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FROM THE ADMIN DESK...

Hello Subicare families,

Just a quick note, from the admin desk to let you know that if parents are receiving CCR, it tends to be nearing its estimated **85% cut-off** around this time of year.

DHS will retain 15% if you are receiving CCB at a rate greater than zero, and you choose the payment option to pay to the service. If there are any outstanding entitlements, DHS will pay you after the end of the financial year when they balance your family assistance payments.

However, if you wish to claim the full \$7613, you can advise us in writing via email and we can adjust your account accordingly to claim the full amount.

When the new Child Care Subsidy (CCS) commences on 2/7/18, it will replace the Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate with a single means tested subsidy.





TEMPORARY STAFFING CHANGES

Just a quick mention about some temporary staffing changes...

As Theresa has moved to the Balloon Room as a team leader, we are thrilled to be able to offer Alice, who is currently in the Rainbow room, the opportunity to step up into the role of senior educator, alongside Liz & Mel, in the Sunshine Room.

In the interest of continuity for the children, this move will occur officially towards the beginning of next month, when Ash returns from her US holiday. In the interim, Alice has stepped up as a senior within the Rainbow Room, with the support and guidance of Deanna, and will spend time in both care areas as she begins her transition in to her well-deserved new role.

Mary Sutton, in her role as a floating staff member, has been and will continue to assist in the Sunshine room, during this transitional period.

The Rainbow room will still have the familiar faces of Ash, Tina, Jess, Deanna and Grace within the room, again ensuring continuity for the rainbow children.





A Gentle Reminder

At the end of each day, educators and children tidy the care areas together and educators take the time to set up the environment for the following day. We absolutely love when parents take the time to enjoy our care areas with their children, but we do ask that you assist us by ensuring the care area is tidy when you're ready to leave and promote your child's independence by encouraging their self-help/packing away skills.

Training Updates

We are happy to report that all staff have already undertaken professional development for this year.

In January, all staff successfully completed First Aid, Asthma and anaphylaxis training.

The National Quality Standards have been revised as of the first of February, and all staff have had access to a webinar highlighting these changes and have an understanding of what is required by them, as early childhood professionals.

We already have a full calendar of professional development opportunities for our staff for the year, as we place a strong focus on empowering and encouraging them.





P A R E N T I N P U T & C U R R E N T F O C U S E S

Recently you received an email from Lindsay explaining one of our current focuses, nutrition.

At Subicare ELC, we understand how good nutrition is, and the vital role it plays in supporting healthy, optimal growth and development in young children. With this knowledge, we're taking into account our service's family feedback from our recent survey and our responsibility to provide your child with meals and snacks which are full of nutrients, vitamins and minerals essential for young growing bodies and learning minds.

To support this, we are in the process of reviewing all of our menus. If there are any parents who have a background in Nutrition / Menu planning, we would love to have your input and possible suggestions towards improving our menus for our children.

Similarly, we would love any feedback and parent input regarding our service's educational program and practices. Reviewing our services policies, practices is a collaborative process and we encourage family input!

Finally, we are looking forward to our Annual Wine & Cheese Night tonight, from **6pm – 7.30pm** and hope to see many of our wonderful families in attendance and taking the opportunity to get to know your child/children's educators.

Have a great week!

