

# Reynella Community Children's Centre Inc.

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## Diary Dates

### January

25th Australia Day  
celebrations

26th Australia Day Public  
Holiday (Centre closed)

### February

14th Valentine's Day

15th SA Ambulance Visit

Our Centre will  
be closed on the  
Australia Day  
public holiday on  
Friday the  
26th January



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If your child will be ab-  
sent from care, please  
phone or email the centre

## Newsletter— January 2018

### Directors News

Hi Families,

Welcome back to all our families we hope you had a wonderful break.

To all our new families, welcome to our Centre. If you have any questions or suggestions for our Centre, please let us know.

In our holidays, we had several improvements made to our Centre, including repainting our Kindy rooms, Toddler room, front entrance and hallway and the front fence. We had the white lines in our car park moved slightly so larger cars can now manoeuvre in and out of this park too.

Selina (our Treasurer) and Nikki (our Chairperson) applied for a Cadbury Fundraiser grant last year and we have been awarded \$200 to buy yoga mats for our Kindy room. Thank you so much Nikki and Selina. Beck also applied for a Cadbury Fundraiser grant and was awarded \$200 toward purchasing musical instruments for our Babies room. Cadbury has been very generous to us and donated a box of chocolates and two cookbooks to our recent Christmas Raffle. If you would like to help us raise money for new resources, please ask at the front desk for a box of Cadbury chocolate. This is one of our most successful fundraisers.

There have been changes made to our Medication Policy, upon reviewing this policy in conjunction with the child care law. There are new Medication Permission forms to be used if your child requires medication while in care. This form has been simplified and enables us to gather all of the information that we require. There is also a Sudocrem Permission form available for families to sign, giving our Educators permission to apply this cream if a rash occurs while your child is in care. Please see a copy of these new permission forms attached to this newsletter. This form is also available from our website—<http://www.reynellacc.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Sudocrem-Permission-Form.docx>

**We will be seeking family input when reviewing our Centre's policies this year.**

Policies which are due for review will be posted on Facebook so families can comment or contribute to the improvement of our policies. Copies are also available from our front office, if preferred. If you have any questions please see office staff.

Our Centre is fully booked on certain days and if you would like to change your **child's bookings for 2018, please see office staff as soon as possible.**

Congratulations to our Educator, Kate from our Kindy room, who had her first baby, Kailani, born 30<sup>th</sup> December. Kate and her beautiful baby are doing well.

I would like to thank all of our families for their support of our Centre and we are looking forward to 2018 with many fun and exciting activities.

Thank you, Simone.

# Baby Room

Hello families!

Welcome back to all of our families and a warm welcome to all of the new families who will join us in 2018. We have some familiar faces coming along as we welcome some younger siblings to the room.

We have gotten straight into the swing of things and all of the babies have settled back into the routine easily.

We have begun to engage in some creative experiences to slowly add to **our masterpieces around the room. It's exciting to start with a blank canvas and transform our room. Sara and I have many exciting ideas for our room this year and we can't wait to put them into action!** We have started with an Alphabet Caterpillar, which the children created using paper plates and green paint.

We have enjoyed practicing some yoga and dancing with the children and, as always, the sandpit is a very popular place for the children to play.

Sara will now be assisting me with the Baby Room Programming and she **has taken on the role of doing half of the 'Memory Books'.** We are **trailing the idea of having a 'Room Set-up' program which will give** more details on activities to be set up in the room each day to allow for the Programmed activities to take place. The Program is now located on the white board to the left of the room as you walk in. If at any time you would like more information about our Baby Room Program, please see Caitlin or Sara.

We would like to take this opportunity to give families a few reminders.

- Please bring a piece of fruit (not apples) along for morning sessions, as this is cut up for shared fruit platters
- If your child requires a specific brand of sunscreen, please bring a **tube to leave at child care, clearly labeled with your child's name**
- **If you are yet to receive and complete an "About Me" form for your child, please see Caitlin or Sara, as we use this information to support your child while they are in care**
- **Please remember to label all of your child's clothes, bottles, dummies, comforters etc. as this assists us to return items to their rightful owner should they become lost.**

We are looking forward to another fun filled year and welcome any **ideas, suggestions and feedback from you regarding your child's time in care.**

From the Babies Room Educators,  
Caitlin, Sara, Angie, Tania and Michelle



# Toddler Room



Hello Families

Welcome back to all of our families and a big welcome to the new families joining us this year. We hope you all had a wonderful, relaxing time over the festive season and we are looking forward to working with you and your children through the coming year.

We were welcomed back from our break with a new paint scheme in our room along with the Kindy rooms and the entrance/hallway. They look amazing and the colour is very restful and calming. The feedback from the children is that they like their new room.



We started the year off by re-settling in to our routines slowly and sharing our adventures from the holidays with each other. The children have been very excited to tell us all about going to the beach, getting new shoes and camping (among other things) in their time away from child care.



