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Monday 12th November 2018

Dear Parents / Guardian,

We will be offering our Vacation Care program from **Monday 14th January to Thursday 31st January 2019**. 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 28th November**.

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 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 – Badge making
The above extra activity will run for the whole 2 weeks,
to give all children the opportunity to participate.

Monday 14th January – Incursion Patrick Guest Children’s Author – Cost \$15.00

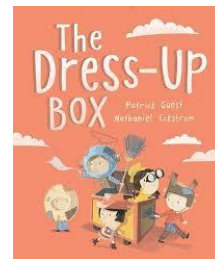
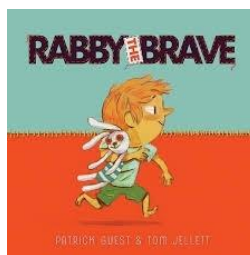
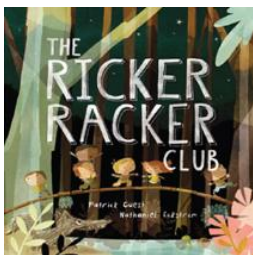
Patrick Guest is a children’s author and has written and published several books.

The *Second Sky* written by Patrick Guest and Illustrated by Jonathan Bentley was shortlisted by The Children’s Book Council of Australia for the 2018 Early Childhood Book of the Year. I have added Patrick’s website below, as there is a short YouTube clip that he talks about the story behind the book “That’s What Wings Are For” connecting it to his families’ experience with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and Bluey the hero.



“That’s What Wings Are For”, will teach all children the importance of kindness, silliness as well as bravery.

For more information you can visit Patrick’s web site: <https://www.patrickquest.com.au/pat-s-blog/>



Wednesday 16th January – Excursion Balnarring Beach Explorer Marine Education Program Cost \$20.00

Please ensure your child/ren are at the Centre by 8am for an 8.30am departure. We will be travelling by Coach (Cranbourne Transit) & using MPLCC mini buses to travel to Balnarring Beach where we will meet up with the Dolphin Research Marine Officers. We will be guided through three stunning coastal marine environments and learn how we can look after it. The Marine experience does involve going in the water. Please remind your child/ren we are only going into the water no further than knee deep. The rock pool can be very slippery and the rocks can also have sharp edging, so please ensure your child/ren wear the appropriate foot wear.

We will be departing Balnarring Beach around 2.15pm and we expect to arrive back at the MPLCC at 3.00pm.

All Children will need to bring the following-

- Healthy morning tea & lunch with 3-4 bottles of water,
- Appropriate clothing & footwear (Covered shoes are to be worn in the rock pools /old runners are great) (no singlet tops/thongs/sandals)
- Sunsmart hat and sunscreen



For more information you can visit their web site: <https://www.dolphinresearch.org.au/>

Monday 21st January- Excursion Village Karingal & Lunch at Ballam Park Cost \$20.00

Please ensure your child/ren are at the Centre by 8am for a 8.30am departure. We will be leaving the centre and travelling by Coach (Cranbourne Transit) & using MPLCC mini buses to travel Village Cinemas Karingal.

The tentative movie that we will be watching at this stage is; **How to train your Dragon- The hidden world**,

If other releases become available these movies may also be an option.

Lunch will be held at Ballam Park. The children will spend the rest of the day enjoying free time at the Park.

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

- Healthy morning tea & lunch
- Plenty to drink – 2 or 3 bottles of water
- Appropriate clothing & footwear for playing (no singlet tops/thongs/sandals)

We will be departing Ballam Park around 2.30pm and expect to arrive back at MPLCC by 3.00pm.

For more information you can visit their web site: <http://villagecinemas.com.au/movies>



Thursday 24th January – Technology Day

The children have the opportunity to bring in a technology item from home. All items should be clearly named and handed to an educator on arrival, for safe keeping. There will be designated times children can use their devices.

Friday 25th January - Incursion Celebrate Australia Day with an Aussie BBQ \$5.00

MPLCC Educators have organised an Aussie style BBQ with sausages in bread, drinks & icy poles supplied for lunch to celebrate Australia Day. All children and Educators are encouraged to dress in their Aussie gear. If any dietary requirements are needed please don’t hesitate to see Educators for assistance.



(BBQ may be held at St. Therese’s weather permitting and availability of playground otherwise the BBQ will be held at the Centre)

❖ **PLEASE NOTE:**

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 5996-9056. Your message will be passed on.

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Please ensure that your child/ren do not bring spending money on excursions.



VACATION CARE BOOKING & PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM

Monday 14th January – Thursday 31st January 2019

CHILD'S SURNAME _____

Parent's Surname if different from Child/ren _____

Child 1 _____ CCS % _____

Child 2 _____ CCS % _____

Child 3 _____ CCS % _____

Have you read our 2019 Parents Hand book? Yes / No

Have you completed a 2019 Enrolment Form Yes / No

✓ PLEASE TICK BOX TO INDICATE DAYS OF ATTENDANCE

Date	Activities	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Cost
WEEK ONE					
Monday 14 th January	Incursion Cost \$15.00 Patrick Guest <small>(children receive a book to take home)</small>				
Tuesday 15 th January	Kite making				
Wednesday 16 th January	Excursion Cost \$20.00 Balnarring Beach Explorer (Rock Pools) Marine Education Program				
Thursday 17 th January	Summer fun activities				
Friday 18 th January	Hawaiian Day Come dressed in an Hawaiian outfit				
WEEK TWO					
Monday 21 st January	Excursion - Cost \$20.00 Movies The tentative movies is; How to train your Dragon- The hidden world				
Tuesday 22 nd January	Messy Craft				
Wednesday 23 rd January	Kids in the kitchen				
Thursday 24 th January	Technology day Children can bring in an item from home				
Friday 25 th January	Incursion Cost \$5.00 Celebrate Australia day at MPLCC Aussie BBQ - drinks and icy poles included. Come in you Aussie gear				
WEEK THREE					
Monday 28 th January	No Care Public Holiday	<i>Public Holiday</i>			
Tuesday 29 th January	Music & dance				
Wednesday 30 th January	Craft Activities				
Thursday 31 st January	Origami Craft				
Friday 1 st February	BSC & ASC only	X	X	X	X

I understand the fee charged for each day's care is **\$42.50** 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)

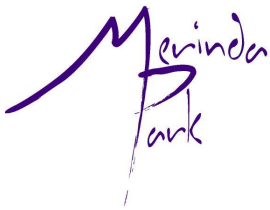
OSHC \$ _____

Care \$ _____

Exc \$ _____

Credit \$ _____

Total Payable \$ _____



JANUARY 2019 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 pervious page (Booking & Permission form)

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

WALKING PERMISSION

During the **January** 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 January 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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Relationship to child/ren: _____ **Contact Number:** _____

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

Full Address Doctor/Medical service: _____

Does your child/ren require medication for the day? Yes / No (This includes Ventolin)

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: _____