

Term 3 Newsletter Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre

Dear Families,

Welcome to our Term 3 Newsletter. We would love to start off by welcoming our new Board of Management at Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre. You may have noticed that we have been on the lookout for new members. We are happy to inform you that the positions have now been filled. Our new board members are:

President: Elizabeth

Vice President: Dan

Secretary: Ruoyu

Treasurer: Will

General Board Members: Rosita, Thilini

We would love to welcome and thank all members for their time and commitment to the centre.



As you are all aware, we are now in full swing of using our Ipads for signing the children in and out. Just a friendly reminder that you are to only use your own contact information to sign the children in and out. It is important that you do not use other family member's login details or give your information to anybody else.

New Centre Cook and Breaks Reliever

Lea

Hello, my name is Lea. My position at Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre is the Cook. You will also see me in the afternoon covering breaks in the rooms.

I started at Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre in June 2018. I hold my Certificate 3 in Children's Services and have been in the industry since 2014. I enjoy planning and providing a balanced and nutritional menu for the children to ensure that food provided by the centre meets and exceeds the expectations of the families.

I love cooking for my family and friends.

In my spare time, I enjoy spending quality time with my husband and three children.



CALENDAR of Events

Monday 6th August to Tuesday 7th August 2018

Children's Photos - taken by Classic studios

Monday 20th to Friday 24th August 2018

Book week – Dress up in your favourite book character

Friday 31st August 2018 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Father's day activity night - invites to follow

Monday 24th September 2018

Chinese Mid Autumn Festival

Thursday 27th September 2018

Footy Day – Dress up in your favourite footy colours.

Friday 28th September 2018

Grand Final Day Public holiday – Centre Closed

Door Safety

Due to safety reasons, we ask that parents don't let unfamiliar faces in the front door. If you see someone who wants to come in but does not know the code, please kindly ask them to wait outside while you get an educator to attend to them



Nursery Room News

What a busy and productive Term 2 we had in the Nursery Room. The children have been familiarising themselves with their altered environment as the room got a little make over with the play spaces and additional resources following on from the children's interests.

Welcome to the Room

We would like to welcome Sofia as our Room Leader to our Nursery Room. We have also welcomed new peers Alexander, Adelyn and Jacob who have joined us in the Nursery Room.

Events

This term we celebrated World Environment Day by going over to Toddler and Kinder yard to help water the vegetable and herb garden as well as going on a nature walk with the children collecting leaves to do a nature pasting. On Friday 29th June was Red Nose Day and we raised awareness by wearing red as well as participating in a room disco.

Curriculum

The children have been able to experience and participate in various art activities such as painting, pasting and drawing with crayons and textas. We have also had fun engaging in playdough and water play. We have introduced indoor obstacle courses with the soft foam mats and an A-Frame - this was a lot of fun as we played music and had a bit of a dance. We also set up an indoor ball pit for the children which was a big success as the children enjoyed engaging in their fine and gross motor skills as well as communicating verbally and non-verbally by giggling or naming the different coloured balls they could see. The children have continued to enjoy exploring and engaging in their outdoor environment whether it is playing in the sand pit, cooking up a storm in the cubby house or getting some physical activity in with the bikes, see saw and slide. Group times are a hit with the children singing and dancing along to nursery rhymes. Some of the children are requesting particular books and nursery rhymes which is great to see.

Family Photos

We would like to thank all of our families for supplying us with a Family Photo. The children have really enjoyed looking at these as they have proud moments by pointing and naming family members. This gives the children a great sense of belonging in the room.

We would like to ask if your child has shown a particular interest in anything or done something special over the weekend to please let us know so we can incorporate this into our program.

Thank you and we look forward to another great term ahead

Sofia and Stacey



Toddler Room News

Hello and welcome to Term 3 from the Toddler Room.

We would like to welcome Albert who has joined us in the Toddler Room from the Nursery room. We look forward in getting to know Albert and his family. We would also like to welcome Educator Jordyn into our Toddler Room.

