach children how to use it.

