

Director's Report

Lindfield East Before and After School Care

Tuesday, 29th October 2019

As Centre Director of Lindfield East Before & After School Care (BASC) it is my pleasure to provide the P&C with an update on activities that have taken place since the last Director's Report was submitted in August 2019.

In late August, after almost 10 years of service, Fabian Cowling departed the centre. His departure prompted a review of staffing arrangements to assess the feasibility of engaging a greater number of staff on a permanent basis. After having conducted this review, a decision was made to create a full time Assistant Program Coordinator position, which has been filled by Annette Harman. Annette will join Joel Arthur as the centre's second Assistant Program Coordinator and will take over as Educational Leader heading into 2020. Annette is an experienced educator who holds a Bachelor of Education (Secondary Humanities Education) Masters of Arts (English) and Masters in Education. She is also completing a Diploma of Children's Services. Prior to joining Lindfield East BASC, Annette worked as a high school English/History teacher at Ravenswood School for Girls.

In addition to employing a second Assistant Program Coordinator, the centre offered permanent positions to several casual team members. Most team members availed themselves of the opportunity to commit to more permanent employment, however a small number of team members elected to remain employed casually.

The centre is staffed by a full time Centre Director, Program Coordinator, Assistant Program Coordinator, a part time Assistant Program Coordinator, 3 permanent program assistants, and 6 casual program assistants and 3 casual juniors.

After several months in the making the centre will launch its website on Monday 18th November. The website will not only serve as an avenue for providing current and prospective families with information of centre, but will also allow families to enrol children, update their details, and edit their bookings. Additionally, families will have the freedom and flexibility to customise their bookings according to their needs without having to commit to a rigid pattern of permanent bookings. It is hoped this will further reduce the waitlist.

The website will also contain a learning portal, which will allow families to track, in real time, their children's learning whilst they are at the centre. This will further increase families engagement with the centre, and will facilitate a collaborative approach to the development of the centre educational program.

Stephen Moore
Centre Director