



Thank you to all the Mums, Grandmas, Nanna's and Aunties and special people for coming and sharing a wonderful time with us. What a success our first ever Mother's Day afternoon tea was.

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2025

Fee increase....

Effective **Monday, 11th August.**

From this date, our daily fee will increase by **\$6 per day.**

This decision has not been made lightly. Although we have done as much as we can to limit fee increases, like many early learning centres across the country we are experiencing significant increases in our operating costs, including:

- Rising **staffing costs** (which comprise about 85% of expenditure)
- Increased **lease**
- The general impact of the **rising cost of living**

If you have any questions or would like to discuss how this change will affect your family, please don't hesitate to speak to Shelley or Benjamin Tomasi - bjtomasi@23fbc.com.au.

Thank you for being part of our MMDC community



We're thrilled to share some exciting news with you! Behind the scenes, we've been working hard on something special—and we're proud to announce that our **brand-new website is now officially live!** 🖥️🎉

The updated site has been designed with **the community** in mind—making it easier to stay informed, connected with all things MMDC.

👉 Visit us here: <https://www.marjoriemann.org.au/>

We'd love for you to take a look around, explore the new features, and let us know what you think.

Your feedback is important to us as we continue to improve how we connect with our community.

Thank you for being part of the MMDC family—we can't wait to hear what you think!

Pride Month
 2nd WA Day -Public Holiday Centre closed
 6th Incursion with Amy for Reconciliation week
 27th May-3rd June Reconciliation week
 11th First Responders Day

Seasonal Eating...

As the seasons change throughout the year, so does the fresh produce we find filling our supermarket shelves, grocery stores and farmers' markets.

Come wintertime, we see our shelves chock full of mandarins and oranges. These fruits are high in vitamin C and support a healthy immune system.

It is encouraged to try to eat fruits and vegetables when they are grown seasonally, rather than all year round. This is because local seasonal produce is typically more nutritious, fresher and more cost-effective.

Seasonal fruits and vegetables



	Summer	Autumn	Winter	Spring
Fruit	Apricots Bananas Berries Cherries Figs Grapefruit Grapes Melons Oranges (Valencia) Peaches Pears Plums Strawberries	Apples Bananas Figs Grapefruit Grapes Mandarins Melons Oranges (Valencia) Pears Strawberries	Apples Bananas Grapefruit Kiwi fruit Lemons Limes Mandarins (Imperial) Oranges (Navel) Pears	Bananas Berries Grapefruit Lemons Limes Mandarins (imperial) Strawberries
Vegetables	Basil Beans Beetroot Capsicum Carrot Chilli Corn Cucumber Eggplant Leeks Lettuce Onions Parsley Peas Potato Rhubarb Silverbeet Spring onion Squash Tomatoes Zucchini	Beans Beetroot Brussel sprouts Cabbage Capsicum Carrots Cauliflower Celery Chillies Corn Cucumbers Eggplant Leeks Lettuce Onion Parsley Parsnips Peas Potatoes Rhubarb Silverbeet Spinach Spring onion Squash Sweet potatoes Tomato Zucchini	Artichokes (Jerusalem) Beans (broad) Beetroot Broccoli Brussel sprouts Cabbage Carrots Cauliflower Celery Leeks Lettuce Onions Parsley Parsnips Peas (snow) Potatoes Rhubarb Silverbeet Spinach Spring onion Turnips	Artichoke (globe) Asparagus Beans Beans (broad) Beetroot Broccoli Capsicum Carrots Cauliflower Chillies Cucumbers Leeks Lettuce Onions Parsley Peas Peas (snow) Potatoes Rhubarb Silverbeet Spinach Spring onion Squash Zucchini

[Benefits of Seasonal Eating | Camp Australia](#)

HEALTH AND SAFETY: Risk assessments- Is everyone's responsibility

The Education and Care Services National Law requires us to 'ensure that every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children... from harm and from any hazard likely to cause injury' (Section 167). Taking precautions involves carrying out risk assessments within our service to assess the risks and plan how to manage them.

We review these yearly or as required:

Currently we are reviewing Arrival and Departure of Children:

Key points for families that you can assist us with:

- Reminder to sign their child/children into and out of the Service electronically. (iPads in foyer).
- Let the centre know by emailing or calling if your child is away on holiday or is sick, because we send emails around 10/10:30 to check on attendances
- Ensure gates close behind you both front and back and report is a problem
- Only let people you know in at the gate otherwise encourage them to use their own swipe cards/and or buzz the doorbell
- advise their child's educators/office if someone different is picking up their child, both verbally and in writing, via email. This person is to be named on the enrolment form or added in writing to management as an authorised nominee or authorised person for the child. Photo ID of contacts is required on enrolment and if any new contact is added.
- Always ensure you drop off to an Educator, don't leave children in a room unattended.

