

**Families and Children**

We have had some minor staff changes. Sara is now working 3 days in the Kookaburra room and 2 days in Purple kinder covering breaks. Mini who has returned to fulltime work in Long Day Care will be working in Purple kinder covering breaks on the days that Sara is not in there. On the other days Mini will be covering other staff. Jade will be covering staff. If you have any questions please speak to Janice or Nellie

**The Range Children’s Centre Newsletter August / September 2019**

**Sun Protection**

From the 1st September children are required to wear sunscreen and a protective hat whenever the UV level is 3 or above.

Please send along a named wide brimmed hat and if you like to use your own sunscreen please send that along as well.

The centre does supply sunscreen

**Fee Statements**

Fee statements have a link you can follow to help you read your statement correctly.

If you have any problems please speak to Thao in the office

**Staff Update**

**The Committee of Management consists of:**

**President:** Geoff

**Vice President:** Aislinn

**Secretary:** Carey

**Treasurer:** Rebecca

**General Member:** Kirsten, Shaun, Anna, Alistair, Rebecca

**Kindergarten Consultative Rep**: Kelly

You can contact the committee via email. [Committee@therangecc.org.au](mailto:Committee@therangecc.org.au)

**Management consists of:**

**Director:** Janice

**Assistant Director:** Nellie

**Educational Leader/ 3IC:** Robyn

**Bookkeeper:** Thao 9:30 – 4:00pm

**Kindergarten Term Dates 2019**

3rd term: Monday 15th July – Friday 20st September

4th term: Monday 7th October – Friday 20st December

**Important Dates**

**Friday 27th Sept Centre Closed** — Grand Final Parade Holiday

**Jeans for Genes Day 2nd August**

**Book Week Dress up day Thursday 22nd August, dress as a Super Hero or in any dress up that you want.**

**(please NO weapons)**

**Late Collection Policy**

The centre closes at 6pm. This means that you must have LEFT the centre by 6pm. For every 5 minutes after 6pm that a child is here a late fee will be imposed. The late fee currently stands at $10 for the first 5 minutes (or part thereof) and $15 for every 5 minutes thereafter. If a family is late 3 or more times within a 3-month period the third and subsequent fines will be doubled. Parents should phone the centre if they are going to be late as it can be distressing for a child to be left waiting and is courteous to staff. On collection of your child, parents are required to sign the late book and the imposed fee will be added to the next fee statement. Late fees will be issued by the Director and are payable within 14 days.

**Enrolments**

We are now taking enrolments for 3-year-old kinder for 2020

Please speak to someone in the office for further details

**Buying and Selling Days**

If you are wanting to buy or sell a day please notify Nellie at [nellie@therangecc.org.au](mailto:nellie@therangecc.org.au) as soon as possible so that the day can be offered to someone who has requested it.

**From the Educational Leader**

The Road Safety Program is well underway with road safety issues now being identified and plans and strategies are being discussed to address these issues. A big thankyou to all the families that filled out the survey and returned it to us. This survey helped us identify issues and areas where we can make the roads/ carpark safer for all.

Families will now be receiving their child’s Summative Assessment. If you request an interview there will be a timetable in your child’s room where you can select a time to suit you. If you have any questions please speak to your child’s Room Leader.

Each month there are a number of celebrations that the centre participates in. Up and coming events are

**2nd August Friday. Jeans for Genes Day**

Wear jeans and make a gold coin donation to be forwarded to this charity

**20t**h **August Tuesday**: children can bring in their favourite book **Thursday 22nd** Dress up day (dress as a Super Hero or any dress up you want.) Please NO weapons

**19th September Talk Like A Pirate Day. Dress as a Pirate and explore all things Pirate**

**19th- 23rd August Book Week; *Reading is My Secret Power***

**Changes to providing Apples**

<https://people.com/human-interest/toddler-becomes-paralyzed-after-choking-on-apple/>

After watching this heart wrenching story Management have decided to remove the fruit basket from the foyer. If you would like a piece of fruit as you leave please ask a staff member to assist you. Children under 3 will not be offered apple unless it is grated or cooked to soften it. Alternative fruit choices will be available.

