



In Home Care

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Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year! We hope that you have all had the opportunity to spend some time with loved ones over the summer months and are ready for a wonderful 2019.

Important information:

Did you know from 14 January 2019, child care providers are required to include children's actual attendance times in families' statements of entitlement and in session reports (except absences)? For further information see the Department of education and training [website](#).

Quarterly Family Management Plan (FMP) Reviews:

The beginning of the year is a timely opportunity for families to ensure that their current In-Home Care arrangements are meeting the requirements that families have for 2019. The IHC Support agency are continuing to update the FMP quarterly reviews as they are due, and ask that families check their emails for these, and respond with any applicable updates. If there are no changes to the FMP required, a quick reply email confirming this is greatly appreciated.

Quarterly reviews form a component of the IHC Support Agency contractual agreements with the Australian Government and as such are required to ensure the continued support of families through IHC.

Updated hourly rate cap for IHC:

The Australian Government has recently increased the hourly rate cap for IHC to \$32.00 per hour. This rate increase came into effect on the 1st of January 2019. For more information about this and how it may relate to your family, please refer to the [Australian](#)

[Government Department of education and Training website](#).

IHC Staff changes

The IHC Support agency welcomes Amrita to the team. A note from Amrita

Hello families, friends and educators! Amrita here 😊 I started working in the In Home Support Agency Team last Tuesday. A little about me, I have just relocated back to Tassie after 6 years in Sydney, where I was working as a Diploma Qualified Educator in long day care centres. I am also part way through my Social Work degree, once completed I am hoping to work within Indigenous communities. In my spare time I enjoy doing yoga, spending time with my family and getting creative. Thanks for making me feel so welcome everyone, I look forward to speaking with you.



We also farewell Ali, who has completed her secondment within the IHC Support Agency and will now be returning to her substantive role within the Inclusion Support Agency.

Operating hours:

Throughout 2019, the IHC Support agency will continue to operate from 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday. We do not operate on Public Holidays,

We ask that any potential foreseeable amendments or an increase in hours of care that may be required during public

holidays or over the weekend be discussed with In Home Care Personnel prior to being required.

We will be sending out regular Newsletters in 2019. Are there any topics you would like more information about? Let us know via [e-mail](#).

*Annette, Roxanne and Amrita
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