



# Unley Community Childcare Centre Newsletter

January/February 2016

*Hello to all our families, new and old.*

*Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and a safe new year. All of our wonderful staff are now refreshed and ready to take on a new and exciting year.*

*We'd like to take this opportunity to update you on some happenings at the centre.*

## **Hot weather**

As the hot weather is now upon us, we would like to remind you to dress your child in sun smart clothing and appropriate shoes. Sun smart clothing includes tops with sleeves (no shoe string straps or tank tops) and closed in shoes such as sandals (rather than thongs or crocs).

Also a reminder to sunscreen your child before childcare as we like to enjoy outside play in the mornings before it gets too hot.

We have had a couple of inquiries about the air conditioning at the centre, which has been struggling in the heat. We wanted to let you know that we are currently meeting with several companies to look at replacing or fixing the air conditioning.

## **Sign in & Sign out**

A friendly reminder to families to remember to sign your child in and out. We currently have a back log of families who need to sign old sign in and out forms. Please see your child's room leader or Nica in the office to make sure you are not one of these families. If children do not get signed in or out, your child care benefit may not be paid.

## **Policies**

Nica and Natasha are currently in the process of reviewing all of the Centre's policies. In the interest of transparency, we are aiming to have these available for families to view as soon as possible.

## **Programs**

The educators will also be working towards programming over the next few months, so please take some time to come into the rooms, chat with educators and check out your child's program. Educators are more than happy to receive your feedback or input on programs, or to talk to you about any particular individual needs you feel your child may have.

## **Staffing**

We wish to congratulate Sylvia on her success in applying for the position of Room Leader in the Nursery Room. Sylvia will be working towards her Diploma in Children's Services, and Nica will be assisting with programming during this period.

Tiarna is on annual leave from 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> of January

Claire is on annual leave from 13<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January.

See next page for new staff.

We have a few new faces at the Centre. Please welcome our new staff!



Ally is currently helping us out with lunch relief and covering programming. She completed her Bachelor of Early Childhood in September 2015 as is passionate about working with children.



Natasha is filling in as Director for Alice Monday to Thursday whilst she is on maternity leave. Natasha has several years experience working as a director at a private centre.



Alice has taken on the role as the assistant in the nursery room. Alice has had four years experience working in a nursery in the Northern territory and currently has her Certificate III.



Nica has taken on the role of Assistant Director. She works every day but Tuesday and is acting Director on Fridays. Nica has 10 years childcare experience including as an Assistant Director.

*Nica and Natasha will also be working on some new displays for families so take some time to check them out over the coming weeks. We look forward to a fun and exciting year with you all.*

*As always, if you have any comments, questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to raise these with our Director, Natasha.*

*Thank you,*

*Unley Community Childcare Centre*