**We do not provide:**

Honey to under 1s

Sultanas to under 2s

Raw carrot, apples, celery, grapes, to under 3s

No Popcorn for any child

Fruit is available in the rooms that educators will hand out

**Centre Policies**

Just a reminder that if your child is not attending childcare on their allocated day could you please phone the centre before 10:30 am. If you forget we will phone you to check on the child. This is in line with our “Forgotten Child “policy which was introduced earlier this year

**Emergency Evacuation Procedure**

Every month the centre practices a fire drill, a lock down or shelter in place. This is to familiarise the children and staff with the procedure should an emergency occur.

**Assessment & Rating**

Congratulations to all Committee Members, Janice and Nellie, all the Staff, families and their children for working together to achieve the highest level of assessment. This rating is well deserved as together we make a great team

**Overall Rating: Exceeding NQS**

Quality Area Ratings:

1 Exceeding NQS

2 Exceeding NQS

3 Exceeding NQS

4 Exceeding NQS

5 Exceeding NQS

6 Exceeding NQS

7 Exceeding NQS

**A Word from The President**

The Committee of Management wishes to congratulate all the staff and management of The Range for achieving an “exceeding all areas” rating in the recent assessment of the Centres performance against the seven areas of the National Quality Standard. This outstanding result reflects the hard work, skill and dedication of all the staff, not only in preparing for the assessment process, but also in educating and caring for our children every day.

Geoff Kaandorp

on behalf of

The Range Committee of Management

**Health and Safety**

Sally is currently participating in the ***Achievement Program Early Childhood Education and Care Services***

*The Achievement Program supports early childhood education and care services to create healthier environments and recognises achievements in promoting the health and wellbeing of children. The Achievement Program is a Healthy Together Victoria initiative which was jointly developed by the Department of Health and Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Healthy Together Victoria incorporates statewide and locally-led strategies to improve people’s health where they live, learn, work and play. This includes a particular focus on creating healthier environments where children spend a lot of their time, including early childhood services and schools.*

* *Healthy policies*
* *Healthy physical environment*
* *Healthy social environment*
* *Learning and skills*
* *Engaging children, young people, staff and families*
* *Community partnerships*

**Hobsons Bay Immunisation Program 2019**

**Day Sessions NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC**

NEWPORT GARDENS MCHC 51 Maddox Road, Newport 1st Tuesday 9.30am to 11.30am

NEWPORT COMMUNITY HUB 13 Mason St, Newport 3rd Tuesday 9.30am to 11.30am

ALTONA EARLY YEARS HUB 103A Grieve Parade, Altona (Behind Altona College) 1st & 3rd Tuesday 1pm to 2.30pm

RUSSELL COURT MCHC 10 Russell Court, Altona Meadows Thursday 9.30am to 11am

LAVERTON COMMUNITY HUB 95-105 Railway Avenue, Laverton Thursday 1pm to 2pm

SEABROOK MCHC 15 Truganina Avenue, Seabrook Community Centre (off Homestead Run) Thursday 12.30pm to 1.30pm

WILLIAMSTOWN LIBRARY 104 Ferguson St, Williamstown Thursday 9.30am to 11am

ALTONA NORTH MCHC 180 Millers Road, Altona North (Community Centre – Cnr Walker Close) Thursday 12.30pm to 2pm

ALTONA MEADOWS LIBRARY 2 Newham Way, Altona Meadows (rear central square shopping centre) Tuesday 10am to 12pm

SOUTH KINGSVILLE MCHC 43 Paxton Street, South Kingsville (Community Centre) Wednesday 9.30am to 11am

LAVERTON MCHC 25 Whittaker Avenue, Laverton Wednesday 12.30am to 1.30pm

**Evening Sessions NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC**

ALTONA CIVIC CENTRE Community Meeting Rooms, 115 Civic Parade, Altona (Altona Theatre Entrance) Tuesday 5pm to 7pm

WILLIAMSTOWN TOWN HALL 104 Ferguson Street, Williamstown Tuesday 5pm to 7pm (3pm-4.30pm)

ALTONA MEADOWS LIBRARY 2 Newham Way, Altona Meadows (rear central square shopping centre) Tuesday 5pm to 7pm

**Please remember when your child has an immunisation bring your up to date Immunisation History Statement to the office**

**No jab no play rules apply**

**Incursions / Excursions**

**Traffic School**

2nd August Purple Group

**Let’s Get Active**

5th Aug Purple Kinder and kookaburras

**Birthday Cakes**

Birthday cakes need to be purchased from a supermarket or similar where packaging is clearly labelled with a list of ingredients. The centre will not accept any homemade cakes.

