



Wollongong Lollipop Kidz Newsletter

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Newsletter 2016

Upcoming Events

26th January– Australia day

CENTRE CLOSED

8th February– Chinese New Year:

Year of the monkey

9th February– Pancake Day

15th- 19th February– Water/ Messy
Play week

8th March– Rangers on the run

Sea Creature experience @ 1:30

17th March– Saint Patricks Day

21st March– Harmony Day

25th March– Good Friday

CENTRE CLOSED

28th March– Easter Monday

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Welcome Back!!!

WELCOME BACK to all our wonderful families we hope you had a nice break (We certainly did!). over the holiday period and hope everyone stayed safe. We look forward to getting back into our routine with lots of exciting events planned. this year, and farewell our school leavers– you will be sorely missed!!.

We would like to welcome our new families to the centre. We hope you enjoy your time at Lollipop kidz, and if you need any assistance please don't hesitate to talk to one of the lollipop kidz educators.

A BIG thank you to all our parents who have been donating toys and clothing their children no longer require, we (and the children) really appreciate it!

Safety and OH+S

Sun Safety

Most kids rack up between 50% and 80% of their lifetime sun exposure before age 18, so it's important that parents teach their children how to enjoy fun in the sun safely. With the right precautions, you can greatly reduce your child's chance of developing skin cancer.

Facts About Sun Exposure

The sun radiates light to the earth, and part of that light consists of invisible ultraviolet (UV) rays. When these rays reach the skin, they cause tanning, burning, and other skin damage.

Sunlight contains three types of ultraviolet rays: UVA, UVB, and UVC.

UVA rays cause skin aging and wrinkling and contribute to skin cancer, such as melanoma. Because UVA rays pass effortlessly through the ozone layer (the protective layer of atmosphere, or shield, surrounding the earth), they make up the majority of our sun exposure. Beware of tanning beds because they use UVA rays as well as UVB rays. A UVA tan does not help protect the skin from further sun damage; it merely produces color and a false sense of protection from the sun.

UVB rays are also dangerous, causing sunburns, cataracts (clouding of the eye lens), and effects on the immune system. They also contribute to skin cancer. Melanoma, the most dangerous form of skin cancer, is thought to be associated with severe UVB sunburns that occur before the age of 20. Most UVB rays are absorbed by the ozone layer, but enough of these rays pass through to cause serious damage.

UVC rays are the most dangerous, but fortunately, these rays are blocked by the ozone layer and don't reach the earth.

Sourced from: www.kidshealth.org

Centre Renovations:-

We would like to thank everyone for being patient while our centre renovations were getting done. Luckily they are nearly complete; just waiting for carpet to be replaced.

Renovations included:-

Outdoors:- New creek bed outside with a water pump, gardens and decking under the big trees

Indoors:- Centre painted, carpet replaced, new furniture for centre (has been ordered)

Portfolios and the Learning Program

We are going digital!. In the past our correspondence with families about their child's learning has been through paper portfolio's and handwritten daybooks. This process will be changing over the next month or so and families will no longer receive a hard copy child portfolio at the end of the year. Parents will either receive a disc at the end of the year or will receive regular electronic copies via email. Educators are in the process of going through different documentation platforms as to which suits the centres programming.

Education & Communities update

The Australian and NSW governments are working together to ensure the move to the National Quality Framework for existing NSW early childhood education and care centre based services is as seamless as possible:-

Educator to child ratios

From 1st January 2016, the educator to child ratio for children who are 25 to 36 months will change from one educator to eight children (1:8) to one educator to five children (1:5)

Lollipop Kidz put this in place at the beginning of December 2015, and now welcome Amber back to the team.

Reminders

Opening/ closing hours- 7:30am-6:00pm

To help us ensure we are meeting our legal requirements our opening hours are 7:30am-6:00pm. Our buzzer will not be turned on until 7:30 am sharp. Please ensure you contact the centre if for some reason you will arrive after the 6pm closing time. **\$3 per minute late fee will be charged.**

Signing in and out: our legal requirement to keep accurate children's records, can you please ensure you sign your child in upon arrival and again upon departure.

Withdrawal and decrease of days notice-

Please be aware 2 weeks written notice is required to withdraw or decrease your child's attendance. This period is increased to 4 weeks notice during the months of December and January.

Immunisation Records-

Can you please remember to bring in your child's immunisation record for us to photocopy every time they have had a new immunisation.

Lockers-

We will be changing our locker system very soon. Children will be able to find their photo every day and place their photo on the locker of their choice. It will be based on a first come first served basis.

Hats-

In accordance with our Cancer Council approved 'sun safe' policy, children are required to wear a hat outside at all times. Can you please ensure your child brings a hat each and every day so they are able to join in outdoor activities.

Sun cream-

Also in accordance with our 'sun safe' policy, Children are required to wear sun cream whilst outside. Educators will help children apply their sun cream before going outside during the afternoon, but it is expected that children have already had their sun cream applied in the morning. Sun cream is located in the front foyer for you to use. Please remember sun cream takes 20 minutes to absorb into the skin before it is effective.

Spare Clothing-

Please make sure your child has a spare change of clothing for all weather conditions including socks and underwear, long pants, shorts, t shirt and a jumper. (**no singlet tops or singlet dresses**)

Illness-

If your child is sick, please keep them at home to avoid cross infection. If your child is commencing treatment with medication (including antibiotics) they are not to attend care for at least 24 hours.

Lunchboxes and water bottles-

Please bring a labelled lunch box containing a piece of fruit and a water bottle each day

Thank you!- Lollipop kidz educators.