

Numdaji Kwei- Term 2 Newsletter 2021

Welcome to our second newsletter for the year. The Centre Newsletter provides families with important information for the months ahead and also gives families an insight as to what has been happening in and around the centre.

Thank you to the Grandparents who attended the Grandparent's morning tea. The centre has many opportunities throughout the year for families to spend some quality time at the centre with the children and staff planned through the event calendar (please find this displayed on the information board in the rooms and on our website nkcc.org.au) These times really strengthen the community feel within the Centre. **Note: Please ensure that you RSVP to all events as this ensures that the centre can cater for food and gifts adequately.**

AGM

The Board of Management would like to invite **all families** to the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The meeting is to share with all stakeholders what has been happening at the centre over the past year and voting in new board members.

Date: Monday 24th May 2021

6 pm at the Centre

Pizza and Drinks will be provided.

CHILDCARE NOT

AVAILABLE



SIGNING IN AND OUT

We kindly remind our families to make sure they are signing their child/children in each morning and out in the afternoons on the iPads.

Each family member has their own mobile number to enter when signing their child in and out. Please be sure **NOT** to be using another individual's mobile number when signing in and out.



SPECIAL FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EVENTS WALL

Located on the hallway wall, we have created a display that is called "Working as One, Our Special Family and Community Events." This display includes photos and a brief write up of how we as a community have participated and helped celebrate all the different special events throughout the year. Be sure to have a look and see how your child/ren helped celebrate all these special events.



HARMONY WEEK 15.3.21 - 19.3.21

A big thank you to those families who contributed and helped us celebrate their family/cultural event through Harmony Week in March. We welcome and encourage all our parent's/families to have involvement in their child's program. Strong relationships with families promote family well-being, positive parent-child relationships and the ongoing learning and development of children and parents.



Thank you to Lena and her family from the Kinder Room for creating and bringing in a beautiful Haft Seen display as part of Persian New Year celebrations on Friday 19th March. We appreciate the family input 😊

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PARENT POCKETS

Located in the hallway on the wall out the front of your child's room are the Parent Pockets. Please make sure you are checking and emptying these weekly as there is important information and updates placed in there.



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, standing on 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, stand on or shake the gate.



WHAT'S NEW?

As part of the staff meeting that was held on Monday 22nd March 2021, the service recently updated and reviewed its Centre Philosophy. Thank you to the educators for their input and support in this process.

The new additions added where...

- We believe a Play Based approach enriches and fosters children's interests, curiosity, imagination, confidence and abilities.
- Educators are committed to open communication and ongoing team/self-reflection in their daily practices.
- We provide a balanced and nutritious diet for children through a seasonal and rotating weekly menu.
- We believe in respectfully embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures through our Program.
- We promote and support sustainable practices as part of our everyday practice. Educators, children and families work together to show respect, care and appreciation for the environment.

The new Centre Philosophy is available for families to view in the Centre Foyer as well as on our website.



OUTDOOR PLAY

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.



Thank you to Ange who was an educator from the Toddler Room along with the children who have helped plant the following items in our Herb & Vegetable Garden: Basil, Snow peas, Mint, Oregano, Spinach and Celery. Also in the wheelbarrow garden we have some beautiful flowers growing. Ange also done an amazing job at adding some greenery to the Centre. These resources will also be available for our families to take home 😊.



Nursery Room Term 2 Newsletter 2021

To start off Term 2 this year we have said goodbye to Lucy in the Nursery room as she makes her way up to the Toddler room to explore her new environment and meet her educators and new peers. Through her orientations in the Toddler room she showed a strong sense of belonging and seemed to enjoy playing with her friend Eva who she had made a bond with in the Nursery room at the beginning of the year.

We have welcomed Wilbert and Jeffrey into our Nursery Room, both children have started to form trusting and familiar relationships with their educators throughout the day. We look forward getting to know them and their family more as the year goes on.

