

HAWTHORN ST.

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Newsletter – March 2024

Dear Families,

We are thrilled to bring you the latest edition of our childcare newsletter, designed to keep you informed and engaged with all the wonderful happenings in our vibrant community.

A glimpse into our centre: We are deeply committed to educating both children and adults. Regular teaching sessions are held for our educators to stay abreast of updates in EYLF, SIDS, and policies. Our approach revolves around play-based learning and child interests, meticulously aligned with EYLF guidelines, fostering holistic development in every child.

Your Feedback is Essential: We greatly appreciate your feedback and suggestions, as they help us continually improve. We also love the family feedback and photos shared on our Facebook page, showcasing your weekend adventures. This input enhances our ability to enrich the learning experiences of our children.

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.

Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of caring for and nurturing your child. We look forward to a month filled with warmth, learning, and the joy of watching your children flourish.

Warm regards,

Claire Hayward
Nominated Supervisor
Hawthorn Street Early Learning Centre

Please note the closure dates for the Easter holidays:

We will be closed only on the following public holidays:

Good Friday: Friday, March 29th

Easter Monday: Monday, April 1st

Staff Spotlight:

Claire Hayward – Director

I ventured into early childhood education fuelled by a deep-seated passion for nurturing children aged birth to 5 years old, recognizing them as the architects of our future. Starting with a traineeship at Dubbo Early Learning Centre, I completed my Certificate III in Early Childhood Education & Care. This hands-on experience not only enhanced my understanding of the subjects but also inspired fresh teaching approaches for my young charges. Progressing to the role of Room Leader for toddlers, I pursued and achieved my Diploma in Early Childhood Education & Care. Now, I've embarked on the next phase of my career journey by enrolling in an Early Childhood Teaching program. I am steadfast in my commitment to guide and foster the development of every child, laying a solid foundation for their future success and fulfillment.

2 Truths & a Lie!

1. I was in an Australian Irish dancing champion team.
2. I speak fluent Dutch.
3. I have 3 daughters.



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

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

Children's Christmas Party: Friday 29th November 2024, 6:15pm.

Preschool Graduation: Thursday 12th December

School Photos: Week of 19th August

Quality Area 1 of the National Quality Standard (NQS) focuses on Educational Program and Practice.

Emphasizing Quality Area 1 of the National Quality Standard, our educational program prioritizes learning in areas such as measurement. Through hands-on activities and engaging experiences, children explore concepts of size, quantity, and comparison, fostering cognitive development while aligning with the NQS's commitment to high-quality educational practices.



Parent Corner: Encouraging play-based learning at home

As partners in your child's education, creating a positive home learning environment plays a crucial role in their development and success. Here are some tips to enhance learning experiences beyond the childcare centre:

Designate a Learning Space: Set aside a dedicated area in your home where your child can engage in educational activities without distractions. Keep this space stocked with age-appropriate books, puzzles, and learning materials.

Establish a Routine: Consistency is key. Establish a daily routine that includes time for structured learning, free play, and outdoor exploration. Consistent routines help children feel secure and facilitate learning.

Encourage Curiosity: Foster a love for learning by encouraging your child's curiosity. Ask open-ended questions, explore new topics together, and provide opportunities for hands-on exploration.

Celebrate Progress: Celebrate your child's achievements, no matter how small. Offer praise and encouragement to build their confidence and motivation to learn.

Stay Connected: Keep communication lines open with your child's educators. Share insights about your child's interests, strengths, and areas for growth, and collaborate on strategies to support their learning journey.

Remember, learning doesn't stop at the childcare centre's door. By creating a supportive and engaging home learning environment, you empower your child to thrive academically and socially.

Thank You

Warm regards,

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