

Dear Families

Hope everyone is keeping warm now that we're in our Mountains winter! At least we've had an end to the rain that seemed to pour down incessantly for the last 2 years. This is your termly newsletter, just rushed out in time before the end of term. Please read on for all the latest updates including changes afoot to our staff team.

## VACATION CARE

Our July vacation care programme is about to start and we still have some vacancies left. Any booking dates you need for vacation care can be booked via the Kidsoft parent portal app or contact us for further assistance. You can download your copy of the programme [HERE](#) from our website. We're looking forward to our Japanese Cultural Day when the children will be making sushi. We're also looking forward to the Town Wander (always by popular demand – the kids love it!) and the excursion to Inflatable World. Lots and lots of fun activities and events planned on the basis of the children's ideas and feedback.

## FOODS IN VACATION CARE

A reminder to families that children tend to get very hungry in vacation care – often more so than when at school. This is because they're more active and are expending more energy playing and engaging in physical activities. For this reason, it's a great idea to pack a little more food in your child's lunch box. If you're looking for new ideas of foods to keep your little ones interested, why not visit [our 100 kid-friendly lunch box ideas](#) page on our website.

Please remember to send your child to Tanderra with with foods that are NUT FREE, including no peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches. We have a number of children with LIFE THREATENING nut allergies and we appreciate your careful attention to this please.

Please remember to pack foods which don't have nuts and nut products



Including nutella, peanut butter and snack bars like Picnic

## STORYPARK

Don't forget to follow along with our daily happenings via the Storypark app. It's a great idea to download it on your phone from the App Store or the Play Store. That way you can see what your child has been up to, some of their enjoyment and their achievements. Our staff team record observations (stories) on as many children as possible and it's lovely when parents see and especially comment – so please feel free to respond and contribute as much as you'd like to via Storypark. If you haven't yet accepted your invitation or need another one, please let us know.

## PUPIL FREE DAY 17 JULY

Monday July 17 Will a pupil free day for Springwood PS, Ellison PS and St Thomas Aquinas. We'll be open for all day care. Please feel free to book via the parent portal, selecting the Vacation Care session. We'll be doing kits and junk craft that day so all donations from home of suitable materials will be very welcome.

## DONATIONS

Huge THANKS to those families who have brought offerings of toys and items no longer wanted at home. They have been very much appreciated by us and the children.

## CHANGES TO CCS FROM JULY 1

CCS is set to change significantly from 1 July. You can get an idea of how much you may be paying each week via the new [Child Care Subsidy Calculator](#). Our fees will be going up at the same time - please click [HERE](#) to see our new full fee rates starting from 1 July.

If your child is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status, please download a factsheet [HERE](#) which will tell you what you may now be entitled to.

Many families will now become eligible for CCS for the first time as a result of the new thresholds and conditions which apply. If that could be you, please download a factsheet [HERE](#) advising you what to do next.

## YEAR 6 READINESS ACTIVITIES

If your child is in year 6 this year, you'll soon hear from us regarding our year 6 events planned to support your child's readiness for high school. The children always look forward to these events immensely.

## BASC VOUCHERS ENDING SOON

The BASC voucher scheme will be coming to an end on 30 June. Any monies not used up by that date will be resumed by the government.

## HOLDING DEPOSITS AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

From 1 July our service will be dissolving all holding deposits by crediting them onto accounts. We won't be reimbursing holding deposits to bank accounts but the monies credited will go towards future child care fee accruals. At the same time we will be applying the new Administrative Fee of \$30 per family. Thereafter, the Administrative fee will be charged each calendar year on re-enrolment. You may notice this activity on your account via your CAS (Customer Account Statement).

## CHANGES TO OUR STAFF TEAM

Sadly, Therese will be leaving us, with her last day being Thursday 29 June. Please feel free to drop by for her farewell afternoon tea. We'll miss Therese and her dedicated hard work but we're happy for her to be moving on to new ventures and opportunities.

Brodie Santas will be commencing as Educational Leader from Monday 10 July. We really look forward to Brodie joining our team and our Tanderra extended family.

For details of all our staff team, please see our staff poster in the front room noticeboard, near the iCheckin desk.

## CCS EXCLUDED DAYS

Just a reminder that CCS isn't paid when a child doesn't attend for their first or last day(s) under the rules of CCS.

Thanks for reading!!

*Wishing you all a wonderful holiday. From all the Tanderra staff: Suzanne, Aunty Simone, Therese, Pheobe, Sharon, Dallas, Callum, Nienke, Tom and Annalisa*

