

Treasure Island Child Care Newsletter

June 2010

Welcome to all new families at the centre I hope you are finding your way around and getting to know the Staff, please remember to check your pockets for important information and let us know if there is anything we can assist you with.

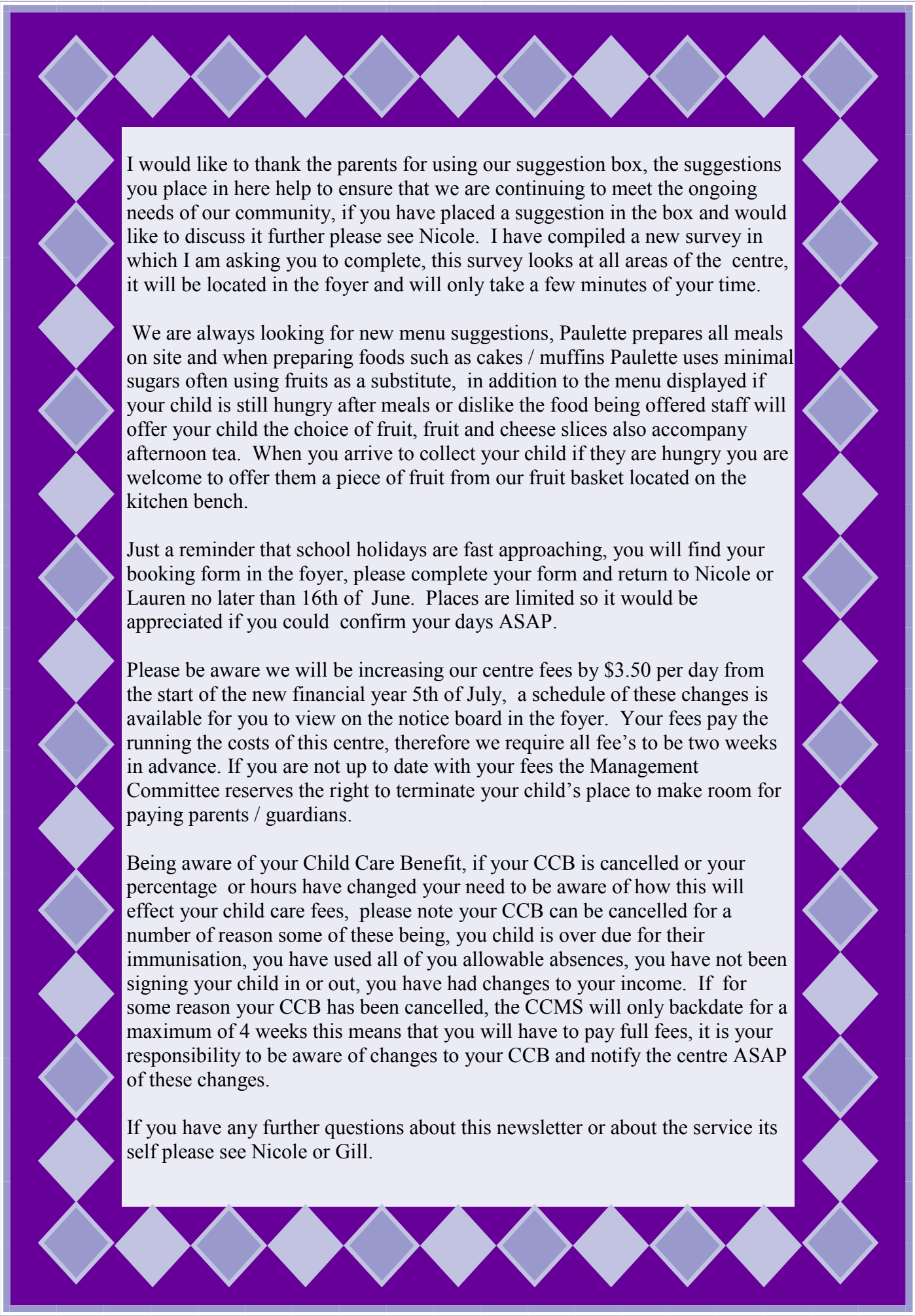
As many of you are aware, we are in the final stages of the accreditation process, over the past 12 months we have been very busy preparing the centre by reviewing our policies and procedures, so far we have been able to review our general and management policies we are currently working on our staffing, occupational health and safety and our curriculum policies, I would like to thank the parents who have helped to review the policies so far, all new policies and ones waiting to be reviewed are available in the foyer for you to comment on. We are hoping to have a date for our validation visit in the next few weeks a notice will be displayed on the front door when it arrives.

