



Welcome to our Term 2 Newsletter

**Mother's Day Afternoon
Tea**

Friday 11th May
3.45-4.30

Tingle Tootle

Road Safety Incursion
Wednesday 16th May
10.30 am

National Story Day

Visit from a Librarian
Wednesday 23rd May
10.00 am

**Annual Board of
Management Meeting**

Monday 28th May
6.00 pm

**Diamond Valley Food
Share**

Month of June

World Environment Day

Tuesday 5th June

Queens Birthday

Monday 11th June
Centre Closed

Red Nose Day

Friday 29th June

NAIDOC Week

July 9th – Friday 13th July

**Kinder Dreaming Art and
Storytelling**

Thursday 12th July 2018
10.15 am

Centre Information....

Child Care Subsidy

**Important
Information**

Families, you will need to complete a child care subsidy assessment online. You can do this through your MyGov account. When you log on, check your centrelink account, go to your inbox, there will be an email and a link asking for your income estimation.

Please ensure this is completed by the 1st of July 2018. If you don't complete your income estimation, you may be required to pay full fees.

For more information, there are two free webcast sessions:

Thursday 3rd May 2018

2.30 pm to 4.00 pm

Tuesday 15th May 2018

8.00 pm to 9.00 pm

To register, please use the following link:

www.education.gov.au/childcare

Immunisations

We ask that as your child receives an updated immunisation record, that you provide this to the office. Thank you in advance.

Swinging on the gate

The Purple gates out the front of the centre seem to be attracting some of the children's attention lately, where they are shaking them and swinging on them. This damages the bolts and threads that hold the gate together and cannot be retightened. For the safety of the children and the care of the building, we ask that parents ensure that their children do not swing on or shake the gate

**Centre Closes at
6.00 pm**

Families are reminded that the centre closes at 6.00 pm each night. Recently we have been experiencing some families who are often collecting their children past this time. Our staff have commitments of their own so please respect this & collect your child by 6.00 pm.



Recipe of the term Chicken Carbonara

250 g fettuccine
500 g chicken mince
1 onion chopped
2 cup mushrooms sliced
Peas
Carrots
Zucchini
1 cup cow's milk
1 tbs cornflour
2 tbs parmesan grated
Splash of vegetable oil

Method

STEP 1 Cook pasta according to directions on packet, drain.

STEP 2 Add oil, cook onion. Once onion is cooked, add mince. Cook mince until white.

STEP 3 Add mushrooms and cook for a further minute.

STEP 4 Add milk and cornflour. Bring to the boil, stirring, then add pasta and remove from heat.

STEP 5 Sprinkle with cheese.

STEP 6 Serve immediately.

Rain coats, Beanies, Warm clothing

As the weather is getting colder, we ask parents to bring your child's beanie, warm jacket and spare set of warm clothes.

During Autumn and Winter, we still take the children outside to play and explore the environment. It is very important that children have the appropriate clothing that helps them keep warm during this time.

The Most Common Winter Myth Dispelled

“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.

Kitchen News

The centre Cook, Priscilla, has decided to move on and say her farewells to the children, families and educators at Numdaji Kwei. Priscilla will miss everyone.

We wish Priscilla all the very best in her new adventures and thank her for all her hard work.

Priscilla's last day will Monday 14th May 2018.

Nursery News

It has been a busy and exciting first term with all the children settling into their new environment. This has been such a wonderful time getting to know them as well as our families. Now that the children are happy and confident in themselves, their peers and educators have begun to slowly introduce some exciting experiences for the children to engage in. The children have participated in various art experiences that we have provided based on the children's interests as well as our calendar of events. This term we celebrated Chinese New Year with cotton ball painting onto fans, brush painting onto balloons for Red balloon day, dove making for Harmony day, hand print rabbits and foot print carrots for Easter and Poppy paintings for ANZAC day. As well as art experiences the children participated in various physical activities for the commonwealth games day and health/fitness incursion. We also made pretend desserts out of blue play dough to help celebrate Sri Lankan New Year.

The children have also been really enjoying the outdoor program and spending their time in the outdoor environment. The bikes, cars, sand pit and cubby house are the most popular areas that the children enjoy spending their time with. Great for extending on their gross motor/physical skills, sensory/fine motors and imaginative play. As the cold weather approaches we still encourage outdoor play so please ensure you provide your children with warmer clothing along with a thick jacket and a beanie.

Thank you and we look forward to another great term ahead.

Alex and Stacey.



Toddler room newsletter Term 2

Hello and Welcome to Term 2 from the Toddlers.

