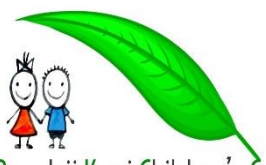


Term 1

2018

Newsletter Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre



Welcome to all our new and existing families to 2018. We hope everyone has had an enjoyable and relaxing break and look forward to another wonderful year. This is our first newsletter for 2018. Each term you will receive a newsletter with updates and information for the term ahead.

Last year was a great year for the service, all our hard work was recognised as we showed that we exceeded National Quality Standards. This year we will continue to provide quality care and learning for the children.

Fee's

Each week families will receive an invoice from the Centre. Families must pay this invoice within the fortnight. If families wish to pay monthly, they may do so but must be paid a month in advance not a month behind. Parents can pay their fees through direct deposit.

Direct Deposit Details

Account Name: Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre

Centre BSB Number: 083 - 307

Centre Account Number: 015717805

ENSURE YOU PUT YOUR CHILD'S FULL NAME (NOT THE PARENTS) AS THE REFERENCE

Reminder that invoices are placed in your child's Family Pocket located in the hallway. In efforts to move towards a more sustainable service we ask that if you are happy to receive your statement via email that you visit the office and provide us with a current email address.

Dates to remember: 2018 is looking to be another great year with lots of happenings and events. Please see Term 1 Events below:

FEBRUARY	Tuesday 13 th Friday 16 th	SHROVE TUESDAY CHINESE NEW YEAR	Educated through room curriculum Celebrate through room curriculum Wear RED
	Wednesday 28 th	RED BALLOON DAY	Celebrate through room curriculum
MARCH	Monday 12 th Tuesday 21 st	LABOUR DAY HARMONY DAY	Centre is closed Celebrate Multiculturalism – Dress in Cultural Background Clothing 9.30am Invites to follow
	Thursday 29 th Friday 30 th	GRANDPARENTS MORNING TEA GOOD FRIDAY	Centre closed
APRIL	Friday 6 th Monday 9 th	HEALTH & FITNESS INCURSION COMMONWEALTH GAMES ACTIVITY DAY	Presented by Happy Feet starting from 10am Celebrated through room curriculum
	Monday 2 nd Wednesday 25 th	EASTER MONDAY ANZAC DAY	Centre closed Centre closed

A Little About Our Programs -Play is very important for children therefore our educational programs are play based. Through play babies and young children explore and learn to understand the world around them as they come to communicate, discover, imagine and create. When children play they are showing what they have learnt and what they are trying to understand.

Educators at Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre follow a planning cycle whereby we:

- Observe Children
- Gather meaningful information about children's current knowledge, identity and culture to assess their learning and progress
- Interpret learning and set goals for individual and group learning
- Plan for further learning that supports children as capable, competent people with agency and the ability to make choices and decisions
- Implement planned activities
- Critically reflect on children's learning and development in a collaborative way with coworkers to affirm practices.

Each Room creates a Monthly Program that is displayed for you to view. We love and encourage your feedback and input so please do so if you can spare a minute. Be sure to also read our daily reflections and check your child's individual portfolio to see what significant learning has taken place while at care.

Did you know that we now have our very own App?

Simply go through your APP STORE or GOOGLE PLAY on your smart phone /iPad/tablet and search for **TEAMAPP**. Download the Free APP, then search for Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre. Enter in some quick login details and you're done!



It will send you notifications/reminders straight to your phone just like you would a text message -ensuring you never forget important centre information.

Welcome Michelle...

Michelle is Numdaji Kwei's newest staff member. She has joined the team this year as the centre's Kinder Teacher. Michelle will run the 4 Year Old Kinder program from 9.30am - 3.30pm Monday to Friday.

Michelle

Hello my name is Michelle. I am the Kindergarten teacher at Numdaji Kwei. I have a Graduate Diploma in Education (Early Childhood) and began teaching in 2015, before joining the team here at Numdaji Kwei in January 2018. My highlight each day is seeing the children learn and develop through exploring their environment. There is no greater joy than seeing them make a breakthrough, such as recognising their name or counting the blocks in the building they have built.

In my spare time you will find me taking my boys to their sports or at the gym. I also love spending time in my garden, which has a compost, worm farm and a vegie and herb patch.

I look forward to getting to know you and your child throughout the year.

Child Care Subsidy

New Child Care Package

From 2 July 2018, Australia will have a New Child Care Package. Under the new package, the **Child Care Subsidy (CCS)** will replace the existing **Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate**. CCS will be the main way the Government assists families with their child care fees.

Families currently using child care will be contacted in early 2018 with more details about the changes.

A Family Child Care Subsidy Estimator is available to make it easy for families to get an idea of what their new subsidy might be under the New Child Care Package. The estimator is user-friendly and only takes a few minutes to fill out. Below is the link for the estimator.

