

Diamond Valley Food Share

Thank you to all the wonderful families and educators who made such generous donations to our Diamond Valley Food Share Box. The center was able to makeup three large boxes full of groceries which is a great effort for our small service. (These donations will provide emergency parcels to help people survive homelessness, unemployment, illness and crisis.) Through this simple act of donating we also hope to educate the children about being charitable & compassionate. A big thankyou to our Crafty Kinder children who decorated our donation box – I'm sure it caught your eye upon arrival reminding you to bring in your donation.

Bathroom Privacy

The Centre kindly ask that families refrain from entering the children's bathrooms. We understand that some parents ensure that their child visit the bathroom to wash hands or sit on the toilet at arrival or departure however due to privacy reasons we ask that you **do not enter in with your child even if the bathroom is vacant** and simply ask an educator to supervise your child. Other children need to feel comfortable to access the bathroom at any time and having unfamiliar adults in there may prevent that. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

As you may have noticed the center is once again taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program which gives the center a chance to earn amazing new resources. Each year Woolworths runs the Earn & Learn Program which offers shoppers the chance to collect stickers which children then put on an earn and learn sticker sheet. The sticker sheet can then be dropped into the collection box located in the center foyer. The kinder children have also fantastically decorated another box which is located at our local Millpark Stables Woolworths. Please support the center and spread the word to family and friends so we can collect as much as possible to expand the children's educational resources on offer to them. The *Woolworths Earn & Learn* program will be running from **Wednesday, 26 July until Tuesday, 19 September, 2017**.

We use our walking feet inside



Reminder to Families: The center continuously does its best to ensures that the center is a safe place for the children, families, staff & visitors. Just one way we ensure safety is to educate the children to use their walking feet indoors and save their running feet for outdoor play only. Therefor due to OHS reason we kindly ask that at the end of each day when you are signing your child out that **you ensure your child does not run in the corridor and foyer area when leaving**. Thankyou in advance.

Children with life threatening food allergies

We would like to inform and remind families that we have several children who have sever food allergies at the center, these include allergies to Eggs, Nuts, Seafood and Kiwi just to name a few. We understand and respect that families whose children do not have food allergies will be eating these types of foods however please ensure your child's hands, mouths and clothes are adequately wiped down prior to coming to care.

TERM 3 2017 NEWSLETTER



When do children need to be kept home?

When we are not well, what we mostly want is someone to look after us, to give us food, sympathy and rest. When children are sick, they need all of this and more. Children who are unwell, and especially if they are in pain, often feel frightened or worried, they need to be cared for by the people they feel close to. Our educators are often loved by and trusted by the children, but it is difficult for educators to give unwell children the time and attention they need in a child care environment due to the amount of children in their care. Ill children can also pass on infections to other children and to the teachers if at childcare. This is why they need to be kept home if they are unwell.

So when do children need to be kept home:

- If you have had to give your child medication such as Panadol or Nurofen before dropping them off. These sort of pain reliefs only mask the symptoms until the medication wears off about 3 – 4 hours later
- If they have had several loose bowel movements, vomiting or a consistent temperature. (24-hour exclusion for vomiting & Diarrhea)
- If a child has a suspected/confirmed illness that is an infectious disease (exclusion period applies child can only return with a medical clearance)
- If a child cannot partake in the rooms program as they would usually (e.g feeling very lethargic and irritable)



We would like to thank families for keeping their children home to rest and get better – helping contain the spread of nasty germs.

The Importance of Outdoor Play in Winter



During the cooler months, it is common for children to be restricted to indoor play at home, and only permitted to play outdoors when it is warm and sunny.

Many parents fear that their children will not “like” being outside in the cold, or that they will get sick from being outside in the cold fresh air. For this reason, it is particularly important that young children enjoy outdoor activities in their early childhood education service.

Playing outside in autumn, winter, and early spring, each present their own unique opportunities for exploration and learning. Therefore, outdoor play should be embraced in all types of weather, as it is crucial for children’s ongoing development.

My child will get sick if they play

outdoors in the cold!

