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# NEWSLETTER

Term 1—Week 3, February 2018

**Welcome to Preschool at  
Darlington Children's Centre 2018  
and special welcome to our  
new families.**

## **Darlington Staff Team**

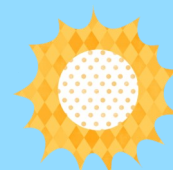
Director:	David Coulter
Preschool Teachers:	Jacqui Roberts, Stacey Tyson
Occasional Care Coordinator:	Vicki Evans
Early Childhood Workers:	Beth Saunderson Suzanne Jackson Fatin Andrawos
Family Services Coordinator:	Tanieka Pillen
Community Services Coordinator:	Deb Higgins
Speech Pathologist:	Jane Backhouse
Occupational Therapist	Helen Chalken
Administration:	Erica Stewart



## **Preschool—Opening hours:**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**

Mornings:	8.45am -11.45am
Afternoon:	12.00noon – 3.00pm
Full Sessions	8:45am—3:00pm



## ***Pre-School Term Dates 2018***

<b>Term 1:</b>	<b>29 Jan — 13 Apr</b>
<b>Term 2:</b>	<b>30 April – 6 July</b>
<b>Term 3:</b>	<b>23 Jul—28 Sept</b>
<b>Term 4:</b>	<b>15 Oct—14 Dec</b>

Diary Dates:

## **Family Event**

**Wednesday 7th March starting at 5.30pm  
until 7pm,  
Information displayed around the centre and  
notice given to each child.**

**Public Holidays (not open)**

**Adelaide Cup- Monday 12th March**

**Easter—Friday 31st March and  
Monday 2nd April**

**Last Day of Term 1 for Preschool**

**Thursday 12th April**

# Preschool

Thank you for enrolling your child at Darlington Children's Centre, we are all looking forward to busy and productive year.

## Sessions:

If your child's sessions are not matching our records, please talk with our staff. However, any requests to change your child's sessions needs to be put in writing and will be considered. We may not be able to change sessions if there is no vacancy.

It is a legal requirement that you must sign your child in and out for each session.

If your child's name does not appear on the "Daily Attendance Sheet" do not add your child to the list.

Child's Name	8:45am	Sign In
	3:00	Sign Out

Each morning staff require time to set up for the day, you are welcome to play with your child outside but please do not leave your child in the yard unsupervised and respect the session times above.



## Contact information and communication to the centre:

Have you changed your address or mobile number?

In case of an emergency or we are sending out information, please keep us up-to-date and advise the staff of any changes or contact Erica at the front counter (Mon, Wed and Friday).

Can you please contact the centre when your child is unwell, running late especially for pick up, going away for a family holiday or leaving, as we would like to know that your child is safe by text message 0429 980 190. If your child is away for an extending time and we can not contact you, your child's session may be cancelled.

## Photos

Taking a photo of your child is fantastic, however we ask that you do not take any photos of other children.



## Who are the people in your family?

One of our Australian Early Years learning outcomes involves helping children to develop a strong sense of identity

Can you also bring in a photo (in a frame if possible) of your family—to stay at Preschool until your child leaves. We will ask your child to talk about their family photo and then we will put these out on display. **If you would prefer it not be displayed, please let us know.**

# Learning at Preschool

## Blocks

We always have wooden blocks out for the children to explore. Here you can see children developing their Mathematical skills as they work out what shapes fit together and experiment with different ways to put them—horizontally or vertically.

We may provide some cars in these area as many children have been interested in building roads.



## Waiting...waiting....waiting...

Waiting for turns is a big part of Kindy life! We have been practicing waiting for turns on the trampoline, with a timer to help us. There are also numbered waiting spots to work out who is 1st, 2nd, 3rd and so-forth.

Our trampoline experience not only develops children's social skills but also helps to develop understanding of the concept of time and physical skills.



## Music with Caleb (Musical Muscles)

Every fortnight, Caleb comes to visit us. He supports the children to learn about the musical concepts of dynamics (loudness or softness), pitch, rhythm, beat, and tempo as well as practising the skill of sight reading. These skills are also developed through our general Preschool programme.

Music has intrinsic value, in and of itself. It is a universal language and reflects the uniqueness of various cultures around the world. It helps to develop creativity, self expression, persistence, memory, co-ordination, well-being and social skills. It has a huge impact on brain development particularly on areas of the brain that process sound, language development, speech perception and reading skills.

In Kindergarten we also use music as a medium to learn about the wider world.

## Self Portraits

The Australian Early Years framework sees developing children's identity as an important early childhood outcome.

To support the children in developing and learning about their identity, we have asked the children to draw their own self portrait and to tell us about themselves. These will all be up on the walls soon for you to see!



## Slippery Dip (Slide)

Our slippery dip was a big hit during the last two weeks! The children have been experimenting with different ways to move their bodies down the slide and investigating items that roll down. They are developing their physical skills as they move their bodies and learning about physics as they observe how objects move. We will put a ramp near the slide for the children to experiment with different inclinations.



# Preschool and Occasional Care Information and Reminders



Remember to collect all  
communication from  
preschool and occasional  
care  
through your child's  
message cylinder.



with  
child's name



Some children need support to find their own  
bag, lunchbox and drink bottle.

Please can you name all containers, water  
bottles and bags so that staff can help your  
child.

***Fees are now due....***

***Darlington Children's Centre  
banking details***

Bank SA  
BSB: 105-112  
Account: 407201840  
Account Name:  
Darlington Kindergarten

If you need to pay the fees by  
instalments, please speak to a  
staff member.



**Lunch Box  
with a healthy  
lunch and fruit**





# Safety of all children @ DCC



Dear Parents,

A number of families have told us of their concerns with children's safety, the traffic and parking in Kurrajong Place at drop off and pick up times.

There are also concerns with parents driving into the Centre car park to drop children off for kindergarten and school.

With No Parking on Ross Street (street near the car park), as a courtesy to our neighbours and for the safety of children and families arriving at the Centre please do not park on the footpaths or on and across driveways. What has been reported is that due to the congestion of traffic there have been some incidents of concern. Please park on Kurrajong Place.

Parking at the Centre is limited to the staff, with a very small number of spaces for visitors. There is not enough space for parent parking.

The car park is not a place to drop off children as there is not the space for this to occur safely.

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Also, please encourage your children, as well as show them, how to walk on the footpaths rather than through the car park. This will keep us all safe.

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The Marion Council has been notified by parents of their concern with the traffic in Kurrajong Place and Ross Street and we are expecting officers from the Council to monitor the area which may result in issuing infringement notices.

Thanks for your support.

**David Coulter**

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