Winter is fast approaching and with it are coughs colds and gastro, just a reminder to help minimise the chances of cross contamination we are asking parents / guardians to continue to use and assist their children to use the hand sanitising gel located next to the office door as you arrive and depart from the centre. We are asking parents if your child has more than a slight cold to consider if they are truly well enough to be in a group care situation.

On Tuesday the 8th of June we will be hosting a parent information session on Immunisation and Infectious Diseases, this session starts at 5pm and will go for approximately 45mins. Hilary Swain from the South Metro Public Health Unit will be presenting, you will be encouraged to ask any questions or voice any concerns you may have.

Centre Renovations, over the past 18months we have been busy upgrading all of the rooms kitchenettes and the babies room bathroom, next on our agenda is replacing the accordion doors between the family room and the toddlers room, this will hopefully be done within the next few weeks, as for the remaining bathrooms we will be applying for grants through lotteries west, the local council and asking assistance form the department for communities.

The centre has recently received some fantastic new brouchers from get up and grow these brouchers talk about the importance of healthy eating and physical activity, they also have some great lunch box ideas, food ideas for busy parents and information on how to deal with fussy eaters. There is also a family book available, please have a look at the one in the foyer if you are interested in having your own personal copy please see Nicole as I do have more on order.



I would like to thank the parents for using our suggestion box, the suggestions you place in here help to ensure that we are continuing to meet the ongoing needs of our community, if you have placed a suggestion in the box and would like to discuss it further please see Nicole. I have compiled a new survey in which I am asking you to complete, this survey looks at all areas of the centre, it will be located in the foyer and will only take a few minutes of your time.

We are always looking for new menu suggestions, Paulette prepares all meals on site and when preparing foods such as cakes / muffins Paulette uses minimal sugars often using fruits as a substitute, in addition to the menu displayed if your child is still hungry after meals or dislike the food being offered staff will offer your child the choice of fruit, fruit and cheese slices also accompany afternoon tea. When you arrive to collect your child if they are hungry you are welcome to offer them a piece of fruit from our fruit basket located on the kitchen bench.

Just a reminder that school holidays are fast approaching, you will find your booking form in the foyer, please complete your form and return to Nicole or Lauren no later than 16th of June. Places are limited so it would be appreciated if you could confirm your days ASAP.

Please be aware we will be increasing our centre fees by \$3.50 per day from the start of the new financial year 5th of July, a schedule of these changes is available for you to view on the notice board in the foyer. Your fees pay the running the costs of this centre, therefore we require all fee's to be two weeks in advance. If you are not up to date with your fees the Management Committee reserves the right to terminate your child's place to make room for paying parents / guardians.

Being aware of your Child Care Benefit, if your CCB is cancelled or your percentage or hours have changed your need to be aware of how this will effect your child care fees, please note your CCB can be cancelled for a number of reason some of these being, you child is over due for their immunisation, you have used all of you allowable absences, you have not been signing your child in or out, you have had changes to your income. If for some reason your CCB has been cancelled, the CCMS will only backdate for a maximum of 4 weeks this means that you will have to pay full fees, it is your responsibility to be aware of changes to your CCB and notify the centre ASAP of these changes.

If you have any further questions about this newsletter or about the service its self please see Nicole or Gill.