Most adults associate winter with getting colds and illnesses such as the flu. However, it is not exposure to the cold that cause these viruses. In fact, it's likely to be increased exposure to poorly ventilated indoor environments, where bacteria and viruses live. By encouraging outdoor play in winter, children gain much needed exposure to fresh air and Vitamin D, while avoiding bacteria. Taking children outdoors daily, even in winter, is a healthy part of our program and it is safe when clothing is appropriate. With gum boots, a coat or rain jackets over their normal clothes and a beanie children are warm and protected and able to enjoy uninhibited outdoor play.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| AUGUST | Friday 4 th | INDIGENOUS INCURSION | Kinder Children- Cultural Infusion |
| | Tuesday 8 th | Kinder Dreaming with Tristan Harris | Incursion 10am - 10.30am |
| | Wednesday 16 th - | WALK BIKE TO SCHOOL EVENT | Begin your day with a healthy start - Lets all WALK/BIKE to Childcare |
| | Thursday 17 th | PHOTO DAY'S - CLASSIC STUDIOS | 8.30am Onwards On Both Days |
| SEPTEMBER | Friday 1 st | FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST | 7.45am at the centre- Invitations to follow |
| | Thursday 14 th | R U OK? DAY | Celebrated through room curriculum |
| | Thursday 28 th | FOOTY COLOURS DAY | Footy Finals Celebration |
| | Friday 29 th | GRAND FINAL - PUBLIC | Centre closed |
| OCTOBER | Wednesday 4 th | MID AUTUMN FESTIVAL | Celebrated through room curriculum |
| | Thursday 19 th - | DEWALI FESTIVAL WEEK | Celebrated through room curriculum |
| | Monday 23 rd | | |
| | Monday 23 rd - | CHILDREN'S WEEK | Celebrated through room curriculum |
| | Friday 27 th | | |

Nursery Room Newsletter

Staff changes- This term we have welcomed Alex into the room. Alex will be replacing Tania for the remainder of the year. The nursery room is quite settled at this time of the year and the children seem to have adapted well to the change of staff.

Happenings- Families, please be sure to keep checking our calendar of events and flyers around the centre to keep updated on the events throughout the year to ensure your child does not miss out.

As the cold weather continues we are trying our best to get outside as much as we can. When we are unable to get outside we have been planning outdoor activities, inside for the children to be able to engage in physical play. We are also continuing to do various art activities and sensory experiences, as the children seem to really enjoy them.

Clothing- We advise that you pack jackets and beanies in your children's bags for the times that we do head outside. The children are encouraged to feed themselves and this can get quite messy at times, so we also ask that you pack a few changes of clothes for your child so we can change them when necessary.

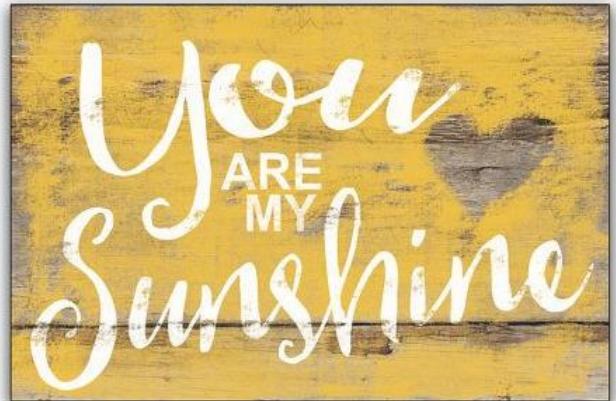
Absences - Families can you please call the centre in the mornings to notify if your child will not be attending care for that day or coming in at a later time. This is to ensure that your child has lunched saved for them or not, as lunch is at 11.00am.

Upcoming excursion- The children will be going on a little excursion for a walk around RMIT. The children will be in prams and four by four they will take a stroll to get a little closer to our natural surroundings. This will take place on Tuesday the 8th of August (Walk Bike to School Event). Permission forms will be handed to families closer to the date.

Thank you families - We would like to thank our parents for helping us collect bottle cap lids to create our amazing rainbow serpent during NAIDOC week. The children had such a great time creating it and is now a group master piece hanging on our wall.

Past events

We had a fantastic term 2 with lots of happenings and events that children enjoyed participating in. Below are some photos to show you little bit about what we have been doing.



Thank you: Alex and Sofia - Nursery Room Staff

Toddler Room Newsletter

Hello and welcome

Hasn't the year passed quickly? The children had been very busy during term two with lots of different activities that the children have had the opportunity to participate in. These different activities allow the children to develop new skills such as, verbal language, mathematical concepts, care for the environment, respecting living and non-living things, learning about the different cultures in the world in which they live. These activities are in more detail below.

