

Just For Kids Preschool & Long Daycare Centre

Welcome note:

Firstly, we would like to start by welcoming you all back to Just for Kids for 2019. We would like to extend our welcome to our new children and families, and we look forward to creating some everlasting memories with you and your children throughout 2019. We encourage and invite feedback from our families to ensure that we are continuing to provide you with the level of care that you have become accustomed to at Just for Kids, so please ensure that you return any feedback forms such as orientation feedback forms, parent surveys and transition forms to one of our friendly educators. Any feedback from families is included in our Quality Improvement Plan and actioned accordingly, so any and all feedback is welcome.



A FEW FRIENDLY REMINDERS...

- ✓ Please remember to sign your child in and out each day. This is not only for attendance records, but for emergency evacuation procedure also.
- ✓ Please clearly label all of your child's belongings, including water bottles and bed sheets
- ✓ Please bring 1 piece of fruit or vegetable each day
- ✓ Please call us to notify us if your child will not be attending care for any reason
- ✓ Please do not leave medication in your child's bag
- ✓ Please check Kinderloop regularly to avoid missing out on any important information, upcoming events or notifications
- ✓ Please notify us if someone different will be collecting your child from the centre
- ✓ Please update us with any medical information such as change in allergies, dietary requirements etc
- ✓ Please keep your child's immunisation records up to date with us
- ✓ Please notify us of any changes to your contact details, or emergency contact details.

IMMUNISATION REMINDER

I have recently put a Kinderloop post out about updating your child's immunisation details. Please remember to keep us up to date with your child's immunisation history. You can download your child's immunisation History Statement from the MyGov website.

www.mygov.com.au



CHILDREN'S GOALS

We have recently sent out a Kinderloop post to invite each family to share a goal they may have for their child. Please ensure you take some time to share your goal with us so we can work with you and your child to help them achieve their goals this year.



QIP

In our centre foyer each month we have a "Question of the Month" for families to provide feedback on an area of our centre's practices and procedures. This feedback is then used to reflect and improve our centre in this particular area. We encourage all families to read the question of the month and offer their feedback, whether it be good or not so good, so we can continue to improve our services and provide you and your children with high quality childcare and education.

CCS AND ATTENDANCE:

Our digital sign in and out system is now live, and attendances are automatically linked and sent directly to Centrelink. Therefore it is vital that you remember to sign your children in and out each time they attend the centre. Please ensure that any grandparents, family members or friends who may collect your children are aware of this process also.

Centrelink now bill us in fortnightly sessions, so it is important that fees are paid fortnightly, so it is important that you pay fees fortnightly as each session is billed. We recommend setting up re-occurring payments from your bank account into ours to avoid any overlap of fees and sessions.

Educator shout out board!

We have an "Educator Shout Out Board" located in our centre foyer, for families to share a little love and appreciation to our educators for all the love, care and effort that goes into not only caring for the children, but also for all the planning, observations and interactions that goes on too.

So, if you have some time please share a little love. A little bit of kindness goes a long way to make someone's day!



SKILLS DEVELOPED THROUGH PLAY



UPCOMING EVENTS:

We have developed a Calendar of events for 2019 and these will be displayed in the centre foyer for you to read. We will also have regular spontaneous incursions and activities that will be included into the curriculum based on children's interest, so please keep an eye on Kinderloop for upcoming events!



DATES TO REMEMBER

SCHOOL READINESS WITH JUST FOR KIDS:

Our School readiness program will begin in February 2019. This year all children in the Smarties room will be included in the School readiness program and will each receive their own workbooks. These workbooks include pre-writing activities that promote and encourage the exploration of literacy and numeracy skills through educator lead and directed interactions and experiences. The children who will not be attending primary school next year will begin with basic activities that introduce letters, numbers, shapes etc. and the children will work with our educators to develop and maintain the correct pencil grip and control whilst exploring and learning through play. For the Smarties who will be attending primary school in 2020, we have developed a more comprehensive and intense school readiness workbook and program to ensure they develop all of the necessary skills that are required for a smooth transition to formal schooling.

Whilst our workbooks will lay the foundation for our school readiness program, we will still have a big emphasis of "learning through play" by implementing play-based learning opportunities for the children daily.

We are looking forward to watching your children learn and grow with us in the Smarties room this year!