



# FAMILY HOUSE

CHILD CARE WHERE CARE, PLAY  
& EDUCATION MEET

SUPPORTED BY MOUNT BARKER COMMUNITY CENTRE

## Newsletter February 2020

Welcome back to the new year, we hope everyone had a refreshing break and ready to get back into normal life and routine.

### General House keeping

- Please label everything, we do our best to keep your child's belongings together.
- We have quite a lot of lost property, check the basket on the sign in desk.
- Morning tea, we encourage everyone to bring in a piece of fruit. Afternoon tea does not necessarily need to be fruit, a healthy snack is fine.



### Opening hours

We are now open from 8:00am-5:00pm every day. We are licensed to open at 7:00am-6:00pm, so if you need longer days, please give us at least 1-2 days' notice. Don't forget we are open Mondays too.

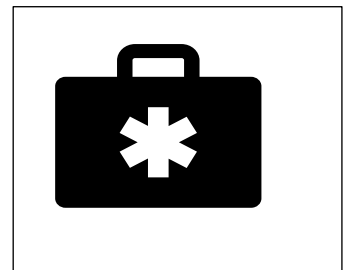
### Bookings

Can be made, either via email: [rachael@mtbcc.org.au](mailto:rachael@mtbcc.org.au) or [childcare@mtbcc.org.au](mailto:childcare@mtbcc.org.au) or phone call 83915059. You can use the kidxaps. Although the sessions are quite confusing. I have begun to work with the app provider to make it clearer.

We strongly ask that families do not show up on the day, please call first, as we need to meet ratio, it is a legal requirement and we want to provide the best care for all our children.

### Immunisation record.

It is now law for all children's services to have a record of your child's immunisation. You can either: email in a copy or bring it in and we can copy it. I will start to send out reminders.



### Enrolment forms-CWA-Playground permission forms

I have been slowly sending out these forms and the majority have returned.

Please return the above forms asap. We legally need them on site. If they are not returned, and new ones must be re-printed, you may be charged an extra \$5.00 to cover the cost.



### Under attack!!

We seem to have a few mosquitos getting around. We are going to ask parents for permission to put on repellent. If you are happy to supply your own, please do. We will look for a fragrant free and as natural as we can get.

## KidsXap-login details

We have begun to send photos home on the Kidsxap, and we will continue to use the app more as a form of communication. If you have not got the app, please follow the instruction. Kidsxap can be found on google play or the app store.

1. Enter email as username
2. Click 'Forgot Password'
3. Receive email with new password
4. Enter in email as username and new password.

## Staff/Students/Relief staff/volunteers

Because we are a part of the Mount Barker Community centre, we encourage students and volunteers to be a part of our team. We are also trying to set up a relief pool of educators, so if any of us are sick or need a break, we have educators to cover us.

Currently we have:

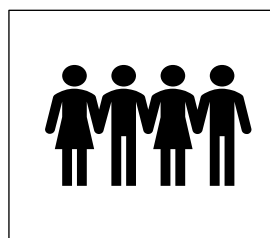
**Director:** Rachael

**Permanent Educators:** Rachael, Deb, Bernie and Karen

**Relief:** Lily, Vanessa & Cheyanne

**Students:** May, (Monday and some Thursdays) Annette (Mondays, starting soon)

**Volunteers:** Jess (Tuesday).



### Policy update

Currently we are focusing on the Fee policy and Booking/cancelation policy, once it is finalised it will be effective immediately. Thank you to the families who offered to give us feedback. All Families need to remember that we are not funded like Family House Occasional Care was, so to be financially viable we need to set rules and policies to protect the service and the staff.

### *Save the date.*

The staff team were all lucky enough to view "The Story of Nature Play and Beyond". It is an inspiring movie and we as a team are looking closely at how we can promote more natural play.

Family House and The Mount Barker Community Centre will be hosting the movie here at Family House on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of May. More details to come, but if you feel that children spend too much time inside and not enough outside, this is the movie for you.



Thanking you

Rachael, Deb, Bernie & Karen.