For Anzac day the children helped to make Anzac biscuits to share for afternoon tea and during this activity the children learnt about measurements and the names of different ingredients used. They also had the opportunity to help mix the biscuits.

We celebrated mother's day with an afternoon tea and again the children help to make choc chip cookies using their previous skills of measuring and mixing and it was fantastic to see so many mothers attend to make afternoon tea fun and exciting for the children.

For world environment day we used, old newspapers and put our hand prints on them and talked about how paper is made and the importance of using less paper when we are drawing & drying our hands.

The toddlers joined the Kinders in their room for the reptile encounter incursion and had the opportunity to learn about different animals as well being able to feel the different textures of their skins. Children had the opportunity to hold some of the animals as well.

We celebrated Nadioc week within the toddler room by making to different art pieces one was a dot painting of a serpent using sticks to make the dots and a hand print flag in black red and yellow to represent the aboriginal flag. During the flag making we used the opportunity to educate the children on what the three colours represent.

Most recently we had pyjama day and the children look amazing in all their different pyjamas and teddies. The children helped to decorate the shape of the moon and a star to add to our art wall as well as colouring and decorating pyjama shaped cut-outs.

During term two we had some staff changes within the centre and Karen has joined us in the toddler room and she looks forward to getting to know you and your children.

Reminders:

- Some families have still not brought in a family photo and it would be greatly appreciated if you could do this as it helps the children to develop a stronger sense of Identity when they see their family photos on the wall and can share with their friends.
- If your child is still in nappies we would ask that you supply home nappies so that we can change your child into this half an hour before their schedule home time.
- As it has been cold we ask that you please bring in a warm coat and beanie as we still have plenty of outdoor play. This play is vital to children's wellbeing especially supporting their gross motor skills.

Thank you from Karen, Ashleigh, Stacey and Jadranka.



Kinder Room Newsletter

Hello and welcome to term 3. The year is starting to fly along now and before we know it, it'll be Christmas time!!

We have had a strong focus on letters and sounds letters make. Children have been practising writing letters and learning new vocabulary. As a follow up from children's interests in role play we decided to change the home corner with dress ups to a doctor's clinic. The children have been negotiating roles and learning about various clinical instruments in a fun way where they transfer knowledge from a familiar context to a new one.

Once again construction area, art area and puzzles have been most popular amongst children. Amazing things such as museums, police stations and jails have most recently been created in construction area by using different building resources – supporting children's dispositions for learning such as cooperation, confidence, imagination, persistence and problem solving.

A quick introduction for those who don't know me. My name is Tania and I have been working in the Early Childhood Profession for 22yrs. I have been employed at Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre for almost 9yrs. I enjoy doing lots of art and crafts experiences with the children and I have a passion for animals.

Sign in/out Book- The sign in/out book is located on top of the lockers before you enter the room. Please ensure that you or the person who is dropping off your child **clearly writes down their full name** in English within the "Who will collect the child?" section on the sign in/out sheet. Please make sure you do not write mum, dad or grandma etc.

Family Photo- Thank you to all those parents who have kindly brought in a family photo for our wall. If you haven't handed one in yet, there's still time. The kinder children enjoy looking at the photos throughout their day and gives them a strong sense of belonging in the room and it's great to see some similarities and connections with families.

Home Toys- We kindly ask that you leave all home toys either at home or in the car. Your child has a special Show and Share day where they can bring in something from home to share with their friends at childcare. Educators will not be held responsible for lost or broken toys or try and chase up lost toys. We have lots of toys and activities in the kinder room for your child to explore and play with.

Term Goal- This term we will be focusing on:

- Continuing to encourage children to be independent learners by scraping their food plates at meal times, rinsing their lunch time plate, pouring their own drinks and putting on their jackets and clothes.
- Friendship, feelings and emotions
- Continuing with people in the community who can help us Police, Fire brigade and Ambulance

Last Terms Highlight

- On the 19th of June 2017 we had a great visit by Reptile Encounters who brought along some native animals to Australia. The children got to learn about Lizards, crocodiles, barn owl, a long neck turtle and some snakes. Some of brave children also got to hold some of these amazing animals.

If you have any questions or would like to add something to our program please feel free to speak to either Tania, Gurpreet or Cecilia in the room.