The children have settled in really well and are developing lots of lovely friendships with their peers and educators. We would like to welcome Max, Ethan and Susannah who have joined us from the nursery room in the last few weeks. We look forward to getting to know you and your families.

We have had a very busy first term with not only settling the children into the room but with different activities from our events calendar. Activities have included Shrove Tuesday, where we cooked pancakes for afternoon tea. Chinese New Year, where the children made a lantern as well as a hand print dragon which is on display in the room. Red balloon day, we encouraged the children to make a balloon collage using sticky contact these looked great and are also on display on windows in the room.

Our big event for the term was grandparents/family morning tea. The turnout in the toddler room was sensational, we would like to say a big thank you to everyone that was able to attend. We look forward to other events throughout the year where families can join us.

The weather has been really kind to us, we have been able to spend lots of quality time outdoors as the children enjoy exploring and familiarising themselves in their outdoor environment.

As winter is fast approaching we ask if you could please make sure that your child brings a warm jacket for outdoor play even a beanie to keep their heads and ears warm as this is an important part of our curriculum the children really enjoy engaging in this environment.

We would like to say a big thank you to our families that have brought in a family photo. The children are very proud to show their peers and educators these. If you haven't brought one yet it's not too late to add to our wall and support your child's sense of identity within the room.

A friendly reminder when signing in and out, please make sure that you do this each day and in the correct position as it could change each day of the week. This is a legal document that registers your child's attendance. It also allows us to know when and with who your child is going home with.



Kinder Room Newsletter -Term 2

Welcome to term 2 and it's great to see the kinder children settled in their room and starting to establish and maintain trusting friendships.

We would like to welcome Darion (who's new to the centre) and Claudia (who's moved up from the toddler's room) to the kinder room. We hope you have a fun time learning and exploring the room!!

Term Focus

This term we have focused on the Commonwealth games and encouraged the children to participate in their own Numdaji Kwei games. We had a few activities set up for the children to have a turn with and as a group we will celebrate each other achievements.

We have been speaking to the children importance of ANZAC day and why it is so important to our history. Children have had the opportunity to make poppy wreaths and do some paintings and stamping painting of poppies.

We will be celebrating Mother's Day and talking to the children about their wonderful Mums. Children will also be offered the opportunity to make their mother's a present

On Wednesday 16th May we will be having a visit from Tingle Doodle who will speak to the children about road and car safety. This will be an interactive incursion so please make sure you bring your child in early on this day. Time to be advised closer to the date.

If you have any suggestions on activities or other topics that we can explore please speak to Michelle, Tania or Cecilia

Kinder Program

*****Reminder***** *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.

Family Photo

Thank you to those parents who have already brought a family photo in for our wall. The children love looking at their photo throughout the day and it's a great way for the children to start a conversation about their family with their friends and discover many similarities, connections and differences. If you have not brought one in there's still plenty of time.

Show and tell

Show and tell commenced on Monday 23rd April. A letter has gone out to all parents regarding their child's show and tell day. Show and tell this year will be running on themes and to start off the year the theme is "Getting to know you". These themes were introduced so that child and parent can work together as a team and find an object or item that is special to them. We ask that children only bring something in on their allocated day.

Past events

Friday the 16th February we recognised and celebrated Lunar New year. Some of our beautiful parents brought in some yummy traditional treats for the educators to enjoy and we thank you for including us in your celebrations. To extend on the celebrations, the children in the kinder room made some Chinese lanterns and also made some lucky red envelopes to celebrate the year of the dog.

On Wednesday 28th February we celebrated and recognised our hard working CFA fire fighters. We spoke about what an important job they have and what we should do if we see a fire and to call 000. As a centre we asked you for a gold coin donation and raised \$50.00. A big thank you to everyone that contributed.

We celebrated Harmony day on Wednesday 21st March, it was a great day, where some children came dressed up in their traditional clothes and were excited to show their peers their background. The children watched a short video on diversity from the Harmony day website which they enjoyed and opened up to a lot of group time questions and answers.

On Thursday 29th of March we celebrated and recognised our Grandparents and special people in our lives, with a morning tea. Our grandparents and special people enjoyed some hot cross buns and were able to participate in doing a hand painting with their grandchild and a pasting. It was so wonderful to meet some of our children's grandparents.

The Responsible Pet Ownership Educator came out to visit the kinder children on Tuesday 24th April. Margaret, the educator brought along her dog, Tasha and had a talk to the children about how to approach a dog and the best way to behave around a dog.