Events

What a busy term 2 it has been with lots of activities and events from our yearly calendar. Activities the children have participated in consist of:

- Easter: We made pop-up eggs with the children's photos.
- Health and Fitness Incursion: We had Happy Feet attend our centre and discussed the importance of healthy foods and lifestyles.
- Commonwealth Games Day: We had lots of gross motor activities set up for the children to participate in. Some of the activities included: Large foam blocks for climbing and moving from one end to the other. Ball toss, where the children threw the ball into the bucket. The small A-Frames with a plank for the children to practice their balancing skills. And a large parachute with colourful balls on top which encouraged the children to use their gross motor skills to lift the parachute up and down. The children had lots of fun shaking the parachute making the balls bounce up and down.
- World Environment Day: We made a bus using recycled boxes. We taped boxes together then covered it in paper. The children then chose to paint the bus blue. When it was drying we cut out some circles for wheels which the children requested for them to be black, once the wheels were dry we stuck them onto the bus. We also planted a Syzygium Australia (cinnamon twist) tree next to the outdoor shed. This is an Australian native tree and should flower around Christmas time.
- Red Nose Day: We spoke to the children about babies sleeping safely in cots and also played a game of pin the nose on the teddy bear.
- The biggest event in term 2 was the Mother's Day Afternoon Tea, we had a great turn out in the toddler room, thank you to all our mum's and families who joined us for this special event. In the lead up, the children enjoyed creating cards and tulips. In the morning the children helped make scones for their mum's to enjoy in the afternoon, we also did marble butterfly paintings with our mums which they all enjoyed.

Reminders

We have been getting outside when the weather has allowed us to which the children really enjoy. Just a friendly reminder to ensure your child has winter clothes in their bags such as a beanie and a warm jacket.

Term 3 Focus

This term we are focusing on supporting the development of the children's self-help skill. Such as Toileting, dressing and undressing themselves, washing their hands, using one squirt of soap, and one piece of paper towel. We are also supporting and encouraging children to cover their mouths when they cough and teaching them how to use tissues to wipe their noses when needed

Thank you
Karen, Ashleigh and Jordyn



Kinder Room News

Welcome to term 3. It is great to see the kinder children blossoming so well in the room. We are now half way through the year and sadly only six months to go until our older children progress to school. Last term we welcomed new children to the Kinder Room, Isaac and Jasmine, we hope you have a fun time learning and exploring the room. This term we will welcome Elaina who is moving up from the Toddler's Room

Drop Off

We would also like to remind families to ensure that you come in the room and greet the educators when you drop off and pick up your children.

Term Focus

This term we will be focusing on:

Respect in the Kinder Room. We will be talking about how we can respect our friends, equipment and our families. There are also a number of important celebrations this term. In the second week of July we acknowledged NAIDOC week by learning a new song, reading stories and making art work with natural materials and inspired by aboriginal stories.

Box construction

Over the last month the children have shown great interest in box construction, creating many interesting models such as planes and buildings. However, we do need more small boxes and containers to sustain this interest. If you have any small boxes, we would be grateful if you could bring them in for the art area. As we are a **nut free and egg free** centre, *we ask that boxes that have contained nuts or egg products are **not be brought into the centre***. Please do not bring in toilet rolls due to hygiene purposes.

Some examples of what to bring in:

Show and Tell

Show and Tell continues to be a success, with the children building on their understanding of literacy by our discussions on letter of the week. To ensure this learning continues **please bring in items which begin with the focus letter**. This letter is stated on the schedule and beside the door of the Kinder Room. If you have any questions about the focus letter please speak to Tania, Michelle 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.

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.

Past events

Monday 18th June we celebrated the Chinese tradition of the Dragon boat festival. The children traced around their hands, cut them out and then pasted their hand prints to create a Chinese dragons. This was a great activity to include some of our children's culture into the room.

During the week of Monday 4th- 8th June we celebrated World Environment Day. This is a day where we bring awareness to our beautiful flora and fauna around us, and how we can encourage the children to look after our environment. We spoke about how we can reduce water by only turning the tap on a little bit, how we can recycle paper, plastic bottles and cans, we made new paper from recycled paper. Using cloth bags instead of plastic bags

Thingle Tootle- Road safety incursion. This was a fantastic incursion which through a fun and interactive performance reminded the children of road safety areas such as remembering to hold hands when crossing the road.

To celebrate Ramadan the children were offered the opportunity to make moon and stars and we spoke about the importance of this celebration.

