

HAWTHORN ST.

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Newsletter – January 2024

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! We hope this message finds you in high spirits, full of excitement for the adventures that lie ahead in 2024. As we step into a brand-new year, we want to extend our heartfelt welcome to all our wonderful families.

New Beginnings and Exciting Opportunities:

The start of a new year is a time for fresh beginnings and the promise of exciting opportunities. At Hawthorn Street Early Learning Centre, we are thrilled to embark on this journey with your children, fostering their growth, development, and happiness every step of the way.

Our Commitment to Excellence: Our dedicated team is committed to providing your children with a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment where they can learn, play, and thrive. We have exciting educational programs and fun activities planned throughout the year to make their time with us both enriching and enjoyable.

Stay Informed and Engaged: To keep you informed about all the exciting happenings at our daycare centre, we will continue to send out regular newsletters and updates. These will include highlights from our recent activities, important dates to remember, and valuable insights into your child's development.

Your Feedback Matters: We always value your feedback and suggestions, as they play a crucial role in shaping our daycare's programs and services. Feel free to reach out to us anytime with your thoughts and ideas.

Upcoming Events: Stay tuned for our upcoming events and special activities designed to engage children and bring families together. We have a calendar filled with fun and educational experiences in store.

Open Door Policy: Remember that our doors are always open for you. If you ever have questions, concerns, or simply want to chat, please don't hesitate to contact us, or drop by for a visit.

As we embrace this new year, we look forward to nurturing your child's growth, learning, and happiness. Thank you for entrusting us with this important journey, and we are excited to create lasting memories together in 2024.

Wishing you and your family a fantastic year ahead!

Warm regards,

Claire Hayward
Nominated Supervisor
Hawthorn Street Early Learning Centre

EYLF Focus: Nurturing Creative Minds

Creativity is at the heart of early childhood education, and this year, we're placing a special emphasis on nurturing the artistic and imaginative abilities of your children. The EYLF encourages us to provide opportunities for children to express themselves through various creative mediums such as art, music, and imaginative play. We believe that fostering creativity is not only fun but also essential for their cognitive and emotional development.

Our educators are working diligently to create an environment that stimulates artistic expression. We have art corners, music corners, and imaginative play areas where children can explore their creativity freely. We'll be introducing exciting art projects, music sessions, and dramatic play activities that will encourage your child to think outside the box and develop their unique talents.



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NQS Highlight: Quality Area 1 - Educational Program and Practice

Quality Area 1 of the NQS focuses on the importance of an educational program that is engaging, stimulating, and tailored to each child's needs. We are committed to providing a high-quality educational experience for your child at Hawthorn Street Early Learning Centre.

Our educators are dedicated to creating learning experiences that are both fun and educational. We carefully plan activities that align with the EYLF outcomes and NQS elements to ensure that your child is receiving the best possible care and education. We are continuously reflecting on our practices and seeking ways to improve to meet and exceed NQS standards.



Parent Corner: Encouraging Artistic Expression at Home

As partners in your child's education, we encourage you to foster artistic expression at home too. Here are some simple ideas to inspire creativity in your child:

1. Create a designated art space with supplies like crayons, paints, and paper.
2. Encourage storytelling and imaginative play by providing props and costumes.
3. Play music and dance together to enhance rhythm and movement skills.
4. Visit museums, galleries, and cultural events to expose your child to different forms of art.
5. Ask open-ended questions to spark your child's imagination during everyday activities.

We hope you find these suggestions helpful in encouraging your child's artistic growth at home.

Thank you for being a part of the Hawthorn Street Early Learning Centre community. We look forward to a year filled with creativity, growth, and learning.

Upcoming Events and Reminders –

Save the Dates

Park play dates: Connect & Enjoy!

Saturday 6th April, Saturday 29th June, Saturday 21st September.

Portfolio nights: Discover Your Child's Progress

Tuesday 9th April, Tuesday 2nd July, Tuesday 24th September

Children's Christmas Party: Friday 29th November 2023, 6:15pm.

Preschool Graduation: Thursday 12th December

School Photos: Week of 19th August

Thank You

Warm regards,

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