

Dear Families

We hope you're all travelling well through this busy, busy year! We've got some exciting news to share with you about extracurricular activities planned for term 4, our 40th anniversary celebrations and so much more.

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

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FROM TERM 4

We're excited to be able to offer the children in our service extracurricular activities in term 4 to meet their needs, as indicated by families recently in the Improvements survey. Please hit the button to download our form, which includes all the information and has links where permission forms are needed. Some of the activities have limited places so book early to avoid disappointment.

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40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Our 40th Anniversary celebration is coming up and we can't wait! With fun entertainment for everyone including a jumping castle, petting zoo, fairy floss, BBQ and more, it is sure to be a great day. All are welcome including families, staff, management and children from past, present and future as well as anyone else who'd like to come along and join in the festivities. We look forward to seeing you then!

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IMPROVEMENTS SURVEY RESULTS

Thanks to all those families who responded to our recent improvements survey. We got some really helpful feedback and have put much of it in place.



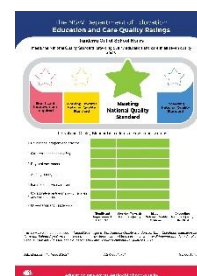
HOMEWORK CLUB

One of the things we added as a result of the Improvements survey was a HOMEWORK CLUB. This will be starting up in term 4. If you'd like your child to complete homework in a quiet, supportive environment, please click on the graphic to download the permission form.

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ASSESSMENT AND RATING RESULTS

Our service recently underwent assessment and ratings by the department of Education and we were thrilled to attain MEETING across all 7 quality areas and for all 40 standards. Staff and management worked very hard to achieve this so well done everyone!



RE-ENROLLING FOR 2025

From the start of term 4, we'll be inviting all families currently enrolled to re-enrol for next year. Keep an eye out for our invitation – via the parent portal for families with permanent bookings or via email for those who are casual or use our service for vacation care only. Once we have allocated places to current families needing them, we'll open places to siblings and then to new families.

VACATION CARE SPRING PROGRAMME

We're looking forward to a fun-filled vacation care programme coming up. If you haven't booked yet, we still have some places left. Our programme is designed with the input of children and educators and is based on all the experiences children have shown they love! Excursions can book our early so don't delay if you need a place.



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START OF TERM 4

Term 4 starts from Monday 14 October for the state schools and from Tuesday 15 October for St Thomas Aquinas. Unfortunately we are not able to offer all day care for St Thomas children on Monday 14th due to lack of demand, but we will be operating before and after school care as usual.

DONATIONS NEEDED

HUGE thanks to those who have so generously donated items to our service in recent times. We're very appreciative of the thoughtful donations from families of an iPhone, toys and games, stationery and craft items.

Items we're currently in need of include:

- ✚ children's clothing, particularly shorts and pants, especially in sizes 5. 6. 7 and 8 as sometimes children, particularly younger children, will need a change of clothing while in OOSH care.
- ✚ Resource books for parents including guidance, advice and insight into raising happy, healthy children – we'd like to set up a parent resource library.

If you have any of these items that you don't need or anything else you think we may like, please sing out. As a community-based organisation, we're always trying to keep our running costs low so that we can keep our fees as low as possible for families.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Would you be interested in joining our community committee which will meet about 4 times per year and help make decisions regarding the use of Tanderra and other matters? We are hoping to have a cross section of members including staff, children, parents and community members. Meetings will probably take place once per term on a Thursday afternoon from 5:00pm. If you're interested, please have a chat with Suzanne.



DECEMBER/JANUARY OPENING DATES

Here are our opening/closing dates for the December/January school holiday period. Vacation care places will be open for bookings at least 2 weeks prior to the start.

Open: 19 & 20 December, 6 – 24 January incl, 28 – 31 January incl

Closed: 23 December – 5 January inclusive, 27 January, 3 February

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

