

HAWTHORN ST.

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Newsletter – August 2025

Dear Families,

We have some exciting events coming up at Hawthorn Street Early Learning Centre, and we'd love our families to be part of the fun!

Jeans for Genes Day – Thursday 7th August

Join our Educators in wearing jeans to support a great cause! Together, we can raise awareness and funds for genetic research. We encourage children and families to get involved by wearing denim and bringing a **gold coin donation** on the day.

Book Week Dress-Up Days

To celebrate the magic of stories during Book Week, we will be hosting two themed dress-up days:

Wednesday 20th August – Dress as Your Favourite Adventurer

Think explorers, superheroes, or even magical creatures on a quest!

Friday 22nd August – Dress as Your Favourite Book Character

Whether it's a classic storybook hero or a beloved character from a recent read, we can't wait to see the creativity!

Thank you for your continued support in making these events memorable for the children. We look forward to celebrating with you all!

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.

Kind regards,
Claire Hayward
Nominated Supervisor
Hawthorn Street Early Learning Centre



Upcoming Events and Reminders

Save the Dates

Park play dates: Connect & Enjoy!

10am Saturday 20th September

Photographer: week of 8th September

Portfolio nights: Tuesday 23rd September,

Children's Christmas Party: Friday 28th November

Preschool Graduation: Thursday 4th December

Public Holiday Reminder!

Just a friendly reminder that at Hawthorn Street Early Learning Centre, we are only closed on Public Holidays.

Monday **6 October**.

Child Safety at Hawthorn Street ELC – A Continued Commitment

We want to take a moment to remind families of our ongoing commitment to child safety at Hawthorn Street Early Learning Centre. In light of recent concerns raised in the media, we want to reassure our families that child safety is at the heart of everything we do.

We have robust systems in place including:

A strong Child Protection Policy and Code of Conduct

Comprehensive staff screening, including WWCC, police checks, and regular training

Active supervision and intentional room design for visibility

CCTV monitoring in shared spaces (not bathrooms or nappy change areas)

A zero-tolerance approach to any breach of child safety

A clear, legislated mandatory reporting process

We are also introducing a 10-week Child Safe Training Plan for all educators, based on the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.

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Families will receive weekly updates and are encouraged to be part of the journey.

If you'd like to know more or review our child safety policies, please speak to our team. Thank you for being part of a community that puts children's safety and wellbeing first.



How Families Can Support Child Safety at Home

At Hawthorn Street Early Learning Centre, we believe that keeping children safe is a shared responsibility between families, educators, and the community. Here are some ways you can help support and strengthen child safety at home:



Talk Openly with Your Child

Use age-appropriate language to teach your child about safe and unsafe touch

Reinforce that it's okay to say "no", even to grown-ups.

Encourage your child to tell a trusted adult if something makes them feel uncomfortable.



Teach Body Autonomy

Let children have a say in who hugs or kisses them.

Use the correct names for body parts to build body awareness and confidence.

Discuss the concept of private parts and what privacy means.



Create a Safe Environment

Keep technology use supervised and talk about online safety if your child uses screens.

Ensure regular family discussions about feelings, consent, and personal boundaries.



Stay Informed and Involved

Read updates from the centre and talk with your child about their day.



Model Respectful Relationships

Show respect, empathy, and good communication in your own relationships—children learn by example.



Pyjama Day Fun!

Our children and Educators had a wonderful time celebrating Pyjama Day recently! It was a cosy and fun-filled day, with everyone arriving in their favourite PJs ready for stories, games, and lots of smiles. Thank you to all our families for joining in and helping make the day so special!



Diverse Learning for Every Child

At Hawthorn Street Early Learning Centre, we embrace the fact that every child learns in their own unique way. Our Educators use a variety of teaching techniques, strategies, and play-based approaches to support different learning styles. Whether through hands-on exploration, music and movement, visual aids, storytelling, or sensory experiences, we create engaging learning



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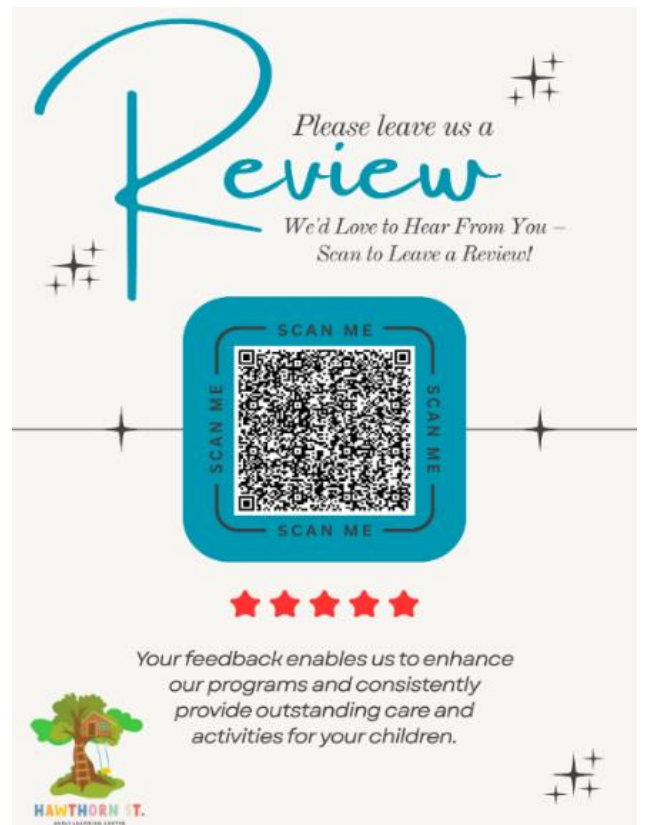
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VACANCIES

We currently have a small number of **vacancies available across a few of our rooms** at Hawthorn Street Early Learning Centre. If you have friends or family looking for quality early education and care, we'd love for you to spread the word. Whether it's for a baby, toddler, or preschool-aged child, we welcome new families to come and see the warm, nurturing, and engaging environment our centre offers. Please feel free to contact us for more information or to arrange a tour, contact us on 02 6884 3583 or email: info@hawthornstreetelc.com.au



environments that cater to each child's interests, strengths, and developmental needs.



"Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn." – O. Fred Donaldson