As the week progressed we began exploring our creativity with arts and crafts. The children made use of re-cycled egg cartons to explore **how water paints 'absorb' in to the cardboard and how the colours 'lighten' when they dry.**



We have already begun to build on our gross-motor skills for the year, through climbing on our ladders and beams. The children have been doing a lot of running around the yard, expending lots of energy and **laughter as they engage together in 'chasing', running 'super-fast' and jumping from the logs and equipment.**

**We will be having a 'themed' format in our room this year where we will engage in activities, discoveries, explorations and discussions based on our theme for the quarter - our first theme will be 'Transport'. We chose this based on the idea that some of our children went on aeroplanes & trains during their holidays, some went by car or 4WD camping and some enjoyed walks through parks, streets and beaches. To build on their experiences we will explore all things 'transportation'** - if you have any ideas you would like to share, please speak to Karen or Kathryn as we would love to have your input.



As we are still in our Summer months, just a reminder that we follow **the 'sun safe' policy using sunscreen and suitable clothing that covers our shoulders whilst at child care.** Please ensure your child has clothing that protects their shoulders (no singlets please).

We are looking forward to growing and learning together through the coming year and if you have any questions, concerns or ideas in regards to your child or the Toddler room please see Kathryn or Karen or feel free to email us at [admin@reynellacc.com.au](mailto:admin@reynellacc.com.au).

Thank you,  
Kathryn, Karen and Kylie

# Kindy Room



Hello Families.

Welcome back everyone and welcome to the new families who will be joining the Kindy room this year. We hope you all had a lovely break over Christmas and New Years. We have enjoyed hearing stories from your children about the fun things they experienced during the break, some even lucky enough to go away on holidays.



As most of you would have now seen, we returned to newly painted Kindy rooms. The walls are bright and fresh and ready for a new year of learning and discovery. The children have given us good feedback about the colour scheme, which is pleasing.

**We have changed our 'focus of the week' to our 'focus of the month' so we will get more time to delve into our focus topics** without having to rush. This month we are working on the letters A and B, the numbers 1 and 2, the colour purple and the shape square. We have also been practicing sign language for the letters A and B.



Late last year the Educators in our room developed a Vision Board, which contains things we would like to see happen to/in our rooms. Please feel free to take a look at this Vision Board, which is located by the sign in/out sheets. We would love suggestions and feedback from families so if there is something you would like to add, please feel free to do so. We would also like to hear from families if there is a certain topic your child is passionate about.

**This assists us to incorporate your child's interests into our programming.** If you would like to suggest ideas or give feedback regarding anything in our Kindy room, please see Brooke or Lucy.



A big congratulations to our Educator, Kate, on the safe arrival of her beautiful baby girl, Kailani. The children were excited to hear **that Kate's baby had arrived, after watching her belly grow over** the past few months.



We would like to take this opportunity to wish the children moving onto Kindy or Primary school our best wishes and lots of good luck for the future.

We are looking forward to a good year together in 2018, with many exciting experiences and discoveries. Coming up soon in January, we will be celebrating Australia Day.

Thank you,  
Lucy, Brooke and the Kindy Room Educators.

Use of Sudocrem while in care

Quite often, nappy rash can occur in babies and toddlers without any warning. At RCCC we supply Sudocrem for the relief of nappy rash. Upon reviewing our Medication Policy, in conjunction with the child care law, we have concluded Sudocrem is classed as a medication and therefore requires parental permission to use while in care. Rather than complete a daily Medication Permission Form, we are asking families to give a one off authorisation, to allow our Educators to apply Sudocrem as required. Forms will be available from our Front Office or alternatively, families can print this page, complete and return to the Centre.

**Sudocrem Permission Form**

I authorise Reynella Community Children’s Centre Educators to administer Sudocrem to my child for the relief of nappy rash.

I understand that this medication will be used at the discretion of the Educator and only in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.

I confirm that this medication has previously been used safely on my child and this authorisation is for ongoing use, as deemed required.

Child’s Name: .....

Parent’s Name: .....

Parent’s Signature: .....

Date: .....

Fundraising in 2018

We are seeking new ideas for fundraising for the Centre in 2018. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to share them with our Front Office staff, Management Committee members or by email to [admin@reynellacc.com.au](mailto:admin@reynellacc.com.au).

Our current fundraising includes:

- Cadbury Fundraising Chocolates
- RCCC Song Book
- Kiddies Food Cutters (safety knives and peeler)
- RCCC calico library/shopping bag

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts in 2017. We are close to being able to purchase a **fleet of new tricycles for our Toddler’s room (see right).**



## Medication Permission Form

In the interest of children's safety and wellbeing, Reynella Community Children's Centre staff will only administer medication if it is in the original container with pharmacy label attached. The label should list the child as the prescribed person, the strength of the medication and how frequently it is to be given/used. These requirements apply to all medications, regardless of whether they are **non prescription medications** (such as teething gels, nappy cream) or **prescription medications** (such as antibiotics).

Child's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & address of health professional: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of medication: \_\_\_\_\_

Date prescribed: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry date of medication: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for medication: \_\_\_\_\_

Storage requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Time and date last given: \_\_\_\_\_

I request that the above medication be given in accordance with the instructions below. Please enter the date, dosage and time to be given in the table at the bottom of this form, and list any other instructions in the space immediately below, including method (e.g. oral, inhaler, topical), dose (e.g. thin layer, number of drops, mL required), before or after food.

Instructions:

Parent's full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Dosage	Time to be given	Time given	Name & signature of staff administering medication	Name & signature of staff cross-checking medication and administration	Comments