



WAIUKU CHILDCARE CENTRE

Newsletter

February 2018

2018 is well underway which means a catch-up on what is happening in the centre.

As you have all seen, our dinosaurs arrived giving the children another area to immerse their imagination in and develop working theories about their environment.

We have been hit by a heatwave which has forced teachers and children inside at the peak of the day. We are waiting on a new shade sail which will cover the lower outdoor play area.

Sustainability

The centre is still focusing on sustainability and are working alongside the children to separate recycling and compost food scraps which will go towards growing our vegetables. If you have any ideas, please share them with the teachers.

We have just purchased acoustic ceiling tiles for the dining room which are made from recycled milk bottles. This should make a significant reduction to noise at mealtimes.

Facebook

We have attached a feedback form on a proposed Waiuku Childcare Facebook page. This will be a closed page accessible by invite only. It will not be a conversation page meaning teachers are not going to be engaging in any form of conversation about children, parents will not be able to ask any questions – these will still be conducted on a face to face basis in centre. The page will be purely to showcase to you, the parents and caregivers, activities we plan and do during the day, week, month and year. We would like to know how you feel about your child/children appearing in activities posted.

Butterfly Creek

We have planned a trip in the last week of term to Butterfly Creek. At this stage the cost will be \$15 per child. Under 2s must be accompanied by a parent and are unable to travel on the bus. We have limited space for adult helpers – first in basis. Form is attached.

Fundraising

We are fundraising for new magnetic tiles. These have been a huge hit with the children especially the boys.

First Aid Kits – these are a great buy and something every household should have (home and car). Ask your friends and neighbours if they are interested. Information is attached.

Raffle Tickets – We have 5 tickets to Disney on Ice in August. Wow, what a wonderful experience! There is 150 raffle tickets at \$5 per ticket, once sold this will be drawn. Tickets can be purchased from the office.

Good luck! this is an opportunity to create lasting memories.

Fees

After much discussion on the continual increasing running costs, financially we are forced to make changes to pricing and sessions. We have not had a price increase since 2013 and government funding to date has not increased since 2010. Therefore there will be a \$5 increase to all paid sessions. At this time we will hold the 20 free hours, although this may have to change and a small charge per session may be introduced. The fee increase will begin from Monday 3rd April 2018.

Going forward we are phasing out our Half Day Session and moving to 6 Hours and Full Day Sessions only. Those that already attend Half Days, this will not change. Afternoon tea will now be at 3.30 to allow the children that attend 6 Hour sessions to leave as it has become a busy time with children and parents trying to gather belongings and leave while children are in the dining room.

Our late pickup/early drop-off fees are also changing: Up to an hour \$10, Over 1 hour \$10 plus Full Day Charge unless arranged prior. After 5.30pm \$1 per minute remains the same.

Discounts for more than one paying child stays the same.

Fee Schedule	Under 2	Over 2	3 & 4 Free Hours
Full Week	\$170	\$160	\$113
Full Day	\$44	\$40	\$28
School Session 6 hrs	\$37	\$33	Free*

Housekeeping

Signing in and Signing out: THIS IS IMPORTANT, this is our record of attendance. Ministry requires that the **exact time** of arrival and departure is noted. If there is an emergency in the centre and we need to leave the building, we need to know who is here. WE DO NOT WANT TO LEAVE ANYONE BEHIND.

If your child is booked in on our half day or 6-hour school session and you need to drop off your child early or pick them up late, please check that it is okay with us first as we must ensure that we have enough staff for the number of children in attendance. Please do not assume that if you drop off your child late that you can pick them up late as we staff the centre according to your enrolment times.

All early drop-offs and late pick-ups will be charged for as follows: Up to 1 hour \$10. Over 1 hour \$10 plus Full Day Charge. \$1 per minute after 5:30pm.

Have you moved house or changed your telephone number?

Please remember to advise us if you change your address or if any of the telephone contact numbers you have given us change.

This includes your home and mobile numbers plus any contact numbers that you have given us for emergency contacts and other people who are allowed to pick up your child.

If a child is unwell or there is an emergency at the Centre, it is imperative that we can contact you. You can email your updated contact details to wccentre@xtra.co.nz or call into the office so we can update your records.

Also please advise of any medical issues that we may not be aware of since you have filled in your enrolment form.

Belongings

Please make sure your child's belongings are clearly marked. Every term we have a surplus of clothing that goes unclaimed and is then donated to the local op shop.

Please remember we are always happy to welcome any suggestions that you may have for our centre.

