

May Newsletter 2014

Free
Range Kids
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REST TIME REQUIREMENTS

Under the Child Care Regulations, children are required to have a rest or sleep during the day. Families are required to provide linen for their child and we only have a few spare sheets and blankets for use in emergencies. As we can only use our sheets once and send these out to be laundered weekly, we are unable to continue to accommodate the increasing number of children who do not bring a sheet from home. Please ensure your child brings a named sheet to day care to place on their bed.

Allowable Absences

Under Child Care Benefit guidelines, each child is allowed 42 absences each financial year, which can be taken for any reason. Once your child has used all there 42 allowed absences, **any further absences will not receive child care benefit, therefore you would be charged the full fee for the absent day.**

After these 42 allowable absences are taken, we can put through additional absences for child care benefit if the centre has documentation to support the following reasons:

- an illness (with a medical certificate), or another absence due to sickness of the child, a parent or sibling, supported by medical certificates
- an outbreak of infectious disease, when the child is not immunised
- a parent being on a rotating shift or rostered day off
- a temporary closure of a school or a pupil free day
- the service is closed due to a period of local emergency or because of the period of local emergency the child is unable to travel to the service
- shared custody arrangements due to a court order, a registered parenting plan, a parent-ing plan or a parenting order
- attendance at preschool

The amount of absences your child has used is on your child care statement of account.

If you have any questions please see Deyana



Kitchen News

As many of you would be aware Mrs King has been on extended leave since December 2013 due to a medical condition. She was due to return this month, however, has made the very difficult decision to resign her position as Cook here at Free Range Kids.

Our new cook is Mrs Brandon, who many of you would have seen around the Centre as she has done relief work for us in the past.

Mrs Brandon has had experience cooking in a child care centre and so far the children (and staff) have thoroughly enjoyed her scones with jam and cream, warm homemade custard with tinned fruit and delicious cottage pie. We are looking forward to what other yummy foods she has planned for us! Remember if you have any suggestions for our menu we would love to hear from you!



Kindy News!

While Mrs Mohr is completing her prac in a school, Miss Paroz will be in the Kindy room with Mrs David throughout May. She will continue to provide the after school program for the schoolies.