

TANDERRA NEWS

Term 3 Newsletter 2021

Shout out to our families



Happy Spring to everyone! We hope you are all well and managing ok throughout this extended lockdown period. We are aware of the additional strain many people are experiencing and if that includes you, please know that our hearts go out to you at this difficult time. If your child usually attends Tanderra but is now exclusively learning from home, please can you let him/her know that they are very missed by all of our staff members and that we are looking forward to when they will be able to return. It's been our privilege to have been able to remain open throughout the lockdown period, offering care for those families who need it.

Thank you to everyone who advocated for our service

THANK YOU!

To all those families who responded to our recent request and wrote letters to key politicians, THANK YOU SO MUCH!! Following the combined efforts of thousands of parents around the state, the government finally announced a business continuity package which will ensure that many hundreds of childcare services will be able to remain viable into the future. This is absolutely fantastic news for our sector and to all families around the state who will now have peace of mind that their child's service will be ready and waiting for when they need to resume care.

Mask Mandates for children are on the way



As you may be aware, masks are about to be mandated for children in schools and OOSH. We are aware that is a matter of considerable concern for some parents and the childcare sector in general. Our peak body, Network of Community Activities, is seeking clarification from the Department regarding this issue and the logistics of managing this in a school aged recreational environment. We will keep you informed with details as they come to hand.

Vacation care programmes are ready



Our holiday programme is ready and available to download [HERE](#) and also from our website and from the parent portal. Please go ahead and make the bookings you need for forthcoming September school holidays. In keeping with the stay-at-home requirements we will be limiting the number of daily places available to 30. We're not expecting this to happen but if you are an essential worker and you find you can't make a booking due to no vacancies, please contact us and we will sort it out and ensure you will be able to book your child in for care.

Unsurprisingly our programme includes no incursions or excursions. Despite this we've worked with the children to ensure plenty of fun activities are on offer to ensure the children enjoy their school holidays. Please let us know your feedback.

Drop off and collect at the front gate only



When using our service at this time, please be aware that parents and carers must drop children off and pick them up at the front gate only. The only people admitted into the service at this time are essential staff and children attending. This is in accordance with departmental guidelines in the interests of reducing the risk of viral transmission within the community. We are thankful to all the parents currently using our service for your tremendous support and understanding of this and other changes to usual procedures.

Take care everyone and have a restful weekend

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