



**Beechworth
Community
Child Care Centre**

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Welcome to 2013

It has been a busy start to the year. We have a number of new families and I hope your children are settling in and you are getting to know us. If at any time you have questions please ask and hopefully we can help you or point you in the right direction.

Beechworth Community Child Care Centre is run by a committee of management. They meet every month. If you are interested in becoming involved in the committee please see Cathy in the office. We have our Annual General Meeting in September to elect a committee, however new members can be considered at any time.

We try to put out a **newsletter** every month, with information on the centre, upcoming events and fundraising plans.

Illness notices are displayed on the front door, so if your child becomes sick please let us know so we can inform other parents.

We encourage all families to become **involved** in the centre in some way. **Do you play an instrument, cook, or tell stories? Let us know.**

We have **working bees** (every term) to remove leaves and twigs from the roof, general grounds clean up and any other maintenance that needs to be done.

The **noticeboard**, above the sign in book, will have information on important issues, upcoming events and assistance information for families.

Being a **Community based centre**, we rely on all families to assist where possible to ensure we have a viable centre that provides quality care in a caring, welcoming and friendly manner, within the guidelines and National Regulations

The Beechworth Community Child Care Centre (BCCCC) Committee of Management recently reviewed the proposed fees and times of the Beechworth Kindergarten for 2013. We have also given consideration to the associated fee deal that is in place between the BCCCC and the Kindergarten.

We would like to offer to extend the fee deal at an equivalent rate to the 2012 rate for the 2013 calendar year: that is that BCCCC will pay kindergarten \$270 per 4yo and \$150 per 3yo child whose family wish to participate in the deal.

Parents with children in Kindergarten will be required to pay the outstanding balance of the kindergarten fees direct to Beechworth Kindergarten and Beechworth Montessori.

New "Back Fill" opportunities available.

As a result of some families only using the Beechworth Community Child Care Centre in the hours around their child attending Kindergarten, we have decided to make these 'backfill' places available to other families. Whilst they are not 'full' days, or in some cases even half days, they may just be enough to help you out when you need a short period of child care on the occasional busy day.

The fees and available times for the "Back Fill" positions are as follows:

- 9am -12pm and 1pm - 4pm on Mondays: \$45. Note that lunch will not be provided for these positions.
- 9am - 2pm on Tuesday to Friday: \$60
- 1 hour price: \$15/hour

Unless prior notice is given (and a further hour is booked at \$15/hr.) there will be a \$30 late fee incurred for children who are picked up late.

NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARDS

Our centre participates in the National Quality Standards. We have developed a well-considered integrated and professional approach to the provision of quality care for young children. The centre is currently accredited as a provider of high

quality care and has gained the maximum accreditation period.

We have written a Quality Improvement Plan that will help us improve our practice, our relationships with parents and policies and procedures. This plan will be reviewed regularly so to ensure we provide a quality service for children and families.

The Regulatory Authority is the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA). The new National Quality Standard is divided into seven (7) quality areas that we will be assessed on.

OUR ASSESSMENT DATE IS MONDAY 25th FEBRUARY.

We will notify all parents of the outcome.

A new Centre information booklet is currently being put onto our website www.beechworthchildcare.com.au Please read and be up to date with all information re the centre and what is required.

POLICIES:

We have a number of policies that are under review. We would like your input. I have put the Policies to be reviewed into our Parent Resources area in the hallway. Please speak to Cathy or Kelly if you would like to help us.