

An Island First For Child Care

The island now has its first ever licensed Family Day Care operating. Anne Palmer has been registered by Pittwater Children's Services to provide home based care for children. This means that affordable child care for under-two's is now available with Child Care Benefit and the 50% Tax Rebate on out of pocket fees.

Working in conjunction with the Kindy, Anne and the SIOCS team now can cater for all kids on the island from birth to school and beyond.



Anne's home is conveniently located near the Kindy and her main days of operation are Tuesday's and Wednesday's from 7.30 am to 5.00 pm: making this a perfect solution for young kids with older siblings at the Kindy. Other available slots, for all age groups, include Monday mornings from 9.00 am to 12 noon (with a trip to the Playgroup) and Fridays. Fridays are an exciting day with child-based activities and excursions on the mainland to shows, concerts, parks, playgrounds, museums etc. However, due to the DoCS regulations about being near water Anne can only take one child on these days and the parents need to drop off and pick up on the mainland. Anne is licensed for up to five children including her own son Ashlee, but has limited numbers initially to four kids a day. Tuesdays and Wednesdays are fully booked at the moment with two children on the waiting list; however, spaces are available for the half day on Mondays and the Fridays. Casual bookings can be taken for the Monday mornings.

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Mums Are You Interested In Working From Home With Your Child?

Why not become a licensed Family Day Carer too?

There is a desperate need for care for the under two's on the island, together with care for older kids, when the Kindy is closed. Anne has a waiting list already of children who need help now.

- **Yes**, your house may need a few modifications to meet the safety requirements, BUT there is a grant of up to \$1,500 to help fund related expenses. The main areas for island houses would be safety glass (which can be filmed if necessary) and fencing (an enclosed deck is an option too).
- **Yes**, there is some paperwork involved, BUT it is not that onerous when you are in the swing of it.
- **Yes**, some training is required, BUT it can be done in less than two month's and in just one or two evenings per week.
- **Yes**, you will be governed by DoCS and NCAC regulations, as the Kindy is, BUT the rules are really common sense and easy to follow.
- **Yes**, you will be running your own business, BUT you also have the back up, equipment, help and support from the Northern Beaches Family Day Care team in Newport. You have the tax benefits of running your own show, with the support of a management team to call on if you need it. It is the best of both worlds.

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