

Dear Families

It's been an incredibly busy term for us with lots of big things happening. We had an Assessment and Ratings visit from the Department of Education in June – something we found to be a very positive and supportive experience. We're waiting for the results and will let you know when we find out. We said goodbye to Brodie, our Educational Leader of nearly 12 months, and welcomed Molly Boys who has taken over the role with great diligence and enthusiasm. Congratulations to Brodie whose baby boy (Beau-Keith) arrived safely on Monday 24 June. We wish her a wonderful parenting journey with her gorgeous son. We really enjoyed our special Pizza Party celebration with the children on Friday 5 July. We were celebrating 40 years of Tanderra OOSH, 30 years' service for Suzanne (Yes :O!!) and 10 years' service for Aunty. We were also celebrating the end of the term for the children of course, which means 2 weeks of fun and relaxation.

Please read on for the latest tips, reminders and news...

## VACATION CARE

Please check and download our [vacation care programme](#) on our website. The excursion to Sydney Zoo should be lots of fun. We have a French cultural day planned where we'll prepare and enjoy some classic French food and will run our own fun-filled Paris Olympics and lots more fun activities planned. We still have some vacancies so feel free to make the bookings you need.

## 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Keep your eyes out for our 40 years celebration which will probably be held in September or October. We're planning a special event on a Saturday with lots of fun activities for everyone. All families, staff and management – past and present – will be welcome. We look forward to seeing you then!

## BOOKINGS THROUGH THE PORTAL

Just a reminder that you can make all casual and vacation care bookings via your parent portal account but for permanent booking inquiries/changes, you need to contact us via email, phone or in person. Also remember you can't make same-day bookings yourself via the portal or bookings for the next day after 6pm. Once again, you need to contact us directly for these.

## NEW DONATIONS WELCOME

We really appreciate the support we receive from our families and the donations people have given us in recent months including toys, equipment, craft items etc. If you have items in your home you no longer need, this is what we're currently looking for:

- A good quality iPhone for staff use (our other one went missing)
- Craft items including newspapers, paper towel rolls, other bits and pieces for loose parts craft
- Any PC you no longer need (that works well)
- Any games or toys in good condition no longer needed in your house.

THANK YOU! It really means a lot.

## A REMINDER ABOUT CCS AND ABSENCES

If your child doesn't attend the service for 14 weeks (including after their last day), CCS will be removed up until their last day of physical attendance at the service. It's important to bear this in mind if you are an occasional user, a vacation care only user or if you cease your child's attendance and your child is absent for their last day(s).

## FAMILY SURVEY

We're looking at making a few changes to our service including to our routines and programme. We need your feedback to help us know what suits your family's needs. We will be starting up with some music classes once per week in term 3 and possibly some dance classes too. After that, we may include extracurricular activities at a small extra cost depending on the feedback we receive from families.

Please let us know what you think about proposed improvements/changes by completing this short but IMPORTANT survey:

Please click here to take our



IMPROVEMENTS  
SURVEY

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME

We share our programme through the Storypark app and we also post it on the wall on the left hand side as you enter the back room. We invite all families to Storypark when they enrol their children in before and after school care and for vacation care as space permits. If you haven't received an invitation to join (or if yours has lapsed), and you would like to follow our posts, please let us know.

## VOLUNTEERS

We really appreciate the involvement of volunteers in our service. Right now, we're lucky enough to have Freya who is in year 9 and is completing her Duke of Edinburgh's Award through Winmalee H.S. The children are really enjoying Freya's company on a Tuesday afternoon. We are also loving having Enid Shaefer along in vacation care to share arts and crafts with the children. Her kindness and care with the children is much appreciated. Soon we'll have Lisa Varjavandi with us again on Tuesday afternoons, sharing her expertise and love of music. We had Lisa with us a few years ago prior to Covid and she offered a wonderful addition to our programme for interested children.

## DON'T SHARE YOUR SIGN-IN PIN

Please remember not to give your PIN to any other person who will be collecting or bringing your children to Tanderra as your PIN is for you alone. Each adult signing children in and out via the Konnect must have their own unique PIN. Anyone coming to collect your child must see staff on arrival if they don't have their own PIN. Thank you for your co-operation with this important legal requirement.

## SENSORY GARDEN

Have you seen the wonderful sensory garden that our team member Sharon made with the children? This is the left-hand garden bed in the front yard as you walk towards the front door. It is filled with plants of all different textures, scents and colours specially designed as a delightful sensory experience for the children. We really appreciate Sharon's wonderful work with the children to create this beautiful garden.

## PUPIL FREE DAY

We will be running vacation care on Monday 22 July as this is a pupil free day for all 3 of our schools, Springwood, Ellison and St Thomas Aquinas. If you need to book your child in for this day and he/she already has a permanent booking for this day, you may find the portal won't allow you to make the booking. In this case, please email us and we will convert your permanent booking into a vacation care booking for that day.

*Well, that's all for now. Thanks for reading. Have a lovely term break, from all the Tanderra staff: Suzanne, Aunty Simone, Molly, Pheobe, Callum, Sharon, Dallas, Lilli and Lily*