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Early Learning Centre News Term 3 Week 2, 2017

Welcome to Term 3

As the year moves on I start to wonder how we have gone as a service in meeting parent needs. At different times of the year parents require different information and I would love your feedback as to which newsletter topics that would be of interest to you. If there is anything specific, please drop me a line at pmaskell@shelford.vic.edu.au

We have wonderful news that a new staff member joins our team: Jacquie Green is a Psychologist and she is available to us and to families for support – welcome Jacquie, we are all looking forward to working with you!

Transition to School

This term many of our four-year-old parents will be looking ahead to their child beginning school and we try to drip through information as the year proceeds. To aid with transition to school our girls moving on to the JDC have many opportunities to visit the Junior school. It is very familiar to them from their many walks and adventures about the school grounds over their time here. Children moving on to other schools may have their teachers visit us here to begin to get to know the children and to talk with teachers. Towards the end of the term the 4 year old teachers begin to compile the children's transition statement – a report about your child's strengths and progress.

Upcoming Events

- Tomorrow we have our annual Grandparents and Special Friends morning; we are looking forward to seeing everyone on the day.
- We have True Culture visiting on Monday 31 July: The vision of True Culture is to promote positive Indigenous experiences through the following: we see this incursion as a way to build on the learning we have been developing with Aunty Fay this year.
- Photo day is next week is now Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 August next week.

Professional Learning

We pride ourselves on the professional learning opportunities that we offer to our staff. Professional learning keeps us on top of current trends and research in our field and it has the ability to reboot our passion and motivation. Our staff have participated in many training opportunities this year. On staff day this term we had an OT, Kerrie Liddell, come in for a 3 hour training session on sensory processing with the entire ELC staff which encompasses how we all use our senses to take in information to make sense of our world. It is estimated that 1 in every 6 children experience sensory processing issues that may be significant enough to affect daily life.

We have lots of great resources from the training if you are interested.

I was also lucky enough to visit Sydney for a 4 day Reggio Emilia conference. I will share more of this with staff and parents in coming newsletters. I returned feeling refreshed and ready to relaunch my own learning and reflection into new areas. It is this power of refreshing the lens that we see our own work that I believe makes professional learning opportunities vital to teacher wellbeing and growth. I would personally like to thank school leadership and the board who ensure that professional learning for staff is a priority.

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CCB and CCR Changes

Please click on the link below to understand changes to CCB and CCR to see if this will affect you and the cost of care for your family next year.

<https://www.education.gov.au/child-care-subsidy>

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