

HAWTHORN ST.

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Newsletter – April 2024

Dear Families,

Welcome to our April Newsletter! We're excited to share all the exciting activities planned for this month.

We are beginning our first weekend of April with our **Park playdate,**

Date: Saturday 6th April

Time: 9:30am – 11am

Where: Victoria Park play space.

We would be delighted to welcome your families to join us for a delightful morning in the park. It's a wonderful opportunity for our staff and families to connect, fostering a sense of community and support. Moreover, it allows families to meet and interact with the children and families their own children are playing with, creating meaningful connections and friendships. Let's come together for a fun-filled time of laughter, play, and bonding.

Portfolio Night

Date: Tuesday 9th April

Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Portfolio nights offer a fantastic opportunity for you to address any questions you may have regarding your child's learning or development. Take the chance to explore what your child has been learning and achieving. It's a valuable insight into their progress and a chance to celebrate their growth together.

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.

At the end of March, we were proud to have supported our owner Matt as he joined a group of remarkable individuals cycling 750km across the Western Plains. The Toyota Tour de OROC, organised by the Rotary Club of Dubbo South, took place from March 18th to the 23rd, passing through warmly welcoming communities. This year, we had the privilege of riding alongside Olympic cyclists Brad McGee and Sara Carrigan, making our mission even more memorable.

All funds raised from this event go to Macquarie Home Stay, a vital institution in Dubbo offering essential accommodation for patients and their families visiting the Dubbo Base Hospital from across far western NSW. With over 50% of admissions coming from outside Dubbo, this facility plays a crucial role in improving health outcomes for people throughout the Orana Region.

Macquarie Home Stay provides affordable and compassionate accommodation for expectant mothers needing close proximity to the hospital, families of patients undergoing prolonged treatments, or facing emergencies. It ensures that no one must face their health journey alone.

Every contribution counts, and together, we can make a significant impact.



To donate, please visit <https://www.givenow.com.au/cr/matthewstapleton>

or to win a **Toyota Rav 4 car**

<https://rafflelink.com.au/machstay-car-raffle>

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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:

Kerry Hall -Receptionist & Educator

I adore my role at Hawthorn Street Early Learning Centre for numerous reasons. Witnessing children grow and achieve milestones fills me with immense joy. I take pleasure in handling paperwork and organizational tasks, ensuring smooth operations. Welcoming and supporting new families as they join our centre is incredibly rewarding. Moreover, our exceptional team fosters a supportive and collaborative environment, making each day fulfilling and enjoyable.



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

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



In Quality Area 1 of the National Quality Standard (NQS), the integration of paint and art into educational programs is paramount. Through artistic expression, children explore creativity, imagination, and sensory experiences. Painting activities foster fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and spatial awareness. Moreover, they encourage self-expression, emotional development, and confidence. By incorporating paint and art into educational practice, educators enrich children's learning experiences, nurturing holistic development in line with NQS standards.

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Happy crafting!



Weekend Feedback

Parent Corner, we're excited to share tips and ideas for fostering creativity through arts and crafts at home!

Set Up a Creative Space: Designate an area in your home where your child can freely explore their artistic talents. Keep it stocked with a variety of art supplies such as crayons, markers, paints, paper, and craft materials.

Encourage Experimentation: Encourage your child to experiment with different art mediums and techniques. Provide opportunities for them to explore painting, drawing, collage-making, and sculpting.

Embrace Open-Ended Projects: Encourage open-ended art projects where there are no right or wrong answers. Allow your child's imagination to soar as they create masterpieces inspired by their own ideas and interests.

Get Involved: Join in the creative fun by participating in art activities with your child. Show enthusiasm for their creations and celebrate their artistic accomplishments.

Display and Celebrate: Proudly display your child's artwork around the home. Create a gallery wall or designated display area where they can showcase their creations. Celebrate their artistic achievements with praise and encouragement.

By encouraging arts and crafts at home, you're not only fostering creativity but also promoting fine motor skills, self-expression, and problem-solving abilities. So, roll up your sleeves, grab some art supplies, and let the creativity flow!

