

Important Notices:

Court Closure:

Our courts are being resurfaced in December. We will be operating out of the crèche and meeting rooms. January - back to normal.

Be Sun Smart:

Send your child into care with sun smart clothes!

- High UV rated clothes
- Long sleeve tops
- Tops that protect the neck and shoulders
- Wide brimmed hat
- Knee length shorts

CCS (Child Care Subsidy)

Once you book your children in for these holidays:

Log into 'MyGov' and acknowledge this booking. This needs to be done each school holidays.

What to bring:

What you need to bring EVERY DAY for your child:

- **Healthy Snack for our tub to share**
- **Bag, Hat & Shoes**
- **Drink Bottle with WATER**
- **Packed Lunch (or lunch order)**
- **Plenty of Snacks**

Increasingly some children are coming into care without these essential items, so please ensure they have them each day, as we do not supply them, thank you.

Hello everyone,

We are fast approaching the long school holidays and I expect you are thinking what can you do with the kids over the 7 weeks off? Well, we have put together a bumper program which includes loads of fun activities to help you keep them busy.

Our bookings are now open and you can use the 'my family lounge' app to book your children into care, right up until they go back to school.

Once you have made a booking, don't forget to acknowledge this through 'My Gov' so we can claim child care subsidy for eligible families.

If we don't see all our wonderful families before the New Year, we hope you all have a wonderful and safe time and Happy Christmas to everyone.

See you all soon, **Karen Mentiplay**
Deputy Manager - Services

Court Closure: We are still operational.

We are having a major upgrade to our courts. They are being stripped back and resurfaced. This will take most of December to do and during this time we will not have access to the courts and adjacent rooms, including the Vacation Care room.

To compensate for this our crèche will be closing earlier than normal for the year, last day being Tuesday 18th Dec. After this time we will be using the crèche and meeting rooms for Vacation Care, giving the children extra space for activities, including the outside sensory garden. The first 3 days of school holidays (before the crèche closes) we will operate from the meeting rooms, but we have planned some awesome excursions so the children won't get too cooped up.

Management apologises if this causes any issues for families, as we understand the attraction of children being able to let off steam and play on our courts.

We will be back to normal in the New Year with an added bonus of being the first to use the newly resurfaced courts – they will be so shiny! Please contact me if you need further information about this.

Karen Mentiplay

Our Philosophy:

Do you know we have a philosophy? Would you like to have your say as we review this?

Well that's easy – just tell us what you think is important for your family when placing your children into our care.

We focus on 5 areas currently:

- *Social and Life Skills*
- *Keeping Active & Healthy*
- *Learning Lives in Play*
- *Childhood is Important*
- *Friendship Matters*



Do you agree with these 5 areas? Are there more you would like us to consider? Which ones are important for your family?

You can find our detailed philosophy on our ERC web site (Vac Care page), we will also have it displayed for your comments during these holidays.

If you would like more information on our philosophy in the meantime, please contact me! Karen Mentiplay

EXCURSIONS & INCURSIONS

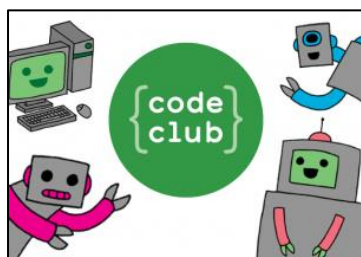
Swimming at South West Sports Centre



Discover Deadly



Loads of water play
- plus giant water slide!



Join the 'Code Club'
at Eaton Library

Discover Deadly Reptile Park, Dunsborough

Simmo's Ice Creamery



Giant Inflatables with Mike Including; Hockey, Tumbling Mat, Soccer & his new climbing wall!



Eaton Playground & Oval



Electronics Policy

Our Centre has a **total ban** on all electronic equipment from home.

This includes;

Mobile phones, iPads, iPods, Tablets, DS Games, Gameboys and any other electronic device.

We ask parents to check their child's bag before bringing them into care.



Toys and Games from home:

Please leave toys, games and expensive items at home as we do not take responsibility for any items that are lost, broken or stolen.



'My Family Lounge'

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Online Bookings and Enrolment:

Qikkids Enrol is an easy way to manage your bookings and account details.

Bookings through Mobile App:

Download the app 'My Family Lounge' on your phone to be able to book in your child on the go.

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A signing in and out system

We use an electronic signing in and out system, very easy to use. If you forget your pin, just see reception to get it reset.

**Have you joined Educa yet?
Want to see daily photos of your children and our activities?**



Our staff use Educa – a parents only online portfolio – to write learning stories and post photos. When you enrol you will receive an email to make an account.

If you have not received an email please let us know and we can resend the invitation.

Have any Questions, Suggestions or Concerns?

There are various ways you can have your say..

Email: Vacation.Care@dardanup.wa.gov.au

Phone: 9724 0400

Feedback forms in foyer of Centre

Write a comment in Educa or

Give comments to a Qualified Staff Member