Button batteries:

We are asking families to be mindful of toys they allow their children to bring in as a comforter, ensuring no button batteries are in them.

Also be mindful of shoes and clothing that contain battery buttons and ensure they are in good repair and the battery cant be removed.

[Button Batteries | kidsafe Australia](#)



Interesting fact: We are creating and reviewing a Bee risk assessment, as they love our natural trees but so do we

Good health for kids: tips

Make sure immunisations are up to date

Use medicines only as needed, recommended or prescribed

Keep your child's air clean

Hygiene

[Daily personal hygiene](#) is important for children and anyone taking care of children. It's one of the most effective ways to protect ourselves – and others – from illness.

Brush twice a day

Good dental health is vital to your child's general health. It's also key to avoiding [tooth decay](#).

Reggio A dream come true...

On April 1st, I had the incredible opportunity — thanks to our Director Shelley and our Committee — to attend the International Study Tour in Reggio Emilia, Italy.

I travelled with Reggio Australia, joining a group of 60 passionate educators from across the country. Over 12 days, we connected both personally and professionally, learning from one another's diverse contexts. We reflected, laughed, cried, shared meals (and yes, a few drinks too!) as we deepened our understanding of what it means to educate with heart, intention, and curiosity.

At the International Study Tour, we stood alongside 400 participants from around the globe, representing 48 countries — united by a shared passion for early childhood education

Each day we sat through lectures on diverse topics and got to dig through project work and thinking with Pedagogistas and Atelieristas. One of the days we attended our own Atelier session with an Atelierista. I chose the clay workshop; they worked through how they would do slow pedagogy and how to introduce the medium to the children. In the afternoons we got to visit Reggio Emilia services. One afternoon the infant toddlers, following the 3-5's and the Loris Malaguzzi school, followed by their own Remida (recycle centre).

It was an experience I will never forget. One that will continue to shape my thinking, my reflections, and my daily practices in profound and lasting ways.

Look forward to sharing more about how this is shaping Marjorie Mann's practice soon...



Studies show that **food waste accounts for nearly 30% of the average waste bin** in early childhood education and care services. Additionally, a report on food waste in Western Australian schools found that **3kg of avoidable food waste is discarded per student per year**, which includes **3 million whole fruit pieces, 1.3 million packaged food items, and 3.5 million whole sandwiches** wasted annually.

Our composting system ensures that unavoidable scraps don't end up in landfill. Instead, they go back to nature, enriching the soil and supporting our green spaces. Our compost not only helps cut down waste but also teaches children the importance of recycling organic materials and caring for the environment.

We are excited that we have just got our retic fixed and now it's cooled down, we are looking forward to relaunching our garden to plant project....

Welcome!
You might
notice two new
faces in the
toddlers' room.



Hi my name is Bethany,

I am the new educator working in the toddler room alongside Angela, Noel, Richell and the team. I have completed both my certificate III and Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care and worked in the industry for 7 years. During this time I have worked across all age groups however found my true passion to be working alongside the 2-3 age group. The challenges and even bigger rewards which come with this age group are why I love my job so much. I get to watch them grow into strong and independent individuals during their time in the space and can be there to support them through challenging milestone moments such as toileting, emotional regulation, and language development etc. Getting to see their confidence and capabilities boom as they develop the skills and language to achieve their goals and reach the next step in their learning journey is so rewarding. Knowing that what I do every day with the children is supporting them to become competent, capable and strong young minds who will one day grow up to influence and make decisions in society is so incredible.

In my spare time I enjoy visiting local markets, hiking, going to see live music and spending time with my family.

I am so lucky to be a part of this lovely little community here at Marjorie Mann and I look forward to getting to know you all better, building strong and meaningful relationships with both you and your child throughout the year.



Hi my name is Rebekah

I've been in the early childhood sector for over 17 years, with 14 of those as a qualified educator. Through my experience and ongoing studies in a Bachelor of Social Work, my passion for supporting children and families has only continued to grow. I've developed a strong understanding and deep respect for the importance of the early formative years, and I truly value the role that family, community, children's rights, and play all have in shaping confident, resilient, and emotionally secure little humans. I'm all about creating safe, inclusive spaces where every child feels valued, heard, and supported.

I'm of Tongan and Kiwi heritage, and with that comes a love for rugby - go the mighty All Blacks... unless they're playing Tonga, because then it's Mate Ma'a Tonga all the way! Between mum-life, work, study, and family, spare time is pretty rare. But when I do get a moment, I enjoy spending quality time with my family, tackling a DIY project around the house, or my all-time fave - day napping (highly recommend).

Upcoming for the team...

Reggio network meeting
I'm Alert Training
CPR Training
19th Team Leader Meeting
Room Meetings

Feedback 
is always welcome

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