



NOTICE OF FEE INCREASE -2019/2020

Singleton Council is committed to providing quality education and care for children with qualified and experienced staff. To continue the provision of quality education and care, it has become necessary to increase our daily fees in the coming financial year.

From Monday 1 July 2019 fees will be increasing, please note our fees are designed to cover the operational costs of a quality service only, as we are a non-profit provider. Singleton Council is a leading provider of community services for children and families.

The new fees from 1 July 2019 will be as follows:

Colleen Gale – Long Day Care

- Nursery room – \$110/day
- Junior room - \$110/day
- Preschool room – \$108/day

OOSH

- Before School Care – \$24/session
- After School Care – \$28/session
- Vacation Care – \$55/day
- Failure to notify fee/occasion - \$20.50

Mobile Preschool

- Full rate 3, 4 and 5 year olds - \$42/day
- Inclusion rate - \$31.50/day

General Charges all services

- Late collection fee cost/5 minutes after 6pm - \$10.40
- Tax office statement for claiming 50% rebate - \$13.20
- Administration fee - \$22.50
- Debt charge for accounts in arrears/week - \$11.20
- Paper statement copy/copy - \$5.20
- Non-direct debit/month - \$1.90
- Direct debit dishonour fee/dishonour - \$14.00
- Waitlist fee - \$22.00

If you have any queries regarding the fees, please do not hesitate to contact Peta Pitzner, Team Leader Children's Services, on 02 6578 7555.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 6th June | LDC only

Puppet show by Jerral Puppets.

Monday 10th June |

Public Holiday, closed all services.

Wednesday 12th June | LDC only

Philippine Independence Day - cultural music and food.

Tuesday 18th June | LDC only

4 year old's vision screening.

REMINDERS

Immunisation records are required to be updated regularly.

Please bring in a copy of your child's statement after each immunisation.

Earn & Learn

CGCC, SMP and OOSH are all participating – Please collect your stickers from Woolworths when you shop and either pop them into our box's at the shop or at one of our centres.





Long Day Care

We have had a busy couple of weeks at Colleen Gale.

On Wednesday 22nd May all the children in the centre took part in the National Simultaneous Story Time (NSS).

NSS is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) to promote the value of reading, literacy and the fun of books.

Each year a book written by an Australian writer and publisher is chosen, this year was 'Alpacas with Maraca's' by Matt Cosgrove.

Long Day Care Continued

As the weather is starting to cool down we have transitioned into our winter routine. The day begins indoors each morning, then after morning tea we move to outdoor play.

The children will require a variety of clothing in their bags to accomodate for the temperature changes.

If your child is not well enough to play outside than please keep them at home as outdoor play is an important and valuable experience.



Long Day Care Continued

Thank you to the Mums, Grandma's and Grandad's who came along to our Mother's Day Morning Tea, the children were very excited to share this time with you all.

Together the children and their families participated in a variety of activities and made some very lovely bracelets and artworks for the Mum's who were unable to attend.

OOSH Update

Just a reminder to parents and carers, the OOSH kitchen closes at 7.45am to allow staff enough time to have the children ready when the buses come. Cereal and fruit is still available until 8.00am when we mark rolls and toilet children.

Having our garden with vegetables ready for harvest we decided to add warm healthy soup to our afternoon tea menu.

Children were invited to cut up the vegetables and after placing all the ingredients into the bowl we turned the slow cooker on for 7 hrs.

The flavour of the soup lived up to the amazing smell drifting through the building with many children requesting seconds and thirds.

OOSH Vegetable Soup recipe

1 pkt Mackenzie's Minestrone Soup Kit

1 cup sweet potato

2 carrots

2 zucchini

2 white potato

2 tins crushed tomato

4 rashers short cut bacon(optional)

1 ltr Water

Cut all ingredients into small chunks

Put ingredients into slow cooker and turn on high for 6-8 hrs.

Serve with warm crusty bread.



Mobile Preschool Update

Over the past fortnight the children have expressed an increasing interest in outdoor play.

This interest began after the Play Outside Day activities we provided the children with a few weeks ago.

We have had many ongoing activities available for the children to participate in while outside and they have been very engaged in these experiences.

The children have also been taking turns in helping their Educators prepare the fruit platter for morning tea.

We have purchased some KiddiKutter knives which are 'Kid Safe Knives' for the children to use during this activity.

The children participate in a one-on-one experience with their Educator as they prepare this platter.

Recipes from your childcare kitchen

BEEF AND BROCCOLI STIR FRY – SERVES 6

Ingredients:

- Lean beef strips 350g
- Garlic 1 clove
- Hoisin or plum sauce 1 tablespoon
- Cabbage ¼
- Carrot 1
- Red Capsicum 1
- Broccoli florets 2 cups
- Canola oil 1/2 tablespoon
- Brown Rice 1 cup

Method:

- Cook rice according to packet instructions
- Slice vegetables
- Heat oil in pan, add beef and garlic and gently cook until beef is brown. Set aside
- Add vegetables to pan and cook 2 – 3 minutes
- Return beef to pan, add hoisin or plum sauce
- Stir and cook until vegetables are tender
- Serve with rice

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