UWS Early Learning Campbelltown

January 2015

**Dates for the Diary:**

Friday 23rd January - Wet and wild day – bring your swimmers and enjoy some water fun!

Monday 26th January – centre Close (Australia Day)

February

Thursday 19th February- Chinese New Year – year of the Sheep

**Staffing for 2015:**

**Bilbies:** Sandra, Renee and Katelyn

**Joeys:** Denise, Nancy with Simran and Monique

**Gumnuts:** Saira and Gemma

**Inclusion support staff:** Vicki, Nancy and Michelle.

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you high quality learning environments. UWS early learning will also offer a comprehensive professional development program for all our staff focusing on the 7 quality areas of the national quality standards.

As always we welcome your input and encourage sharing your ideas and suggestions for improvements with your centre directors. We are also pleased to announce that UWS students will be receiving a $10 a day discount on child care fees and will be subsisting 1 casual/occasional care position for UWS students thanks to Students Services Amenities Funding (SSAF). The $3 day discount will continue for staff members.

We are always working hard to ensure that members of the UWS community are able to access affordable and quality early childhood care and education. Costs of operating services are regularly reviewed to balance affordability, quality and viability. UWS continues to support us in this endeavour.

I hope that you all enjoy sharing in your child’s learning journey with our educators. I look forward to hearing all about events and experiences that may happen in your service throughout the year.

Warm regards

Angie Atkinson

General Manager

UWSEL

**Directors Report**

Hello families,

I hope you all enjoyed your break and spent some time relaxing and enjoying family. Welcome back to all the returning families and welcome to our new families.
We have made a couple of changes to staffing in 2015. Sandra and Renee will be coordinating the 3-5 years room until Katelyn returns from maternity leave in late April. Katelyn and Renee will then job share this position.

Denise is the room leader in the 2-3 years room with Nancy, Monique and Simran job sharing. Saira continues to be room leader in the 0-2 years with Gemma. We have also been notified that our inclusion support funding has been approved for 37 hours per week and Michelle and Vicki will job share this position in the 3-5 years room.

We will be continuing to improve our outdoor environment and I am expecting to meet with capital works this month to discuss design plans for the undercover area. I wish to create an indoor/outdoor learning environment with learning centres such as a reading corner, dramatic play and a creative arts area in both the indoor and outdoor environment.

With this in mind I would like to get together with parents and collect the ideas that you may have to improve our learning spaces. I will be sending out a request to join our parent advisory group shortly.

The unique kids educators have done a great job setting up the indoor spaces for the New Year and I’m sure that the children are going to enjoy some of the new resources that we have purchased.

All families should receive a hat, sheet set and t-shirt as part of enrolment or re-enrolment. Please let myself or the educators know if you have not received this.

A couple of changes in 2015:

- You no longer need to bring a piece of fruit. The service will provide all food
- Cot sheets will need be taken home and washed each week.

There is also an updated family handbook. I have placed copies near the sign in sheet, however if you would like an electronic copy please let me know.

I would also like to remind families that if you have any concerns or grievances regarding your child’s education and care, we have a grievance policy in place and you can always talk the staff, myself or our general manager about these issues. I understand that social media platforms can also be a place to express your grievance but please give us the opportunity to respond to you. We will always endeavour to address your concerns in a positive matter. We are continuously looking to improve our service working with families and the wider community.

As the warmer weather continues please remember to apply sunscreen on your child 20 mins before playing outside. I am looking forward to watching your child grow and learn in 2015!

Kind regards,

Sarah McAllan

Bilby Room news:

Welcome back everyone!

I hope you all had a great holiday! Please bring in any photo’s so we can share with all the children, we would love to see them!

A few things to remember:

- Bring your child’s, hat, drink bottle, sheets and spare clothes each day and ensure that they are labelled
- We will be doing a family tree, so if you could please bring in a photo of your family that would be great.

If there is anything that we should know about your child please do not hesitate to let us know. We are looking forward to
supporting your child to grow and learn in 2015.

Regards,

Sandra and Renee

**Joey Room News:**

Welcome back from your holiday break I hope you all had a good time. It’s great to see our new Joeys settling into their routine. They have enjoyed exploring our new equipment and different play areas. Don’t forget that your child has received a hat, t-shirt and sheet set. These need to be taken home and washed on your child’s last day and returned with them when they return to care.

We are looking forward to lots of fun and learning experiences with your child this year. Please feel free to communicate with any of us about your child’s needs or any concerns you may have.

Thanks from

Denise, Nancy and Monique

**Gumnut room news:**

Welcome to 2015!!

We welcome our new Gumnut’s and families to the center. Our focus for the first weeks is for the children to establish a trusting relationship with the educator’s and to begin to develop a sense of belonging to our centre community. We also support children to become familiar with the centre routines. It is so exciting to start our learning journey together which the Gumnut’s are settling in well. Also please remember to label everything in order to assist staff to keep track of your child’s belongings as many children have the same dummy’s, bottles ect.

Saira and Gemma