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Wednesday 22nd August 2018

Dear Parents / Guardian,

We will be offering our Vacation Care program from **Monday 24th September to Friday 5th October**. Please find attached the booking form and a program of each day's main activities. Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre office will open for bookings from **6.00pm until 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th September**.

FEES

All outstanding Before and After school and previous Vacation Care fees must be brought up to date before Vacation Care forms will be accepted.

If you have any concerns regarding the payment of your fees please see the Centre Administration Manager Lyn Craig.

A separate permission form is attached for the excursions. If your child/ren are attending on these days this form **MUST** be completed before your child/ren will be allowed to attend the excursion.

WHAT TO BRING AND WEAR

All children need to be provided with appropriate clothing for the day's activities, this includes enclosed footwear as well as a sunsmart hat. Should a child arrive without a refillable drink bottle for an excursion or a sunsmart hat on any given day, the child will be supplied with a bottle of water and/or a sunsmart hat from our stock that we sell at reception. A charge of \$1.50 for the water and /or \$15 for the sunsmart hat will be added to accounts for payment. This includes days going to St. Therese's which may not be announced. Children also need to bring a healthy morning tea and a cut lunch each day in an insulated lunch box and on Excursion Days extra snacks to accommodate for the day out.

Children need to have their own drinks every day (Preferably water in a named refillable drink bottle)

If you would like some lunch box ideas please see Educators or log onto web sites below

<https://heartfoundation.org.au/recipes>

<https://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/parents-carers/healthy-eating-and-drinking/lunch-box-ideas.aspx>

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A copy of our Children's Services Policies and Procedures is located in the Childcare Office, if you would like to view this at any time please see childcare educators.

We encourage parents to not allow their child/ren to bring any electronic devices, due to the fact that we will not be held responsible for it. If the device contains a camera it will be taken from the child and placed in the staff office for parents to collect.

Please note that the program and arranged transport may be subject to alteration or cancellation in the event of circumstances beyond our control.

During all excursions all Educators carry mobile phones. If there is an emergency and you need to contact your child, please ring Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre on 03 5996-9056, your message will be passed on.

Our excursion policy requires all children and Educators, for their safety, to be transported in a bus with seat belts. Unfortunately, there is an additional cost for this. Also please ensure that your child/ren do not bring spending money on excursions.

If you have any queries or require any assistance please contact Athena or Childcare Educators between 6.30am and 6.00pm weekdays on the above phone number.

Yours sincerely,

Athena Jones

Children's Services Manager

PARENTS COPY (Please Keep) PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY

Merinda Park Learning & Community Centre also offers many other activities on a daily basis. Please see display program for more information



Week One & Two – Box construction
The above extra activity will run for the whole 2 weeks, to give all children the opportunity to participate.

Pet Care Program

We will be having a chicken hatching program over these school holidays at our service. The Chicken Hatching experience introduces children to the fascinating hatching process. Children observe seemingly lifeless eggs crack open and watch fully developed baby chicks emerge. They then experience the amazing transformation from weak and wet newborns, into fluffy active chicks! Children also learn about the changing needs of the chicks as they grow and develop over a period of 2 weeks. The incubation of eggs will demonstrate the effects of heat, air, and moisture control on hatch-ability. Waiting to see if all of the chicks will hatch is an eye-opening way to experience just how delicate the balance between survival and extinction can be.

Monday 24th September – Incursion MPLCC Show Day – Cost \$10.00

The day includes a variety of activities for the children to take part in including; Jumping castle, face painting, plaster painting and carnival style games. We also will be having fairy floss & popcorn machines to add to the atmosphere. Each child will receive a show bag to take home.

Tuesday 25th September – Incursion Scooter day at St. Therese's

All children are required to bring their own scooter as well as helmet and all other safety gear required to participate in the day's activity. We are anticipating spending the majority of the day at St. Therese's.

Wednesday 26th September - Excursion The Big Goose Petting Farm Cost \$20.00

Please ensure your child/ren are at the Centre by 8am, for an approximate 8.15am departure.

We will be travelling by Cranbourne Transit & MPLCC mini buses to The Big Goose Mornington.

All children will need to bring the following in their own back pack to carry:

- * Healthy morning tea & lunch
- * Plenty to drink – 3 or 4 drinks

Appropriate clothing, sunsmart hat & footwear for the day (no singlet tops/thongs/sandals)

We will be departing The Big Goose around 2.15pm and expect to arrive back at MPLCC by 3.00pm.

For more information you can visit their web site: <https://thebiggoose.com.au/>

Thursday 27th September – Incursion Footy Day at St. Therese's Cost \$5.00

Children can wear their favourite team colours and join in the fun planned activities. Educators will organise a footy match to be held at St Therese's Primary School. (Weather permitting) Children will have the opportunity to play on the playground or in the sandpit if not wishing to play in the organised footy match. Lunch will include a hot dog, drink and an ice cream

Monday 1st October – Incursion Bunnings Visit

Bunnings Cranbourne have kindly donated their time and all the items required for the children to participate in a gardening experience. The children will pot a plant as well as paint their individual pot, which they will be able to take home to nurture.

Tuesday 2nd October – Incursion Science Show (Liquid Nitrogen Show) Cost \$10.00

The children have the opportunity to assist in the many cool liquid nitrogen demonstrations during this interactive science show. Children will find out how solids, liquids and gases change when rapidly heated and cooled.

Smash a squash ball! Shrink a balloon instantly! What happens to living things if they are frozen?

