Occasional Care
For children two years and over
Tuesday, 9.00am-11.45am and 12:15pm – 3.00 pm

What is it and who is it for?
Occasional care is respite care. A quality, short term, local child care service that is integrated with other family services in a kindy environment. The primary target group is the children of parent/s not in the workforce. Occasional care provides a break for parents at home to give them time to themselves and the opportunity to attend other commitments. This may be offered weekly or fortnightly basis depending on demand for places. Bookings can only be guaranteed for 1 term. Depending on demand, there may not be a place the following term.

Priority of access
- Children not enrolled in other children’s services (e.g. Family Day Care, Child Care, Pre-school).
- Children with parent/s not in the paid workforce
- Families on low income

Age group of children
Children aged between 2 – 5 years of age. Each session caters for 6-8 children. 6 for a full booking, 2 spaces for emergency care.

Bookings essential

Fee structure
- Full fee is $5.00 / session
- Fee relief available. To receive a reduced fee, a Health Care Card or Pension card must be shown to the Occasional care worker. Reduced Fee is $1.50 / session.
- Family concessions are available for families with more than one child in care.

Fees for each session are to be paid at the beginning of that session please. Correct money would be greatly appreciated. Fees must be paid for non-attendance, unless you give more than 24 hours notice.

Preschool enrolment
Attendance at occasional care does not necessarily guarantee a preschool place. The preschool operates a “priority of access” where demand exceeds vacancies. See our Director Sue if you would like more information.

What to bring to Occasional Care
Food for a snack, a hat and a spare change of clothes. If your child is in nappies, there are facilities for changing but spare nappies must be provided by you. There are no washing facilities, so all soiled clothes will be placed in a plastic bag and put in your child’s bag. Please apply sunscreen before they arrive.

Snacks
Parents are asked to send an appropriate healthy snack for their child to eat while they are at Occasional Care. Please note we are a NUT AWARE CENTRE, so please do not send along food that contains nut products in the ingredients list. Please avoid lollies, chips and other sweets. Drinking water is always available.

Labelling
Please label ALL items brought to Occasional Care, including clothes, bag and lunchbox.

Staff members
Kathryn Robson is our Occasional Care worker but other members of the Preschool team may interact with your child also. Our Director is Sue Tarr, so please feel free to ask either Kathryn or Sue any questions you may have.