



Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre

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Welcome to term 3 therefore the 3rd newsletter for the year. Despite the cold weather being well and truly here it definitely has not stopped the fun & learning at Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre.

As you all know last term we had our Art Exhibition & Auction Week as a fundraising opportunity for the centre. With all canvases sold the centre made a profit of \$335. On behalf of the centre we would like to thank to all the families for your Bids and Purchases. With the profits made will be purchasing art and craft supplies.

GETTING TO KNOW NUMDAJI KWEI

Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre is a non for profit cooperative childcare centre that provides care for 40 children per day- aged from 3 months to 5 years. The Centre is governed by a Board of Management who are parents of the children within our care. The board of management meet once a month with the Centre Director (Renaë) and Second in Charge (Marina). Renaë and Marina inform and advise the board of the happenings around the centre, the board then discuss and vote on decisions when required.

You may have seen that the centre had been on the lookout for new board members early this year. Great news is that we had a great turn out and now have a new team of board members. The new board members are:

President: Erwin (Jerimiah's Father)

Vice President: Benita (Ilkuka's Mother)

Treasurer: Tony (Mia's Father)

Secretary: Joanne (Sienna's Mother)

General Board Members: Melissa (Adele's Mother) & Cheng (Pei Lin's Father)

We welcome and thank the new board members for making the commitment to the centre and its future.

Please note that minutes to each board meeting are on display for all to view in the foyer next to the kitchen.

Did you know that we also provide a 4 Year Old Kinder Program within our 3-5 room?

The 4 year old kinder program is run by Gurpreet our Kinder Teacher who holds her Masters in Teaching Early Childhood.

In order to be involved our kinder program a minimum of **three days per week** is required insuring that your child meets the minimum of 15 hours of kinder per week, before venturing off to primary school. The 4 year old kinder program is specific in learning & development in preparation for school.

Attending our Kinder Program rather than an outside sessional program can mean that families who work or who have busy schedules **can benefit from a full day of care & program for your child** as well as **choosing what days' work for your family and care during school holidays.**

If you would like your child to join our 4 Year Old Kinder Program for 2017 simply ensure that when re-enrolment forms for 2017 are distributed in October that you express your interest then.

Just for Laughs

Q: What did Winnie The Pooh say to his agent?

A: Show me the honey!

Q: Why can't you give Elsa a balloon?

A: Because she will Let it go.



FEES

Families, it is vital that fees are paid on time. Fees are to be no more than 2 weeks behind as then this affects the running of the centre. Each Monday accounts are charged and invoices are distributed. We remind families that the method of payment is Direct Deposit and to please ensure that you enter your child's name as the reference when making your deposit.



Why not set up Automated Payments through your Bank, saving you time and hassle.

Children Who Are Unwell Are To Be Kept At Home!

Parents are advised to **keep their child home** if they display the following symptoms- fever, vomiting, diarrhoea, headache, or appear lethargic. Children do not benefit from a busy day interacting with other children and educators if they are unwell and require rest. Also the wellbeing of other children and staff are put at risk when sick children are at care.

If your child shows any of the symptoms listed above or shows signs of a contagious illness or is unable to participate in the program due to suspected illness while at the centre, parents will promptly be contacted to collect their child so please remember to **inform the director should any of your contact telephone numbers change**. The centre appreciates your cooperation in ensuring we have a healthy and safe environment for all.



To conclude it is very important that
Parent's ring the centre if your child is ill
And will be absent from their booked day.



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 you will get a staff member to attend to them.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraisers are a great way for the centre to take part in special activities, get involved within our community and raise money for resources for the children.

We are wondering if there are any family members who would like to create a fundraising subcommittee. The subcommittee will work together to discuss and arrange fundraisers for the centre. Possible fundraising ideas are: Numdaji Kwei Children's T-Shirts, Bunnings/Masters Sausage Sizzle & Family Portraits.

If you are interested in joining the sub-committee please see the office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG	Thur 11 th – Fri 12 th	PHOTO DAY'S - CLASSIC STUDIOS	8.30am onwards
	Thur 18 th	INCURSION KINDY GROOVE *DENTAL PROGRAM (3-5 yr olds) *DISCO DANCE (0-3 year olds)	10am at the Centre
SEP	Fri 2 nd	FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST	Invitations to follow
	Thur 8 th	R U OK? DAY	Celebrated through room curriculum
	Thur 15 th	MID AUTUMN FESTIVAL	Celebrated through room curriculum
	Thur 29 th	FOOTY COLOURS DAY	Footy Finals Celebration
	Fri 30 th	GRAND FINAL – PUBLIC	<u>Centre closed</u>

Local Food Markets

Local markets are a great source of locally grown, fresh fruit and vegetables. Why not check out some of these markets – you'll be supporting the local community as well as providing your family with some of the best produce available!

*The Monday Market – Whittlesea Township
Whittlesea Showgrounds, Showgrounds Road,
Whittlesea (Mel Way 246 J7)*

This community market provides a wide variety of fresh products including oil, dry fruit & nuts, coffee, and fresh fruit & vegetables.

- Open every Mondays, 8am – 1pm.

*Whittlesea Community Market – Whittlesea Township
Whittlesea Showgrounds, Showgrounds Road,
Whittlesea (Mel Way 246 J7)*

There is something for everyone at this market; including fresh produce and other items.

- Open every third Saturday of the month, 8am – 1pm

*Wollert Community Market
455 Epping Road, Wollert*

Wollert Community Market is a fun and enjoyable market where fresh fruit and vegetables are sold.

- Fourth Saturday of the month, 8am – 2pm

*Excludes the Months of December, January and July.

*Bundoora Park Farmers Market
Bundoora Park, Plenty Road, Bundoora
(Melways Ref 19 F2)*

The Bundoora Park Farmers' Market has over 35 stalls with local produce, fresh fruit and vegetables. Bring the family, your dog (on leash), shopping jeep, baskets and green bags for a great shopping experience.

- Open every first Saturday of the month, 8am – 1pm (entry fee: gold coin donation)