How can Newton's 3rd Law of Motion explain a liquid nitrogen sprinkler? Explore Charles' Law using popping cans and expanding balloons. Just what is the Leidenfrost effect anyway and more...

This science show covers phase changes, expansion and contraction, basic cell theory, air pressure and the weather.

Wednesday 3rd October – Games day at St. Thereses includes Minute to win it

Educators have organised fun group games which will be held at St. Thereses (weather permitting) as well a minute to win it team games, which will have the children in stitches. The competition will be set up as an elimination process, until there is only one winning team left.

Friday 5th October Excursion – The Enchanted Maze Garden Cost \$20.00

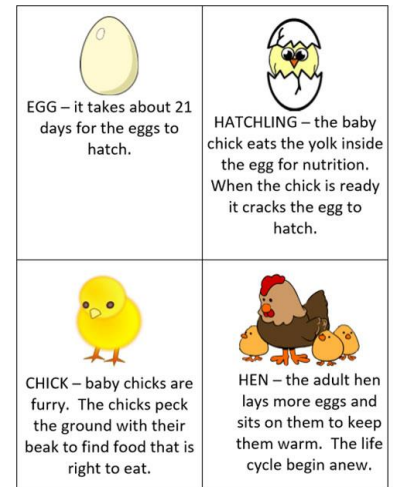
Please ensure your child/ren are at the Centre by 8am, for an approximate 8.15am departure. We will be travelling by Cranbourne Transit & MPLCC mini buses to The Enchanted Maze Garden, Red Hill.

All children will need to bring the following in their own back pack to carry:

- * Healthy morning tea & lunch
- * Plenty to drink – 3 or 4 drinks

Appropriate clothing, sunsmart hat & footwear for the day (no singlet tops/thongs/sandals)

We will be departing The Enchanted Maze Garden around 2.15pm and expect to arrive back at MPLCC by 3.00pm. For more information you can visit their web site: <http://www.enchantedmaze.com.au/>



VACATION CARE BOOKING & PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM

Monday 24th September – Friday 5th October 2018



CHILD'S SURNAME _____

Parent's Surname if different from Child/ren _____

Child 1 _____ CCS % _____

Child 2 _____ CCS % _____

Child 3 _____ CCS % _____

Have you read our 2018 Parents Hand book? Yes / No

Have you completed a 2018 Enrolment Form Yes / No

✓ PLEASE TICK BOX TO INDICATE DAYS OF ATTENDANCE

Date	Activities	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Cost
WEEK ONE					
Monday 24 th September	Incursion Cost \$10.00 MPLCC Show day (Show bag to take home)				
Tuesday 25 th September	Scooter Day BYO Scooter & Helmet				
Wednesday 26 th September	Excursion Cost \$20.00 The Big Goose Petting Farm				
Thursday 27 th September	Incursion Cost \$5.00 Footy day Come dress in your team colours Lunch includes Hot dog, drink & ice cream				
Friday 28 th September	No Care Public Holiday	<i>Public Holiday</i>			
WEEK TWO					
Monday 1 st October	Incursion - Free Bunnings Cranbourne Pot a Plant with Dea				
Tuesday 2 nd October	Wood creations				
Wednesday 3 rd October	Games Day includes Minute to win it challenge				
Thursday 4 th October	Incursion Cost \$10.00 Science Show				
Friday 5 th October	Excursion Cost \$20.00 The Enchanted Maze Garden				

I understand the fee charged for each day's care is \$40.00 and incursions / excursions are charged as an extra cost to me indicated in the table above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of person signing: _____

(Office Use Only)

OSHC \$ _____

Care \$ _____

Exc \$ _____

Credit \$ _____

Total Payable \$ _____

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2018 VACATION CARE



Dear Parents,

This form **MUST** be completed to enable your child/ren to be included in the activities that you have selected, on the previous page (Booking & Permission form)

I agree that my child/ren _____ attend Merinda Park Learning & Community Centre **SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER** Vacation Care Excursion & Special Event days.

WALKING PERMISSION

During the **September/October** Vacation Care program St Therese's Primary School have been kind enough to allow us the use of their playground. We intend to take them up on their generous offer at least once a day weather permitting. (Which may not be announced)

I **do / do not** give permission for my child/ren to be taken to St. Therese's Primary School and MPLCC parking lot from Merinda Park Learning & Community Centre accompanied by regulatory staff ratios during the **September / October** Vacation Care program if required and *which may not be announced*.

In case of illness or an accident, I hereby authorise the Childcare Educators from the program to seek medical or other attention, as required, at my cost.

In signing this agreement, I understand that I will be charged for all days booked and excursions.

I also understand that although all care and supervision is provided, that neither the Merinda Park Learning and Community Centre Inc, or its staff will be liable for any injury or damage however caused or of whatever nature that may be incurred by my child during attendance of these activities.

Name & Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Medical & Emergency information taken when children are off the premises

Child 1, Name: _____

Child 2, Name: _____

Child 3, Name: _____

Emergency contact name: _____

Relationship to child/ren: _____ **Contact Number:** _____

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Name of Doctor/ Medical Service: _____ **Phone number:** _____

Full Address Doctor/Medical service: _____

Does your child/ren require medication for the day? Yes / No

If Yes please see Childcare Educators (Medication & Permission form required to be taken with the child/ren)

Child 1, Name: _____ Name of Medication required: _____

Child 2, Name: _____ Name of Medication required: _____

Child 3, Name: _____ Name of Medication required: _____