



Your Community Based Non-for-Profit Child Care Centre

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## Newsletter August 2019

### Outdoor Play

Please send coats and beanies as we will be playing outside as long as it is not raining. A change of clothes is also appreciated, and some slippers or indoor shoes if your child has gum-boots to wear outdoors.

### Starting Blocks

This website has some great information for families about raising children. Check it out at [www.startingblocks.gov.au](http://www.startingblocks.gov.au)

### Illness in Child Care Services

If your child is unwell please keep them home. We understand that this can be very inconvenient, but when children are coughing, sneezing, and spreading mucus around in the child care environment everyone gets sick, including our educators. Please consider the wellbeing of your child, and others, when deciding whether or not to send them to care.

We make every effort to control transmission of illness through our hygiene and infection control measures. When a child is sent home, or has attended, with an infectious illness such as conjunctivitis, gastro, or viral infections, all the toys and soft furnishings in the room must be cleaned. Educators also take care with hand washing and cleaning of surfaces. Children are supported to wash their hands often, especially after using the toilet, or wiping their nose.

Just a reminder too that if your child has a temperature of 38 degrees or above they must be collected from care, and a 24 hour exclusion after the last episode of gastro symptoms.

### Interactive Table

Some families may have noticed there is a new interactive display in the foyer. We are trying to encourage your engagement with us on how the centre is run. So far there has been some interesting feedback. Please have a look next time you are in.

### CCS (Child Care Subsidy)

In the event of families losing or having their CCS stopped or hours reduced the Centre is obligated to charge full fees until CCS is reinstated. Usually when this happens parents are reimbursed directly by the government once the issue is resolved. The Centre has no control over MyGov accounts therefore families need to check their account frequently and follow up any action that needs addressing.

### Management Committee

The centre is run by a volunteer Management Committee comprised of parents and community members. Exeter Child Care Centre is community based and not for profit, so it is very important that our stakeholders (you and your children) have a voice in its operation. Cathie, our Director, is responsible for the day to day running, and reports to the Management Committee at least monthly. Our Annual General Meeting is held in September, and general meetings are held at 6.00 on the last Wednesday of the month. Let Cathie know if you are interested in coming along.

### Deck Cover

We were successful in receiving a grant from Education & Care for the installation of a permanent pergola over the Harmony Room deck. This new pergola will allow use of the deck in all weather conditions and facilitate indoor/outdoor programs. We would like to thank Ray Heald from Outside Concepts who supplied and installed the pergola in a very professional and timely manner. ....hassle free!!



## New faces around the Centre

This month we say farewell to Trish who has been with us for over 11 years. Trish is retiring to become a grey nomad and do a lap of the map. She will be sadly missed by all her work colleagues and children.

We have welcomed Susan into our team who will come with a wealth of experience having worked in child care for a number of years.

Kodie & Gemma, who are both studying for their Education & Care qualifications are here for shifts at the end of the day and vacation care.



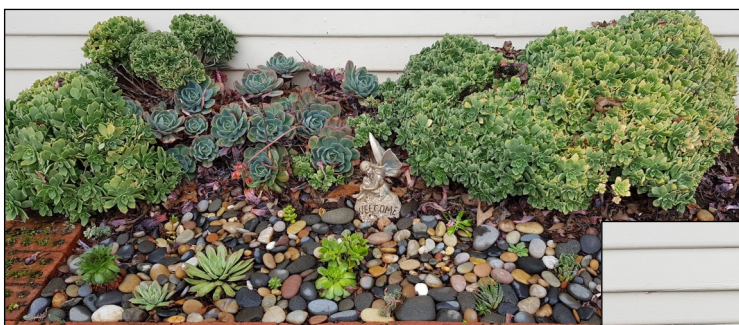
The Earn & Learn fundraising program has finished and our order has been placed!! Thank you to all our families and friends who collected their stickers, to those that had them sent from

relatives interstate to support our Centre and to Woolworths and Modern Teach Aids for running the programme. This year we received 12,495 points.....well done everybody.

## Phone Lines

We have been experiencing difficulties with our lines, if our main line is engaged our second line does not work and you do not go to our message bank. We apologise for this but we are trying to have it fixed. You can also contact us by our mobile 0455 583 552 or email us at [exetercc@bigpond.net.au](mailto:exetercc@bigpond.net.au). The mobile and email address are only manned during office hours.

**Kerrienne**, our resident gardening guru, has created these lovely succulent gardens in our courtyard. Check them out next time you are in.



## Free Online Access

Lee at Tresca Community Centre extends an invitation to anyone needing to improve their computer skills, or to access the internet, especially for MyGov or other government services. Opening hours are 11.00am to 3.00. Book a time or just drop in. Phone Tresca on 6394 3257.

## Entertainment Book 2019

Our other successful fundraiser has now closed. This year we raised \$325 from sales of the Entertainment Book Membership. Congratulations everybody and we hope you enjoy the discounts and benefits you receive. Books and digital memberships are still available for this year, just log into

[www.entbook.com.au/240899g](http://www.entbook.com.au/240899g)

and when you place an order, the sale will be credited to our next year's fundraising campaign.



## Feedback/Complaints

We encourage your feedback, even if it might be a difficult discussion to begin with. This is how we can improve ourselves.