Welcome to December!

Hello Fabulous Funhouse Families,

The last month of the year is here! The Funhouse team is working hard to ensure the children have a great time while winding down to the holidays, as well as preparing for next year!

Vacation care forms are available now, and they are due by **Friday 7th December**

Keep an eye on your child/ren’s special event date for Term 4. If they don’t attend that afternoon and you would like them to, use our online change of booking form to request a casual booking.

We hope that all families have a happy, safe and relaxing break. We will see you in the new year!

*Keep Smiling, The Funhouse Team*
The Funhouse Management Committee
All families are both welcome and encouraged to attend!
Castle Hill Funhouse is a not-for-profit organisation that requires parent volunteers to sit on our Management Committee. The Committee decides on matters of policy and meets once a month to make other major decisions about Castle Hill Funhouse. *It is expected that all families serve at least 1 year on the Committee while they are using the centre.*

Families are welcome to bring their children along to the meetings – they can play in the Funhouse playroom.

**Next Meeting:**
**6:30pm Wednesday 20th February 2019**

**Location:**

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**Coconut Scones**

**PREP 20 | COOK 15 min | SERVES 18**

**INGREDIENTS**
- 1.8 cups self-raising flour
- ¾ cup tinned coconut cream
- ¼ cup cold lemonade
- To serve:
  - Whipped cream
  - Fresh or frozen strawberries smashed

**METHOD**
1. Preheat oven to 200C
2. Combine half of the flour, coconut cream & lemonade into a large bowl & mix until just combined. Do not over mix, or scones will be dense! The dough should be soft & a little sticky. If too sticky add flour a bit at a time. Repeat for the remaining ingredients.
3. Turn out onto a floured surface, and gently pat down to 3.5cm (1⅓”) thickness.
4. Use a 6cm/2.5” round cutter to cut scones. Flour the cutter in between so the dough doesn’t stick.
5. Place on a lined or greased tray, slightly touching each other (they help each other rise) and bake for 12 to 15 minutes until golden on top.
6. Place on rack to cool. Place tea towel over them to stop the tops from getting crusty.
7. Serve with copious amounts of cream and smashed strawberries.

**Special Dietary Requirements**
- No coconut = coconut free snack
- No dairy = no whipped cream
- Gluten free = gluten free flour

**Notes:**
1. Do not substitute the lemonade for solo! It makes the scones really dense, like rocks.

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**Sub-Committee Established!**

**Focus: Future Growth at Funhouse**

The Funhouse Management Committee has created a new sub-committee concerned with the future growth of Funhouse.

**Please join our sub-committee!**

Email: isabelle@castlehillfunhouse.com.au

**Next Meeting:**
Monday 10th December
6pm @ Funhouse

**Topics:**
Future planning, increasing our numbers for after school care, the increased need for after school care in our community

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**Tried and Tested for Funhouse Afternoon Tea!**

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Community Announcements

Non-Notification Fee
A non-notification fee has always been a part of Funhouse’s procedures. For families omitting to notify us of absences, Funhouse will be sending out a final reminder.
If families do not notify us of absence Funhouse will charge a non-notification fee of $15.00 per event (in addition to their booking fee).
If you have any questions or would like further clarification, please don’t hesitate to speak to Isabelle or a supervisor directly.

Best way to notify us?
- Online change of booking form https://castlehillfunhouse.com/forms/change-of-booking/
- Emails info@castlehillfunhouse.com.au
- Text us using the Centre’s mobile phone (new this year) 0423 843 917
- At Funhouse: Parent Communication Book in sign in/out area

Water Play @ Funhouse
We would like all families to be aware that Funhouse will have regular water play afternoons providing the weather is warm. If needed – please chat to your child/ren or a supervisor if you have concerns 😊

BYO Toys in December
Each year in December only we allow children to bring their own toys to enjoy with their friends! We do ask for families support in discussing the following with their children before bringing toys in:
1. The toy is your responsibility
2. If it gets lost, Funhouse cannot take a staff away from the children to look for it
3. The toy should have your name on it
4. Funhouse will always take stealing seriously
5. Do not bring something that is very expensive or your family will be sad if it is lost
6. No electronics

Funhouse Closing Dates
Summer 2018/19 & 2019/20
Here are the dates that Funhouse will be closed over the summer holidays:

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Enrolling for 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 & 2024
We ask families to inform us if they have a child starting in 2020, 2021, 2022 or 2023 so we can add their name to the list for the correct year.

Enrolments for 2019 should already be completed
**Community Announcements**

**Group Leaders 2019**
Next year, the Group Leaders for each grade are:

- **Kindy** – Jessica and Hannah
- **Year 1** – Sue and Alissa
- **Year 2** – Selina and Lauren
- **Year 3** – Tamika and Maurice
- **Year 4** – Janelle and Tahlia
- **Year 5 and 6** – Isabelle and Vivian

All our leaders are extremely excited to welcome back our familiar faces in 2019, and welcome some new ones!

If you have any issues, ideas on how to support your child/ren at Funhouse, or we have any ideas/incidents to share with you about your child’s time at Funhouse, their group leader will be more than happy to sit down and discuss with you. If you wish to organise a meeting to discuss your child’s progress, please email us!

**Sunscreen**
Funhouse follows the guidance of the Cancer Council NSW – who tells us when it is necessary to apply sunscreen. This is when the UV Index is 3 and above and means that a minimum 50+ sunscreen is to be applied every 2 hours.

Children currently need to apply sunscreen at Before School Care, After School Care and Vacation Care.

When the UV index is 3 or above, we ask parents to remind their children to apply sunscreen when they arrive in the morning. Staff will remind children to apply sunscreen when needed at Vacation Care and After School Care.

Funhouse provides Coles Everyday SPF 50+ Sunscreen Lotion for the children and staff of the centre. If your child has an allergy to this brand, please supply an alternative with their name clearly labelled. The sunscreen will be stored at the centre.

If you would like more information, please visit the Cancer Council website or download the (free) SunSmart app!

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**Family Feedback Survey**
The family feedback survey will be emailed to the main account holder on the 10th of December 2018. Please take a moment to provide valuable feedback to help inform Funhouse’s practice for 2019. The more feedback the better! If you have other feedback, please don’t hesitate to get in touch!

The team:
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Management Committee:
management@castlehилfunhouse.com.au
Centre Manager:
isabelle@castlehилfunhouse.com.au
Your child’s group leader:
info@castlehилfunhouse.com.au

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**Kids Council Election Process for 2019- Years 2 and up only**
If your child would like to nominate for the 2019 Kids Council, these are the important dates to keep in mind:

1. **Week 8**: children can nominate themselves for election by creating a poster to display
2. **Week 9**: all children will have a chance to vote for the nominees in their year group
3. **Monday, Week 10**: 2019 council members will be announced

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A page of Thank You’s...

Funhouse could not operate the way we do without the hard work of so many people, and the amazing contributions of our whole community.

Although this is not everyone who makes Funhouse an amazing place to be, we would like to thank:

The Funhouse Management Committee (parent volunteers!)
Our parents
Our wonderful children
KU Children’s Services – our inclusion agency
The CHPS community – Leaders, Teachers, SASS team, School Cleaners
Super helpers – Mr Hill and Murray Bray
Our high school volunteers
Other OOSH centres around our community

Please catch any of the supervisors: Isabelle, Sarah, Louise, Sue, Tamika or Emma if there’s anything you’d like to chat about.
Alternatively, please complete our online Feedback form: https://castlehillfunhouse.com/forms/complaints-incidents-grievance-form/