

HAWTHORN ST.

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Newsletter – June 2024

Dear Families,

We are halfway through 2024! How quickly the year is going.

Park Playdate,

Date: Saturday 29th June

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.

Fee increase:

As is our policy, each year in June we assess the annual increase in the costs of operating our business and adjust fees accordingly. Pending the Fair Work decision on an increase to wages (due 3 June) and pending any other changes for our sector, we will update fees and advise our families as soon as possible. We welcome any questions at any time.

Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of caring for and nurturing your child.

Warm regards,

Claire Hayward

Nominated Supervisor

Save the Dates

Park play dates: Connect & Enjoy!

Saturday 29th June, Saturday 21st September.

Portfolio nights: Discover Your Child's Progress

Tuesday 2nd July,

Tuesday 24th September

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

Preschool Graduation: Thursday 12th December

School Photos: Week of 19th August



Friendships are important at Hawthorn Street Early Learning, all our children are valued & included.

Reminder from Services Australia

Confirm your 2021–22 income for CCS by 30 June 2024

You need to confirm your income by 30 June 2024 if you got Childcare Subsidy (CCS) in the 2021–22 financial year.

Confirm your 2022–23 income for CCS by 30 June 2024

You need to confirm your income by 30 June 2024 if you got CCS in the 2022–23 financial year.

Read more on the [Services Australia website](#).

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

This month at Hawthorn Street Early Learning Centre we are Exploring the Ocean:

Quality Area 1 of the NQS emphasizes the importance of delivering an educational program that is responsive to the interests, strengths, and needs of each child. It encourages the use of intentional teaching, play-based learning, and a holistic approach to development. Our ocean-themed learning program exemplifies these principles, providing children with a dynamic and engaging way to explore the wonders of the ocean.

Literacy and Numeracy

Storytelling and Reading: Children listen to and read stories about ocean animals, ships, and underwater adventures. This activity enhances vocabulary, comprehension, and a love for reading.

Ocean Math: We use ocean-related objects, such as shells and fish, to teach counting, sorting, and basic arithmetic. This makes learning math concepts fun and relatable.

Science and Exploration

Marine Life Discovery: Children learn about different marine animals, their habitats, and behaviours. We use pictures, videos, and interactive displays to make these discoveries come alive.

Water Experiments: Through hands-on experiments, children explore the properties of water, such as buoyancy and density. These activities encourage scientific inquiry and critical thinking.

Creative Arts

Ocean Crafts: Children create ocean-themed art projects, such as painting sea scenes, making fish out of recycled materials, and crafting jellyfish

from paper plates. These activities enhance fine motor skills and creativity.

Music and Movement: We incorporate ocean-themed songs and dances, allowing children to express themselves through music and movement while learning about ocean by adhering to Quality Area 1 of the NQS, we provide a rich and engaging educational experience that not only prepares children for future learning but also instills a lifelong curiosity and respect for the natural world. Our exploration of the ocean is just one example of how we bring learning to life at Hawthorn Street Early Learning Centre.



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Interactive Activities

Ocean Books and Stories:

Read books about the ocean and marine life. Look for engaging stories and colourful illustrations that capture your child's imagination. Some recommended titles include "The Rainbow Fish" by Marcus Pfister and "Commotion in the Ocean" by Giles Andreae.

Crafts and Art Projects:

Create ocean-themed art projects together. You can make fish out of paper plates, create jellyfish from tissue paper, or build a cardboard aquarium. Use different materials to add texture and colour to your projects.

Ocean Scavenger Hunt:

Organize a scavenger hunt with ocean-related items or pictures hidden around the house or yard. Provide clues and fun facts about each item to make the hunt educational.

Educational Videos and Documentaries:

Watch age-appropriate documentaries and videos about the ocean. Platforms like YouTube and streaming services have a variety of content that can teach children about marine life, coral reefs, and ocean conservation.



Engaging Your Children About Learning the Ocean at Home

Learning about the ocean can be an exciting and enriching experience for children. Here are some ways you can engage with your children at home to explore and deepen their understanding of the ocean.

Preschool have been busy making cooking this week, they have made biscuits, birthday cake & hamburgers.