Mud cakes, ice cream cakes or mini individual cup cakes are ideal and can be purchased from supermarkets.

A receipt must be provided to the cook, the director or the child’s Room Leader as proof of freshness.

The cake must be labelled with the child’s name and a list of ingredients and an expiry date. The cake needs to be placed in the fridge (or freezer if it is an ice-cream cake) in the kitchen.

To maintain healthy eating practices cream cakes or cakes with elaborate fillings or toppings are not recommended.

Due to the severity of some nut allergies there are to be no nuts on or in the cake.

If your child is celebrating a birthday and you would like to bring in a cake you are more than welcome. The only conditions are, that the cake is not full of cream and loaded up with icing, it is a purchased cake with a list of ingredients and you provide a receipt as proof of freshness

To maintain healthy eating practices cream cakes or cakes with elaborate fillings or toppings are not recommended.



**Car Park Safety**

Just a reminder to all families that the car park has a speed limit of **10 kms.**

Please be careful when entering and exiting the car park as children sometimes detach themselves from their parents and can run off. Also please keep an eye out for pedestrians on the foot path.

Please also remember not to leave children unattended in cars and to buckle up.

**Child Safe Environment**

We are a child safe environment which means child’s safety is a number one priority. All staff are trained in identifying children at risk. All employees and visitors are required to have a valid Working with Children Check

We have developed a Child Safe Statement which is on display in the hallway

**Child Protection**

We have some useful resources available for families to access should you need to talk to a child about sensitive issues, emotions, being safe and trust.

**Teaching and Learning**

Nanisi and Sally recently attended training; **Using Visuals to Support Children in Your Classroom** presented by ipC Health

Catharine Hydon will be presenting training for educators in September. The subject is **Challenging Children’s Behaviour**

**Respectful relationships**-Management – August

**Transition Training** – Nam- September

**Earn & Learn**

Thankyou to all the families who contributed to collecting the earn and learn stickers. We filled 110 sheets. Watch this space to see what equipment we get

**Parent Library and Parent Information**

A parent library is now located in the kinder foyer. The library offers books on many topics to do with parenting, parenting issues, children’s development etc. You are welcome to borrow any of these books but could you please write down your name, date and title of book borrowed and sign it back in when you return it please.

We also have an information area in the little alcove near the Koala room. This area has brochures for parents to take on topics such as sleeping eating, toileting. You are welcome to take any of these brochures. If there is a particular topic you would like information on please speak to Sally, Robyn or any of the Management team.

**From the Kitchen**

**Vegetarian Lasagne**

4 grated carrots

4 zucchinis

2 tablespoons oil

2 large cans diced tomatoes

500g jag tomato paste

5 x 500g tubs ricotta cheese

10 packets lasagne sheets

**White Sauce**

5 tablespoons margarine

10 tablespoons corn flour

Melt butter and cornflour slowly, add milk and stir till thick and creamy

**Tomato Sauce**

Fry veggies in a pot, add tomatoes and tomato paste. Bring to the boil, reduce heat and simmer for 30 mins.

**Assemble**

In a dish/tray add a little tomato sauce to cover the base.

Add a layer of lasagne sheets.

A layer of crumbled ricotta

A layer of lasagne sheets

A layer of tomato sauce

A layer of lasagne sheets

A layer of tomato sauce

Top with white sauce

Cover with foil and bake in a moderate oven for 30 mins. Remove the foil for the last 5 minutes

This serves 70 children, adjust to suit your needs





***Links to the National Quality Standards: Quality Area 6 Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities***

**Feedback**

We welcome feedback! If you have something you would like to tell us please feel free to drop us a line. You can email us on [office@therangecc.org.au](mailto:office@therangecc.org.au) or you can write us a note and drop it in the feedback box located in the foyer. It can be anonymous if you prefer. We welcome feedback on any topic, it could be about the educational program, interactions, incursions or any other topic. This feedback is helping us to improve our service to you.