

Term 4 Newsletter

Numdaji Kwei
Children's Centre
12 October 2015



Welcome to our Term 4 Newsletter – this is our 4th and final newsletter for the year. It is full of exciting news & information to keep you informed and involved.

We would like to congratulate our wonderful team on becoming recognised as a healthy service and successfully meeting statewide benchmarks for Sun Protection. Through Healthy Together Victoria – The Achievement Program, Numdaji Kwei is committed to becoming a 'healthy together centre'. We have now submitted our application for recognition for our next priority area of Active Play and currently await feedback and approval. We look forward to receiving our next sticker for our sign and becoming one step closer to becoming fully recognised in all six healthy priority areas.

Below are just some ways that we have put our active play plan into action: Health & Wellbeing Policy reviewed, purchase of physical activity resources (balls, cricket set, balancing equipment), sports day & community notice board with physical activity opportunities within our local community, role modeling healthy lifestyles & commitment to regular benchmark reviews.

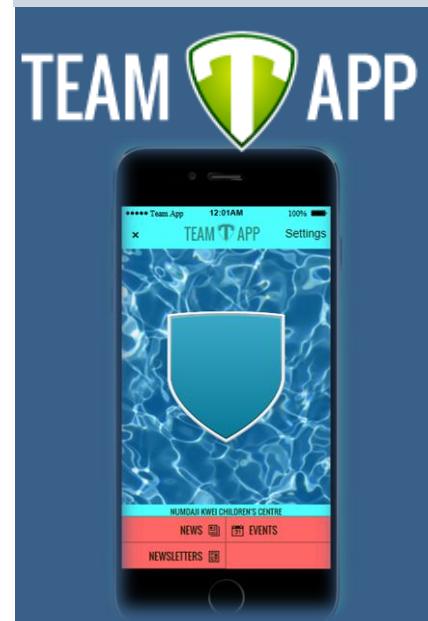
Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre Smart Phone APP

Did you know that we now have our very own App. Team App is a great way that we can communicate news and events with all our families. Team App will send you notifications straight to your phone just like you would a text message -ensuring you never forget important centre information.

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!

happy
healthy
parents
make
happy
healthy
children.

-Dr. Miriam Stoppard



Numdaji Kwei Children's
Centre – Team App



Children & Family End of Year Christmas Party & Concert



Date: Sunday the 6th December 2015

Time: 11am – 1pm

Come along as we celebrate the end of year with a celebration at Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre

- Face Painting
- BBQ Sausage Sizzle
- A Special Visit from Santa
- Children's Concert Performance



Christmas joke:

What do you call a person who is afraid of Santa Claus?

Claustrophobic!

The service has decided to hold the event on a weekend in hope that all families can attend- so we hope to see you there. Please keep an eye out in your parent pocket for your invitation.



NO JAB NO PLAY

Under the 'No Jab, No Play' legislation, all parents/guardians seeking to **enrol** their child at an early childhood service in Victoria after the 1 January 2016 will be required to provide evidence that the child is:

- fully immunised for their age **OR**
- on a vaccination catch-up program **OR**
 - unable to be fully immunised for medical reasons.

'Conscientious objection' will not be an exemption.



It is important that your fee payments are up to date. If fees remain unpaid for 2 Weeks parents will be issued with a reminder sticker on their statement.

Parents then have 5 business days to make payments or negotiate a payment agreement with the director. If neither option is acted upon, you may risk losing your child's position.

Please be reminded that Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre is a non for profit organisation therefore we rely on parents fortnightly payments to pay staff wages and supplies for children. Each week families receive an invoice from the centre if you would like the invoice emailed out to you rather than the hard copy please see Renae or Marina.

All families will receive a final statement on the 1st December 2015 that will be charged till the final day of care for the year. This final statement will need to be finalised by the 14 Dec 2015 in order to secure you child's position for 2016.

Please note that the final day of care is the 18/12/15. We will reopen on the 11/1/16. Families will not be charged during the closure period.

"A child is like a butterfly in the wind, some can fly higher than others; but each one flies the best it can. Why compare one against the other.



