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From the Director's Desk...

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Hi Everyone,
2018 will be a year of change and new beginnings at YCCC. This year began with a change in the Director position. With no applicants for the Director position to start the year in 2018—T'Leah Barker and I submitted a proposal to job-share the position for the first six months of the year. The job-share position provided continuity of leadership for YCCC, fantastic leadership and preschool teaching experience for T'Leah and transition to a healthier work/life balance for me!! The ongoing Director position will again be advertised at the end of this month with the successful applicant to commence in term 3 this year.

Other staffing changes:

Preschool

In 2018, the number of children enrolled in preschool enabled us to appoint an additional educator. In 2018, we have welcomed Amanda Alexander to our preschool team. Amanda worked as our preschool support worker in 2017 as well as in our childcare program. Derek continues as our permanent preschool teacher and Lucinda as our permanent Early Childhood Worker.

Childcare

Carolyn Gee has been appointed acting "Team Leader" of our over 2's childcare program for six months whilst T'Leah is working in the Director job-share role.

Sophie Heartfield is working on a six month contract as childcare educator in our over 2's program whilst Carolyn is working in the Team Leader role.

Di and Sue continue as our permanent educators in our over 2's childcare program.

Mel and Kelly continue as our permanent educators in our under 2's childcare program.

Mel and Kelly have welcomed Kristy Haggan as the new "regular casual" for our under 2's program.

Cleaners

We also welcome Leanne and Andrew Cole as our new contract cleaners. Leanne and Andrew started this week and I would like to personally thank all the people who have helped out with cleaning YCCC over the last twelve months. Your support has been amazing and greatly appreciated.

2018 Improvement Priorities.

On the 12th February, 5 educators, 2 parents and a community rep met to plan our goals for 2018. Our improvement focus areas for 2018 are: celebrating cultural diversity, the backyard, Learning design and reflective practice, sustainability, parent engagement in educational programs, improvement in children's learning, carpark safety, Under 2's inside space, strength based relationships and transition –to childcare, under 2's to over 2's, childcare to preschool and preschool to school. We look forward to sharing our plans and progress on these goals.

Calendar Dates

Tuesday 27th March

5:30pm -7pm
Easter Family Night

Wednesday 28th March

9:45 am Governing Council

Friday 30th March

Good Friday

Monday 2nd April

Easter Monday

Wednesday 11th April

Last day of preschool for Term 1

Tuesday 1st May

1st Day of Preschool—Term 2

Wednesday 2nd May

9:45am Governing Council

Friendly Reminders

Please remember to
pack spare

knickers/ jocks

AND

socks

with your child every
day!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Please read the calendar dates carefully and make a note of the ones that will affect you. Also have a careful read of the policy changes on the next page.

2018 Yankalilla Community Children's Centre—Governing Council

Chairperson—Andy Carragher

Vice Chairperson—Megan King

Treasurer—Larissa Barry

Staff Rep—Kelly Yates

Playgroup Rep—Kat Lyons

Community Reps—David Hammond, Brooke Hutt

Councillors—Kate Clyma, Jewels Maddern, Jen Luxford, Renee Drew, Riccilee Meldrum, Alison Wheaton, T'Leah Barker and Cathy Tozer.

Our new Governing Council met for the first time on February 28th, 2018

Policy Changes:

Fee Policy— In order to meet budgeting requirements for 2018, the Governing Council approved the finance committee's recommendation for a \$5.00 a day increase in childcare fees. This increase in fees will come into affect on the 19th March 2018.

Food and Nutrition Policy—Whilst we still have a child attending YCCC who has been diagnosed as at risk of a life threatening reaction (anaphylaxis) to certain foods, educators have put procedures in place to minimize risk for this child. As a result , Governing Council have approved a change in our current policy to allow eggs and pineapple to be brought to childcare and preschool. (Nuys are still not permitted). This policy change is effective immediately and will be reviewed regularly in accordance with the medical needs of children currently enrolled at YCCC.

BACKYARD

The final plans for our backyard development can be viewed on the front door of the preschool room. The plans have been put out to tender and work should commence in the April School holidays.

Meet two of our Regular relief staff



Kristy Haggan

Kristy is currently studying her Diploma in Children's Services. Kristy is our new regular educator in our under 2's room.



Liz Postle

Liz has joined our list of regular relief educators. Liz is a passionate early childhood educator. She has amazing energy and enthusiasm and is a great asset to our centre.

Check out our website at www.yankalilacc.sa.edu.au

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Parent feedback always welcome. Please post your ideas in the fee box in reception.