



FAMILY HOUSE

CHILD CARE

WHERE CARE, PLAY
& EDUCATION MEET

SUPPORTED BY MOUNT BARKER COMMUNITY CENTRE

Newsletter Term 2 2020.

Welcome to our May newsletter. We hope you are all going well, during these difficult and strange times. It has been challenging for us as a team, however so far so good and we thank you for all your support and love.

Reminders:

- **Label everything.**
- **Bring in a piece of fruit for morning tea, something substantial for lunch, and healthy snack for afternoon tea. We have a microwave and oven of re-heating.**
- **Rubber boots for puddle jumping.**
- **Warm clothes and a change or 2.**
- **Leave your child home if unwell.**
- **Let us know, if you are not coming in and if we need to inform other parents about any contagious illness.**

Opening hours:

We are currently open 8:30am-4:00pm (Monday-Thursday) & 8:00am-4:00pm (Friday) , we hope to start extending our hours again. I have started to send out a small survey, for what your needs are as a family. Please fill out and return, even if your days and times are staying the same. If you have not been to the centre for a while please indicate via email childcare@mtbcc.org or **see the bottom of the newsletter**

Free childcare

From mid-March until June 28th childcare is free, we are unsure if it will be extended. By law, we must ensure there is priority for:

1. Children of essential workers.
2. Children who are vulnerable or disadvantaged
3. Already enrolled families.

Some families have asked if they can pay, unfortunately we cannot accept any money. However, if you want to support us, it is easy, just continue to use Family House when things go back to normal and spread the word, on how amazing we are.

Mud Kitchen:

We are in the process of getting a mud kitchen made by the Men's shed. It will bring an excellent addition to our outdoor play area, and it may increase messy, dirty, and happy children. If you have any old pots, pans, cake tins, or cooking utensils, we are happy to take them off your hands.

Staff update:

As you may have noticed Deb has not been with us for a while, she is of high risk and will return when her Dr had given her the all clear that it is safe to return. She misses us all dearly and we miss her.

Lily and May will be here working again, on a casual bases, we hope that in time they will be a part of our team.

Sunscreen:

We have stopped applying sunscreen for now, we will resume in September. We have started to return any sunscreen that was for your child. If you wish for us to still apply, please let us know, and keep their sunscreen in their bags. We will maintain hats on sunny days and promote play in the shade.

Direct debit:

As from the start of the Financial year, we will be encouraging all families to set up direct debit. Forms will go out mid-June. Once childcare subsidy is back, you will know what your fees are. You can then set up weekly, fortnightly, or monthly direct debit.

Immunisation

As from July 1st children not immunised will not be able to attend childcare or kindergarten. All families need to supply a copy of their immunisation record, this can be done by, either scan and email or bring in a hard copy to be copied. All children must have a record of their immunizations at the centre.

Calling the centre

If you need to contact us via phone, please call and leave a message, we do check regularly. We are planning on updating the phone system very soon.

COVID-19 update.

- We will continue to play outside as much as we can.
- Parents can enter the foyer area now.
- We may start to remove the paper at the front gate, this will be monitored, we ask that you have clean hands on arrival and use our sanitiser.
- Please do not bring your children in if they are unwell or someone in your family is unwell.

Booking survey-please return asap and thank you to those who have already.

Please copy and paste and email to childcare@mtbcc.org.au

With your child/ren names and a possible return date:

P-permanent

C-casual

approximate	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arrival					
Departure					

Thank you from the team at Family House

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IS GOOD
FOR YOUR
SOUL,
DO THAT.