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Occasional Childcare Newsletter December 2008

Christmas is coming!

The end of year is fast approaching and it's time to remind you of some important dates for the remainder of the year and commencement of next year.

Please note our **last session** will be **Monday 15th December 2008**

Invitation to end of term celebration

MDHSS would like to invite parents and guardians attend an end of year celebration with the children on the last day, Monday 15th December 2008.

The children will start the session in the normal manner and we invite parents and guardians to join us from 10.30 am for morning tea. Please bring a small snack to share, keeping in mind Childcare is 'peanut free'.

The Childcare anaphylaxis policy asks parent to ensure that no nuts, particularly peanuts and peanut products (eg peanut butter) are brought to Childcare to protect those children who are at risk of anaphylactic shock.

Enrolling 2009

All children are required to be enrolled for 2009 prior to attending.

An enrolment form will be forwarded in January 2009 to all families who were enrolled in 2008.

Dad's Playgroup

MDHSS is pleased to announce that we have received funding from the Communities for Children, Local Initiative Program to support the development of a Dad's Playgroup to be held on Saturday mornings next year. For more details contact Susie Vatcher on 5158 0603.

Dental Clinic

As many of you would be aware MDHSS now operates a private dental clinic.

Over the summer period Mallacoota District Health and Support Service will be offering dental services, plus emergency dental services on the following dates:

Mon. 15th Dec to Sat. 20th Dec 2008.

January 2009 – tba.

A full range of Private, DVA and Teen Dental services are available, including: regular dental checkups, dental fillings, dentures, crowns, bridges, root canal and cosmetic dentistry. The dental practitioner specialises in oral surgery and painless sedation.

Make dental visits a positive experience - tips for parents

- Make appointments at a time of day when your child is least likely to be tired
- Avoid using negative terms such as "be brave" or "it won't hurt too much" when you talk to your child about visiting the dental professional
- Answer any questions your child might have about the visit. Your dental professional will be able to explain procedures to your child
- Give your child time to get to know the dental environment by attending appointments with you, when appropriate.



MDHSS staff wishes you and your family a safe and happy holiday season.

Term Dates 2009

Term 1

2 February - 3 April

Term 2

20 April - 26 June

Term 3

13 July - 18 Sept

Term 4

5 Oct - 14 Dec

Bookings

Want to book your child into childcare? Contact MDHSS reception on **51580243**

OCC Telephone Number

Occasional Childcare telephone contact is **5158 0413**

Queries

If you have any questions regarding Occasional Childcare, please contact the Coordinator Ms. Susie Vatcher, Monday to Thursday 9 am to 4 pm on **5158 0603**