

MEDIA RELEASE



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Introducing the after school care team at Withcott Early Childhood Centre

The after school care team at the Withcott Early Childhood Centre is a dedicated and friendly group. Team leader Terrie has a Certificate III in Children's Services and is currently studying for her diploma.

In the afternoons, Terrie enjoys walking over to the school and collecting the prep children from their classrooms, and then meeting up with the older children at an arranged place. When everyone is assembled they walk back to the centre chatting happily about their day and spotting interesting things along the way, such as frill-necked lizards lazing in the sun.

Once back at the centre, the after school care team goes to their specially designated room where they place their bags and have afternoon tea provided by the centre cook. The team is given a variety of afternoon teas such as muffins, slices and dips; or the children can make their own sandwiches and choose the fillings. Fruit is always available and is offered first.

After the children have finished afternoon tea they can choose to play either outside or inside. There is a variety of activities the children can request including swings, totem tennis, soccer, building cubby houses, or just using their imagination and making their own games. Inside the centre there are arts, crafts and painting provided; and the children enjoy playing with play dough, clay and collage. There is also a computer with educational games available, which the children can share and work together to solve puzzles and problems. Time can be set aside for homework if requested by parents.

The children spend time with their younger siblings at the centre, as they are usually joined by them from 4.45pm.

The Withcott Early Childhood Centre is currently seeking casual relief staff for all rooms at the centre. New staff will need a Certificate III or Diploma in Children's Services.

If you are interested in becoming a relief staff member, or would like more information on the after school care program at the Withcott Early Childhood Centre, please phone (07) 4630 3722 or drop in to see them at 42 Biggs Road.

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