

Term 2 Important Dates

1st May – first day of school.
 22nd May – LAC Committee Meeting at 7pm.
 26th May – National Sorry Day
 5th June – World Environment Day
 11th June – Queen’s Birthday Holiday
 20th June – World Refugee Day
 1st July – NAIDOC Week
 6th July – last day of Term 2.
 9th – 23rd July – school holidays & LAC vacation care.
 23rd July – Staff Development Day.

Re-assessment & rating of our centre

We were visited by ACECQA from the 6th-8th March for re-assessment and rating under the new National Quality Framework.

The revised framework condensed standards in the 7 Quality Areas and set a new benchmark for ‘exceeding’ ratings.

The centre was assessed as ‘meeting’ across all 7 Quality Areas. This is a tremendous achievement, and we were commended for excellent improvement since our last accreditation in 2014.

For more information on the rating and assessment process please visit:
<https://www.acecqa.gov.au/nqf/about>



The Child Care Subsidy

CCS Comes into effect on the 2nd July. You will need to provide new information through your mygov account.

What you need to do now

Transitioning to the new Child Care Subsidy is not an automatic roll over from the two current payments.

You must provide some new information and confirm your current details using your Centrelink online account through **myGov**.

You will be asked to provide:

- your combined family income estimate for the 2018-19 financial year
- the hours of recognised activity including work, training, study and volunteering
- the type of child care your family uses.

For more information on this process, visit education.gov.au/childcare



Term 2 Weekly Program

Week 1: Community Helpers Week

Week 2: Autumn Week

Week 3: Sustainability & Gardening Week

Week 4: Peace & Diversity Week

Week 5: Winter Week

Week 6: Ocean Week

Week 7: Camping Week

Week 8: Performance Week

Week 9: Animals Week

Week 10: Party Week

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| <p>Monday 9th July</p> <p>Excursion: Luna Park – Coney Island Today children will get to play in Coney Island at Luna Park.</p>  | <p>Tuesday 10th July</p> <p>Incursion: Science Day Today Jollybops is coming to the centre to deliver a high energy science experiment show.</p>  | <p>Wednesday 11th July</p> <p>Excursion: Stomping Ground Today we will get to play with inflatables, virtual reality, gladiator duels and arcade games.</p>  | <p>Thursday 12th July</p> <p>Incursion: Kiddie Kartz Today children will get to race go karts around an inflatable course.</p>  | <p>Friday 13th July</p> <p>Excursion: Koala Park Sanctuary Today we be exploring the Koala Sanctuary and cooking damper.</p>  |
| <p>Monday 16th July</p> <p>Excursion: Virtual Reality Rooms Today we will be able to play virtual reality games and complete missions.</p>  | <p>Tuesday 17th July</p> <p>Incursion: Inflatables Day Inflatables including a: disco dome, soccer darts, jumping castle & adventure island.</p>  | <p>Wednesday 18th July</p> <p>Excursion: Stardust Circus Today we will be watching a performance at the circus.</p>  | <p>Thursday 19th July</p> <p>Incursion: Lights, Camera, Education Using ipads children will collaborate on their own movie.</p>  | <p>Friday 20th July</p> <p>Excursion: Hoyts Cinema Today children will get to choose between 2 different G or PG rated movies.</p>  |
| <p>Monday 23rd July</p> <p>Incursion: Kids Love to Cook Today children will get to participate in hands on cooking workshops.</p>  | <p><u>July Vacation Care Program</u></p> <p>This is our program for the July school holidays!</p> <p>Bookings will open in Week 7 of Term 2 when fees are issued via email. Fees need to be paid in full before vacation care bookings will be accepted.</p> | | | |

We are looking for Parent Helpers!

We would like to involve parents more into our afternoon program. If you have any interests/passions or skills that you would like to teach children at our centre please get in contact at lacentre@outlook.com.

Some activities could include: lego, robotics, dance, yoga, craft & cooking.

Feedback & Comments

We value and welcome feedback and comments from families. You can provide feedback in the following ways:
Director – lacentre@outlook.com
LAC Committee –
LACCommittee@outlook.com

Hannah our Assistant Director will unfortunately be leaving us at the end of Term 2 as she is moving to the UK! We wish Hannah all the best in her future and will miss her!

Veggie Garden Update

In the school holidays we got busy planting lots of herbs and veggies to grow throughout winter.

We have planted chives, parsley, spinach, silverbeet and peas that we will use in cooking scrambled eggs, herby garlic bread & gozleme.

Eating Well & Giving Back

LINDFIELD ACTIVITY CENTRE - RAISING FUNDS WITH A DIFFERENCE

Lindfield Activity Centre have been raising funds with a difference... with onward benefits to the OOSH service, children, family and community.

Throughout 2017, we focused strongly on healthy eating, and empowering children to make healthy and positive food choices. Children had the opportunity to help prepare and serve their own meals for before and after school care, as well as provide input into menu planning for the following term.

We received a lot of positive feedback from parents and children about changes we made to our menu this year, so we decided to undertake the task of creating a cookbook for families to use at home.

How did we do it?

We conducted a survey for two weeks, where children contributed information about their favourite foods eaten at LAC. It was a great way for us to plan for the next year, gaining valuable feedback on children's favourite choices.

In the end, we came up with 22 recipes to eat for breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks. Educators helped to type up our recipes, and children were responsible for illustrating them. This added life to the book.



The whole project was exciting for children to be a part of and many thoughtful conversation about healthy food choices took place.

Teaching children to give back...

We decided that this would be a great opportunity to contribute to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal (by purchasing presents) with the profits we made from Cookbook sales. This was another hidden added benefit to the project encouraging children to think of others more disadvantaged than them.

In Week 10 of Term 4, children went on an excursion to Kmart with over \$800 in profits, and picked presents that they thought people of all ages would like to receive. This was a lovely opportunity to teach children about helping others, and giving back to the community.

- Elyse Johnson
Centre Director
Lindfield Activity Centre