Each one is different!
Each one is special!
Each one is beautiful!"

Consumer Alert – Asbestos Identified In Crayons Sold Within Australia

Trace amounts of asbestos have been detected in some brands of children's crayons that have been imported into Australia. The crayon products in which asbestos has been identified are as follows:

- Dora the Explorer Personalized 32 pack crayons
 - Dora the Explorer Jumbo crayons
 - Arti Crafti 16 piece crayons
 - Peppa Pig 8 wax crayons
 - Disney 'Frozen' Jumbo Crayons
 - Disney 'Mickey Mouse & Friends' Crayons

For more information please visit the website below :

www.accc.gov.au/update/accc-statement-on-asbestos-in-crayons



Working Bee!

Thank you to all the families who attended the August Working Bee. Works included washing windows, fixing the baby room sand pit, building the wooden outdoor bridge and weeding the gardens. Working bees are important in ensuring the centre (both inside and out) is maintained and also is a great way to contribute directly to the centre and to get to know other parents and families. A reminder also that if you attend a minimum of 1 working bee in a year you will receive your \$50 enrolment deposit for your contribution to the day.

The next working Bee will be Saturday 21st November 2015 from 9am -11am.

Be sure to keep a look out for the poster on the front door a week prior to the date to sign up as attending.

Event Calendar Term 4

DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION
OCTOBER Monday 5 th Wednesday 7 th Thursday 8 th Tuesday 13 th Thursday 22 nd 26 th – 30 th Tuesday 27 th	World Teachers Day Classic studios (photo day) Classic studios (photo day) Art Exhibition & Auction Disco Day (with Kindy Grove) Children's Week Board of Management Meeting	Celebrations for all educators 8:30am onwards 8:30am onwards 6:15pm – 7:30pm at the Centre 9:30am to 10:30am Children's activities to be advised 7:30pm at the Centre
NOVEMBER Monday 2 nd Tuesday 3 rd Wednesday 11 th Monday 23 rd	Numdaji Kwei Luncheon in the Marquee Melbourne Cup Day Diwali festival Board of Management Meeting	Children will participate in jockey races Centre Closed Celebrations at the Centre 7:30pm at the Centre
DECEMBER Sunday 6 th Friday 18 th	Christmas Party at Numdaji Kwei Final day of care for 2015	11am – 1pm at the Centre Centre will reopen on the 11th Jan 2016

CREATING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY, SUSTAINABILITY AND RECYCLING

At Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre creating a sense of community is an important part of what we do.

As children grow and develop, connections to the outside world help them to find their place in the world, to develop understandings of how society works.

Have you noticed the Diabetes bin in the foyer? This is just one of the many ways we are contributing to our community. The clothing collection bin provides you with a means to declutter your home whilst helping support people with diabetes. So as your children grow out of their clothes and your preloved clothes are replaced with something new, simply bag them up and place them in the bin the next to you drop your child off at childcare.

We are all role models for the children in our care; through the simple act of donating and recycling clothing via the diabetes bin our parents and staff have the ability to instil positive recycling behaviours into the minds of our children. The clothing collection bin will be an ongoing practice so we welcome and encourage your contributions.



Spaghetti Bolognese with Eggplant

Fast, easy, and the eggplant makes it a bit fresher and healthier.

Ana Says
"It's The Children's Favourite"



Ingredients:

- Half kilo ground beef, chicken or turkey
- 1 medium eggplant, in cubes
 - 1 onion, diced
 - 3 cloves garlic, diced
 - 2 cans diced tomatoes
- Fresh herbs, salt and pepper
- Spaghetti (or other pasta)

Boil water for spaghetti. In a big saucepan, add a few tbsp olive oil, herbs, garlic and onion for 3-4 minutes. Add beef and brown, then add eggplant and cook for about 5 minutes. Add tomatoes and simmer for about 20 minutes, season with salt and pepper. Make the spaghetti during the last 5 minutes, strain and toss through pan of sauce. Top with grated cheese.