

Term 1 Important Dates

Monday 29th Jan: Staff Development Day.
Tuesday 30th Jan: Years 1-6 return to school.
Friday 2nd Feb: Kindergarten children start school.
Friday 13th April: last day of Term 1.
16th-27th April: Term 1 school holidays.
Monday 29th April: Staff Development Day.
Tuesday 1st May: children return to school.

Term 1 Program

In Term 4 we did a cultural survey, to find out the cultural heritage of children at our service. This term our program will focus on these cultures to celebrate multiculturalism and to promote tolerance:

- Week 1:** Philippines
- Week 2:** Spain
- Week 3:** Indigenous peoples
- Week 4:** China
- Week 5:** India
- Week 6:** Germany
- Week 7:** Ireland & the UK
- Week 8:** Korea
- Week 9:** South Africa & the Olympics
- Week 10:** Israel
- Week 11:** Thai & Easter

Summer Vacation Care Reflection

This Summer we hosted an exciting and educational holiday program. Children were given the opportunity to learn new skills through robotics, lego and science incursions. We focused on sustainability and conservation on excursions to Taronga Zoo, Australian Museum, Ku-Ring-Gai Wildflower Garden & Centennial Parklands. We also took risks, faced our fears and had lots of fun at Attractivity, Ninja Worx and an Inflatable Sports Day.

Fee Changes for 2018

Fee pricing has changed for before and after school care starting in Term 1. The new pricing is as follows:

Before school care

Permanent: \$12.90

Casual: \$13.98

After school care

Permanent: \$23.65

Casual: \$24.73

A discount of 10% is available for siblings attending the same session at the centre.



LAC Christmas Fundraiser

Thank you to all of the families who purchased an LAC Cookbook in Term 4. We sold 50 cookbooks and were able to donate over \$900 to charity.

Homework Club

Starting in Term 1 we will be running a homework club from Monday-Friday during after school care. This will run like an extra-curricular activity, where parents will need to sign their children up to participate on a daily basis. Parents are responsible for packing their child/ren's homework. Educators will not be tutoring children, but supervising them to complete their homework.

LAC is focused on keeping children safe

Staffing

All staff at our centre are trained in First Aid, Asthma management and emergency Anaphylaxis management. Further, all staff have a Working With Children Check and have undergone Child Protection training and are aware of their obligations as mandatory reporters.

First Aid

We have recently purchased a Defibrillator which is stored in our first aid cabinet. All staff take first aid and asthma kits on excursions out of the centre premises.

Allergies

If your child has an allergy/Anaphylaxis you are required to notify the centre upon enrolment or diagnosis. All families will need to provide medication to keep at the centre and an allergy management plan.

Updates & Reminders

After School Care Availability

We are fully booked for after school care Monday – Thursday and have limited availability on Friday. If you require additional care you will need to be added to the waitlist.

Cancellation of permanent bookings

If you need to cancel any permanent bookings you need to notify the Director in writing before the first day of term. All bookings current on the first day of each term are booked and payable for the entire term.

Term Invoices will now be emailed

The centre now emails out invoices through our online enrolment system 'Hubworks'. Invoices will be emailed out in Week 7. Please contact the centre if your email address has changed recently.

Extra-curricular activities

It is your responsibility to notify the centre that your child is participating in an activity this year. You will need to complete an extra-curricular authorisation form for each activity. Educators will not take children to activities until this form has been completed.

Important changes to CCMS/CCB

From 2 July 2018 there will be a new child care package. This includes the new Child Care Subsidy, which will replace the current Child Care Benefit & Child Care Rebate. Three elements will determine the level of subsidy a family will receive:

1. Combined family income
2. Activity level of parents
3. Type of child care service.

For more information please visit: education.gov.au/childcare, pick up a brochure from the centre or visit our website.

We would love to get parents more involved in our centre!

If any parents have ideas or would like to help lead a craft, cooking or other activity relating to the weekly program please email: lacentre@outlook.com.