<https://www.education.gov.au/sites/education/files/child-care/est/index.html>

Have you visited our centre website? nkcc.org.au has many helpful links and centre information- be sure to check it out 😊

Signing In and Out Your Child...

Families please ensure you are signing in & out your child each day. Please see below for an example of how you should be signing in and out.

Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre

toddler Saturday, 6 February 2016

Child's Name	Time In	Sign In	Who will collect the child?	Expected Time Out	Time Out	Sign Out	ABSENT CODES
1 Joe Smith	9.00	J Smith	Sandy	4.30	4.25	J Smith	
2							
3							

Note: It is important to write in who will be picking up your child. If throughout the day you require someone different to pick up your child please ensure you ring the centre and notify a staff member of the change

DOOR SAFETY

For the safety of the children, staff and families - it is of great importance that the door is **CLOSED SHUT** behind you when entering and exiting through the front door.



If you see unfamiliar faces at the door please kindly ask them to wait outside the door and advise them that you will get a staff member to attend to them.

A FAREWELL NOTE FROM MARINA...

Dear Families,

I would like to inform you that it is with a heavy heart that I have decided to resign from my position at the centre. After getting married in May 2017 I moved to Wallan- since then I have struggled with the commute to work each day, which is why I have decided to find local employment.

This has been a very hard decision for me to make as it has been an amazing centre to work for. All the Children, families and staff have been wonderful to me and I will miss everyone dearly.

I have given the centre 4 weeks' notice with my last day being 13 March. Renae and I will ensure we find a suitable replacement and update families when we have found the right person.

Thank you for everything I am very grateful to have met you all.

*From Marina - Second in Charge
& Educational Leader*

Nursery Room Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome back families to a new year in the Nursery room, to our new families welcome to Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre. We have had a busy start to the year meeting all new faces and creating new relationships, though it has been a pleasure getting to know you all. We are excited for the year ahead and we hope you enjoy the journey with us.

During the next few weeks we aim to work closely with our families to help us provide this best possible care for the children. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to speak us and have a chat. We thank you for taking the time to spend with the children during their orientation processes, it was a busy but an exciting few weeks.

At the moment the children are thoroughly enjoying the outdoor environment. We find that it really helps with settling children at drop off times in the morning. Now that the weather is warm we will be utilising the yard as much as possible as well as doing indoor and outdoor play times which gives the younger children time to sleep when the older children are awake and vice versa. Outdoor play is important for children of all ages, it provides them with health and wellbeing benefits of fresh air and physical activity. It is also a great way for children to get closer to nature with all our beautiful natural surroundings, including trees, plants, sand and birds. Please ensure during these warm days children have appropriate summer clothing such as t-shirts not singlets, hats and close toe shoes not thongs or sandals. For the children who are not walking yet a pair of socks in their bag that we can put on their feet for outdoor play just to protect the feet.

Below are some photos from our orientations days where parents stayed and played with the children to help with settling into the new environment for the year 2018.



Toddler Room Term 1 Newsletter

Hello and welcome to the toddler room for 2018.

We would like to say welcome to all our children and families that will be with us during the year and we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. We have some new children joining us and we are looking forward to developing new relationships with you as well as continuing the relationships that we already have developed with the children that have been with us during 2017.

During First term we will be focusing on supporting all children in developing a strong sense of identity from developing relationships with their educators as well as with their peers in the room.

Your children's educators for 2018 are:

Our first few weeks have started off well, the children are settling in well and are enjoying exploring and engaging in both their indoor and outdoor environments.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to talk to us at any time.

Kinder Room Term 1 Newsletter

Hello and welcome to what will be an exciting and fun year in the kinder room!

So far the weather has been kind to us and the children have been spending their time outside exploring the environment for bugs, playing in the cubby and riding the bikes. Inside we have learnt new songs such as Paki Paki and read new story books. We also discussed the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flag and then painted them for Australia Day.

This term we will focus on the children settling into the room and adjusting to the new routines and building on their social and emotional skills. We will also be celebrating a number of events this term including Lunar New Year, Shrove Tuesday and Easter. If you have any suggestions on activities or other topics that we can explore please speak to Tania, Michelle or Cecilia.

Kinder Program

Each day our Kinder program runs from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm, so that each child receives the full benefit of this program we would like for the children to arrive at the beginning of the session.

Home toys

We ask that the children do not bring toys into Kinder as this may lead to conflict or items being lost, causing children to become upset. Comfort and sleep toys can be brought in, however they are to be kept in the locker when your child has settled or is awake. Educators will not be responsible for lost or broken toys.

Photo

At the beginning of the year we gave each family a piece of paper to place a family photo on and to decorate, we would appreciate it if you could complete this. When we receive it we will place it on our family wall.

