

Little Rascals

CHILDCARE & OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE



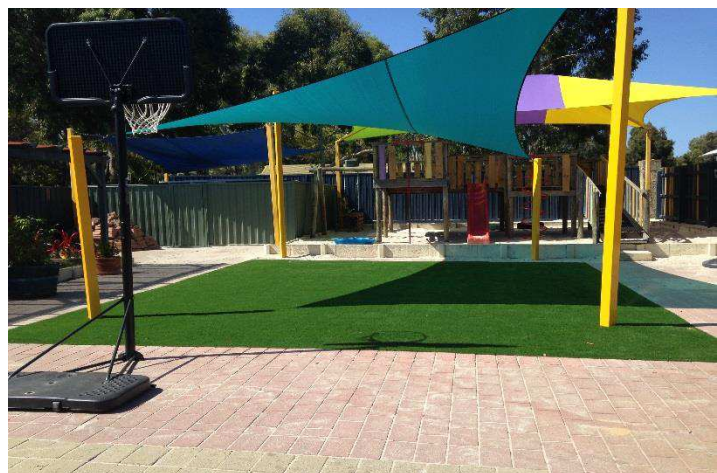
Newsletter 2018

Welcome back!

We hope you had a fantastic Christmas and a Happy New Year!

To start off this year we have been renovating our children's outdoor areas. Have you noticed our beautiful grass and new tree we have in the Kindy yard. We haven't finished yet, so please keep an eye out for part 2 of the Kindy yard.

Toddlers and Babies will also be having their yards renovated within the next few months. If you have any suggestions or ideas of what you would like to see in your child's play space, please feel free to send through a photo or let Ash know in the office.



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New Staffing and Room Changes;

You may have noticed a few new faces around the centre. As many of you know, Erika from our babies room is now on maternity leave so we have been trialling new staff. We are very happy with the Educators we have chosen. They have all the qualities we look for such as caring, responsible and have respect for not only themselves but the children and peers around them. We also took this opportunity to have staff room changes as we have a lot of children transitioning into the older rooms.

Babies;

Paige; Room Leader with Sam, Qualified Educator.

Toddlers;

Jess; Room Leader with Tara, Cert 111 Educator working towards her Diploma.

Kindy;

Kat; Room leader with Chloe, Cert 111 Educator and Nadia; Qualified Educator.

Sally; Qualified Educator, Sharee; Cert 111 Educator and Steph Cert 111 Educator.

Kindy ready Programme;

This year we are introducing a kindy readiness programme. This programme will run through the school terms just the same as a primary school to help their transition from Kindy to Pre-Primary run a lot smoother. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to Kat or Ash.



School requirements:

As those of you with school aged children are aware, school 31st January, if you require any before or after school care please the office. We provide before and after school care for your little ones at the long day care centre and for your older ones over at both our OSCH centres, located across the park from the long day care centre and also at 2 Budden Way, Medina. If you require more information about these centres, please see Ash in the office and she can direct you to our Centre Managers; Jess Capelinha at the Leda OSHC and Maria McConnon at our Medina centre.

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Quality Improvement Plan

As you may have noticed in our foyer is a board with the Quality Areas we must adhere to in a childcare setting. We have set out each quality area for you to read and a board under each one for you to write any suggestions, improvements or simply what you feel we are doing right. Please don't be shy to add anything on there as it can only assist us to provide the best care for your family. We are always looking at ways we can improve, and your input is so very important to us.

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Weather

As the warmer weather is upon us, we ask if you can please provide your child with sun smart clothing ie; t-shirt with sleeves that cover their shoulders & a hat. Please also ensure your child has a water bottle every day so we can ensure they are sufficiently hydrated throughout the day. If for any reason you don't bring a water bottle in, we have cups and jugs of water for the children as well.

Extra bookings or changes in care

If you require any extra bookings or need to change bookings at all for any reason, please see Ash in the office and we will do our best to ensure these are able to be done.

Sustainability;

Sustainability is very important to us at Little Rascals, we are constantly trying new things and bringing more recyclable materials in the centre for the children to use. We are looking at getting a worm farm for the Kindy yard, and already have our vegetable patch in there. If you have any ideas on bringing further sustainability into our centre, please let the staff know. If you have any recyclable materials at home that you would like to bring in to the centre, they would be greatly appreciated.

On a final note, if you have any changes to your details, please see the office to fill out a new form so we have all your contact details should we need to contact you. Please also ensure you have a valid email address so we are able to send you updates, newsletters & parent surveys.

We wish to thank all parents and caregivers for entrusting us to look after your child throughout the day and can assure you that their care, wellbeing and education are our top priority. Your family is so very important to us, we hope you and your child are loving being here as much as we love to have you here!



If you haven't already, please have a look and like our facebook page, we will keep you updated with information there as well!

<https://www.facebook.com/littlerascalschildcarecentre/>

We have many exciting things happening this year and can't wait for you to see them!

Lets all have a wonderful 2018!

Regards,

Little Rascals Childcare Centre