Dear families,

It's hard to believe that November is over and December is already here! December is a month that we at Chiquitos Family Daycare happy look forward to. In this busy month we enjoy talking about all of the holidays that our Little Ones celebrate, we talk about families, friends, love giving and sharing. We're lucky to have the most wonderful families who support us along each project at daycare. It is wonderful for us to be able to share our holiday tradition and to learn and appreciate kindness and differences. It is also nice for us to talk to the children about giving to other families who don't have much as we do. The giving tree project is a wonderful opportunity for children to really experience this. All of us my boys, my husband, Elva and I wish you and your family a very happy and holiday season 2017!

In the month of November the children have had so much fun learning about spring, creepy crawlies! As we move into the month of December we are learning about Christmas and all that it entails! From Santa, Christmas and everything up until the New Year!

The children doing different learning activities to supplement these topics! Such as writing a letter to Santa, and walking to the post office to deliver our letter, making their own advent calendar Christmas countdown! We'll also decorate our daycare Christmas tree and patterning with Christmas lights and presents!

Some art projects you will see are wrapping paper collages, jingle bell paintings and also a top secret one that won't be revealed until Christmas! Some songs you might hear your children singing are "Five Little Christmas tree!" It is the time of the year for me to share my home Christmas carols in Spanish! we love Christmas!

Important reminder!
This is our last newsletter for the year. As many of you are aware during the month of December, I do not write journals, only email photos of children playing, as I am too busy with the end of year activities, which include reports, journals, evaluations, organising our Christmas party, plus the fact that the children and I dedicate all our time to listen Christmas and holiday stories, get our songs ready and work hard on our parents presents for Christmas... etc

I also like to take the opportunity to shout a "BIG THANK YOU" to wonderful assistance who has helped me unconditionally along all this year Elva Olivos who already got all our trust as she gives children so much love and attention, taking care as her own ones. Thanks from the bottom of my heart

**Bedsheets** go home in the kids’ bag pack every day, please ensure that bedsheets are washed at the end of each week. Next year Chiquitos FDC will provide bed sheet bags so it makes easier for us to set up beds

**Giving tree project!** We are collecting toys for Sutherland Shire Family Service, we got plenty of time as we’ll delivery the present at end of the December month. Feel free to pass the message around families & friends

**New Childcare package,** Family Daycare Australia has brought into all educators’ attention the new childcare package. From July 2018 the CCB & CCR will be no longer applicable. It will be combined into a new childcare benefit and is capped at $10.70p/hr only LDC apparently are capped at $12 something. Why the figures are different I don’t know. This change will affect directly your %50 out of the pocket which it will increase. I thought you the families need to be aware of this change, for more information feel free to visit the following link https://www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage

**VACCINATION RULES,** the NSW minister has release following information re, vaccination rules for NSW early childhood services. Welcome, tough new rules mean from January 2018 NSW parents will not be able to use conscientious objection as a reason for not vaccinating their children if they want to access early childhood education and care services.
CHIQUITOS FAMILY DAYCARE FULL HOUSE, it is with pleasure and excitement to announce that our daycare is full house, we'll be welcoming three new families, into our daycare at the beginning of January and February 2018. Please help me to welcome families and share your experiences at Chiquitos daycare.

Mums Christmas night out! I think all mums will agree with me, our Christmas mums night out was absolutely wonderful, we all share divine meals, nice company full of laugh, anecdotes and memories of our wonderful treasure. It was lovely see putting names to faces such as everyone knew our gorgeous “ Bonnie” who is very well known by “ Bonnie Boom boom” and meeting her mum

Please, Please! Don’t forget to check out important dates this month!

Important Dates in December:

- Children Christmas party on Saturday 2\textsuperscript{nd} December at 10:00am to 12:00pm
- December workshop Ginger bread house presenter “ Magda & Elva “ from 4\textsuperscript{th} to 8\textsuperscript{th} December
- Tuesday 19\textsuperscript{th} December movie day at Cronulla cinemas
- Wednesday 6\textsuperscript{th} December a trip to Simbyo Zoo, from 9am to 2pm
- Magda last day of work Friday 21\textsuperscript{st} December 2017
- . Daycare resume on Monday 15\textsuperscript{th} January 2018
- Magda will resume on Thursday 18\textsuperscript{th} January 2018

I also like say THANK YOU to all of you the parents for your trust, help, support and let us jump on million adventures with one only interest “ OUR CHILDREN” we had done so many
excursions, visit and projects. I feel absolutely bless to have each of you in my daycare. THANK YOU for always recommend my daycare and speak so high of me, I feel absolutely honour and lucky of my daycare families.

Wishing you and lovely Christmas, a good deserve brake and safe new year

Merry Christmas and Happy new 2018

If you’d like to get more information or visit the premises, you only need to contact us on 04 0087-4212 to arrange suitable time and date for you and for the service.

You can join our waiting list, only need to send your request to chiquitos.fdc@gmail.com and we will be happy to send our personal waiting list, looking forward to hear from you.

Please follow us on Face Book “ Chiquitos Family Day Care” and give a “like” if you find our page interesting

Happy Holidays,

Magda, and Elva