

Term 3 Important Dates

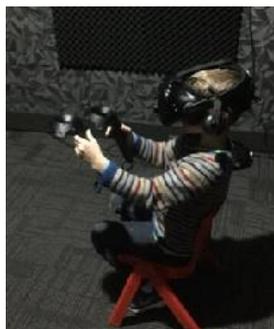
24th July – first day of school.
 14th August – LAC Parent Committee Meeting.
 28th September – last day of school.
 1st – 12th October – school holidays and vacation care.
 24th July – students return to school.

Winter Vacation Care Reflection

During the July school holidays children enjoyed two weeks full of exciting activities and excursions. We tried out virtual reality, learnt about robotics, watched a science show and had heaps of fun at Luna Park. It was a great program that focused on exploring the learning outcomes in My Time, Our Place.

Term 3 Weekly Program

- Week 1: Fitness Fun**
- Week 2: "Build It" Construction Week**
- Week 3: NAIDOC Week**
- Week 4: Science Week**
- Week 5: Book Week**
- Week 6: Family Week**
- Week 7: Spring & Father's Day Week**
- Week 8: Puzzle Week**
- Week 9: Language Week**
- Week 10: Party Week**



Feedback & Comments

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

We have new Educational Leaders at LAC!

Hannah Cutting unfortunately left our centre to move to the UK at the end of Term 2.

Three of our Senior Educators have now stepped into the position of Educational Leader. Leon Ang, Pip Kramer and Georgie Green are now responsible for leading the development and delivery of the educational programming at LAC and are very excited about this terms program.

Year 6 After School Care Excursions

This term we are hoping to start regular weekly excursions around Lindfield with our Year 6 students.

This is in response to feedback from children, and is aimed at giving children more leadership and responsibility at our centre.

Destinations will include Lindfield Library, Lindfield shops, Edenborough Oval, Two Turners Reserve and Loyal Henry Park.

Excursions will need to be authorised by families first. Forms will be distributed in the next couple of weeks.

Grosvenor Road Carpark

The school carpark on Grosvenor Road is for staff use only from 7:30am – 4:30pm.

Outside of these hours parents are permitted access to the carpark. However, please be considerate and remember:

- Park in the designated parking bays.
- Do not park in the driveway as it blocks access.
- Do not park in front of the skip bins.
- Watch out for pedestrians leaving the centre.

It is up to everyone to do the right thing and ensure the safety of others.

October Vacation Care Program

Monday 1 st October	Tuesday 2 nd October	Wednesday 3 rd October	Thursday 4 th October	Friday 5 th October
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	<p>Excursion: Archie Brothers <i>Today children will get to play arcade games, dodgem cars, laser maze, bowling & high ropes</i></p> 	<p>Incursion: Taser Tag <i>Today children will participate in laser tag challenges.</i></p> 	<p>Excursion: ExoXplore Bush Detectives <i>Today children will be Bush Detectives at North Head Sanctuary.</i></p> 	<p>Incursion: Pyjama Movie & Mirror Photo Booth Day <i>Today children will get to wear their pyjamas to LAC, enjoy the photo booth and watch movies.</i></p> 
Monday 8 th October	Tuesday 9 th October	Wednesday 10 th October	Thursday 11 th October	Friday 12 th October
<p>Excursion: Inflatable World <i>Today we will be able to play on various inflatable obstacle courses.</i></p> 	<p>Incursion: Fun Sports Day <i>Children will get to enjoy inflatable soccer, zorb balls and inflatable games.</i></p> 	<p>Excursion: Games Boy Comedy Show <i>Today we will be watching a children's comedy show.</i></p> 	<p>Incursion: Brick Worx <i>Today children will participate in LEGO activities & challenges.</i></p> 	<p>Excursion: Taronga Zoo <i>Today we be exploring Taronga Zoo exhibits.</i></p> 

Bookings will open in Week 9 of this Term.

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY FACTSHEET

WHAT IS CHILD CARE SUBSIDY?

Child Care Subsidy is a rebate paid to eligible families to reduce the cost of childcare. It has replaced the Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR) with a single means-tested subsidy.

HOW IS IT DIFFERENT TO CHILD CARE BENEFIT & CHILD CARE REBATE?

There are three factors that will determine a family's level of Child Care Subsidy. These are:

- Combined Family Income.

Combined Family Income	Subsidy per cent of the actual fee charged (up to relevant percentage of the hourly rate cap)
Up to \$66,958 [^]	85 per cent
More than \$66,958 [^] to below \$171,958 [^]	Decreases to 50 per cent*
\$171,958 [^] to below \$251,248 [^]	50 per cent
\$251,248 [^] to below \$341,248 [^]	Decreases to 20 per cent*
\$341,248 [^] to below \$351,248 [^]	20 per cent
\$351,248 [^] or more	0 per cent

- Activity Test – the activity level of both parents.

Step	Hours of activity (per fortnight)	Maximum number of hours of subsidy (per fortnight)
1	8 hours to 16 hours	36 hours
2	More than 16 hours to 48 hours	72 hours
3	More than 48 hours	100 hours

- Service Type – type of child care service.

Service type	Maximum hourly rate cap
Centre Based Long Day Care	\$11.77 [^]
Family Day Care	\$10.90 [^]
Outside School Hours Care	\$10.29 [^]
In Home Care	\$25.48 [^] (per family)

HOW DOES IT AFFECT LINDFIELD ACTIVITY CENTRE PAYMENTS?

The Child Care Subsidy is now paid directly to Lindfield Activity Centre (LAC) and is passed onto families as a fee reduction in their term invoices. This means that families will make a co-contribution to their child care fees and pay LAC the difference between the fee charged and the subsidy amount.

Families can no longer complete lump sum claims at the end of the financial year, they need to claim the subsidy as they go.

WHAT DO FAMILIES NEED TO DO?

Families now need to ensure that they are updating and confirming family information and enrolment changes through their 'mygov' account.

Complying Written Agreements

Lindfield Activity Centre has now generated a Complying Written Agreement that formalizes the care agreement individual families have entered into. **Every family is required to read and sign their individual agreement**, which will be filed and stored at the centre for future audits.

Enrolment Notices

Lindfield Activity Centre has now submitted an enrolment notice to 'mygov' for each individual child. This informs Centrelink on each family's current and casual bookings. **Every time a booking changes** (adding or cancelling bookings) we have to notify Centrelink and **families have to agree to these changes online via their 'mygov' account. If families do not agree to these changes then Subsidy payments will be withheld.**