

HAWTHORN ST.

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Newsletter – November & December 2025

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe we're already nearing the end of another wonderful year! We've had such a fantastic year at **Hawthorn Street Early Learning Centre** and are truly grateful for our amazing children and families who make our Centre such a special place.

We have some exciting events coming up to celebrate the year:

Children's Christmas Party – Friday 28th November, 6:30–7:30pm

Join us for a lovely family evening held in our carpark at Hawthorn Street Early Learning Centre. This event is our way of saying *thank you* for your ongoing support throughout the year.

Preschool Graduation Night – Thursday 4th December 6:00-7:00pm

A special celebration for our Preschoolers heading off to big school next year. We can't wait to celebrate this milestone with our graduating children and their families.

From **Monday 15th December**, our educators will be spreading Christmas cheer in their festive shirts, and we'd love to see the children join in by wearing their favourite Christmas attire during the two weeks leading up to Christmas.

A friendly reminder that we are **only closed on public holidays** over the Christmas period. If your family will be away during this time, please let us know — it helps us plan educator leave and ensure smooth operations across the Centre.

Thank you once again for a wonderful year. We look forward to celebrating the festive season together!

Your Feedback Matters: We value your feedback and suggestions—they help us improve and enrich children's learning. We also love seeing the family photos and weekend adventures you share on our Facebook page.

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



Save the Dates

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.

Christmas Day: Thursday 25th December 2025

Boxing Day: Friday 26th December 2025

New Years Day: Thursday 1st January 2026

Australia Day: Monday 26th January 2026

Introducing “Babies in Groups”

Hawthorn Street Early Learning Centre is beginning to embed the “**Babies in Groups**” philosophy across our service.

This approach recognises that babies are born ready for connection — not only through one-on-one relationships, but within small groups where they observe, respond, and learn from those around them.

Our Approved Provider, **Matthew Stapleton**, contributed to the research and publication of *Babies in Groups* (Oxford University Press, 2024), alongside Ben S. Bradley and Jane Selby.

Over the coming months, we'll be **sharing snippets, practices, and observations** inspired by

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this work, helping families see how these ideas come to life in our nursery environments.

Join us as we learn and explore together what “Babies in Groups” means for the way we understand and support our youngest learners.

If you'd like to read more, you can find the book “Babies in Groups” by searching for it on the Oxford University Press website or other major book platforms.



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We offer playdates for all children beginning at Hawthorn Street Early Learning Centre. These visits provide an opportunity for you and your child to meet the educators in their room, begin building trusting relationships, and share any important information that will support a smooth transition into care.

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

