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SUBICARE EARLY LEARNING CENTRE'S FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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## Child Care Subsidy Transition

It's been a pretty smooth transition from the old Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR) to the now combined **Child Care Subsidy (CCS)**. I'm happy to say that most of our families have now transitioned over.

Under the new law we were also required to have a "Complying Written Agreement" signed by all our existing families. Thanks to all of those that have signed and returned these agreements.

Parents are also advised that: under the new subsidy the government withholds 5% of your subsidy each week on the fee payable to us. This means your out of pocket cost will be a little higher than expected. All payments will be reconciled at the end of the financial year when your tax gets done.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to chat to Trish in admin, Trish is available Tuesdays and Fridays between 9.30am & 3.30pm.





# *Service Policies & Family Input*

*You may have noticed service policy reviews and updates being sent out via communicate on Kindyhub.*

*This is for families to read through and give feedback or ask any questions that may arise.*

*Family Input and collaborative partnerships between families and childcare services are a key element of the National Quality Standards, and the main focus of Quality Area 6 which recognises the importance of family input and engagement with our service.*

*With this in mind, we ask that you assist us with providing the best possible care for your children and maintaining the highest of standards consistently, by providing feedback and sharing your views through completing the monthly surveys emailed to you, responding to policy review updates and regular communication with service staff.*

*Your input and feedback are imperative; they enable us to maintain respectful and equitable relationships with all families and improve our practices while enabling you to be involved and contribute to service decisions and decision-making about your child's learning and wellbeing.*

*The information we receive from you also helps us to formulate our service's Quality Improvement Plan, set future goals and make any necessary changes or improvements.*

*We appreciate your support in helping us to provide the best possible care for your children.*





We are pleased to announce our new relationship with Nourished beginnings.

[www.nourishedbeginnings.org](http://www.nourishedbeginnings.org)

Katie Harding is the founder and CEO of Nourished Beginnings, she is a qualified nutritionist & mother of 2.

Katie will be working closely with our food coordinators, Wendy and Tara, focusing on whole food and collaborating with them to develop a new rotational menu for Subicare.

Nourished Beginnings will also provide online and group training with all staff, including but not limited to:

- Whole food basics
- Nourishing babies
- Managing food allergies and sensitivities
- Menu planning and nutritional guidelines
- Promoting healthy eating in early childhood.

At Subicare we consistently strive to go above and beyond to provide the best possible care for your child. It is with this goal in mind that we look forward to our collaboration with Nourished Beginnings and further supporting the health and wellbeing of all our children.



## Latest News & Upcoming Events

This year Subicare has been pursuing an exciting rebranding and strategic repositioning from its origins as a 'child care centre' to a more contemporary 'early learning centre', focusing on early years' education and building our future generations. With these future goals in mind, we have undertaken some physical improvements to the service and would like to acknowledge the support we have received from the Department of Communities in doing this.

In recognition of this valued support, Subicare ELC invited a representative of the Department Mark Murphy and City of Subiaco Mayor - Penny Taylor, together with Management Committee members, to an event at Subicare this morning, Friday July 27th, at which the Mayor officially launched our new brand.



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