We have had a busy past couple of months with lots of special events happening as part of our curriculum. Some of the events we have celebrated and educated the children on are; Chinese and Vietnamese New Year, Shrove Tuesday, Magha Puja/Sangha Day, St. Patrick's Day, Persian New Year, Easter, ANZAC Day and Nature Play Week. We have been extra busy creating all different kinds of art work to celebrate these special events such as painting, pasting and drawing. The children have shown a lot of interest in their art work which is great to see and we will continue providing various art and craft activities for the children.

Quick Reminders for our Families:

- We are continuing to add more family photos to our tree but we are still missing a few, please if you have not bought a family photo in can you please do so. This helps your child to feel a sense of belonging in their environment.
- As we are now starting to come into the cooler weather please be making sure your child has a warm thick jacket and beanie packed in their bags as we do still go outside. If you can also be remembering to be packing in at least 2 changes of clothes in their bags in case they are needing to be changed throughout the day. (This includes: pants, socks, t-shirts and a jumper/jumpers.)
- Please remember to pack a nappy from home each day your child is attending, for them to be changed into 30 minutes before their expected pick up time.

Nursery Room Educators,
Jordyn & Bridie



Toddler Room Term 2 Newsletter

We have had a great second term of 2021 in the Toddler Room with the children continuing to demonstrate a sense of belonging in the room as they play and interact with each other through their environment.

We have said goodbye to Aria who is moving to another Kinder and welcomed Lucy from the Nursery Room. She has really enjoyed coming up to the room for orientation and we are looking forward to getting to know her and her family better.

We have had a busy term with lots of special events including Easter, St. Patrick's Day and Holi-Hindu Festival of Lights. We celebrated these event through lots of different modes of art from painting and pasting, and also through group discussions about what the events stand for.

Reminders for our Families:

- We are still creating our family tree so if any families who haven't already could please bring one in.
- Coming into the cooler months please ensure your child has a warm jacket and beanie packed in their bags as we do still go outside. Please also make sure there is at least one change of clothes in your child's bag in case they need to be changed (including socks, pants, t-shirt, jumper and undies.)
- If your child is still in nappies, please remember to pack one in their bag each day they attend for us to change them into 30 minutes before their expected pick up time.

We have also sadly said goodbye to our amazing educator Ange as she moves on to her new adventure. This means we have welcomed our educator Lashana into the room, the children are already familiar and know Lashana as she has been working as a casual with us since February 2021.

Toddler Room Educators:

Ashleigh, Ange, Lacey and Lashana.

TODDLER TIME



Kinder Room Term 2 Newsletter 2021

Message from the Educators

Hello and Welcome to an exciting new term in the Kinder Room.

Firstly, we would like to give a warm welcome to our new Kinder students Brian and Carlos. They have both settled in very nicely and seem to be forming beautiful friendships with the other children in the room.

We would also like to share our new addition to the Kinder Room being 'Seemore Safety' 🐻. Seemore is a plush toy and mascot for the safety program, focusing on literature and real-life experiences. This encourages the children to develop the ability to take agency for their safety by identifying, acknowledging and responding to dangerous situations in their home environment. All the children will get a chance to take Seemore home, take photos of the time they share with him and write in the journal with the help from their family.

Updates:

We have been super busy with lots of different special events happening from Easter celebrations and egg hunts, to learning about Anzac Day with a group discussion about what Anzac Day means. We read the book "Lest we Forget" about a little boy whose Grandpa was in the war. We then had a very meaningful discussion about how we are thankful for the things we have.



For Nature Week in April the children explored our beautiful outdoor yard and we used the lovely resources from our native trees to create a variety of arts and crafts.

Term 2 Goal

We have a new Term goal that will be "Teaching children to engage in their senses with nature and for children to become confident and involved learners." Taking a focus on nature and how we can help look after ourselves and our environment.

Reminders:

- We kindly ask that home toys stay home or in your child's bag. We have plenty of resources in the Centre for your children to play and engage with, if your child is interested in a particular resource such as cars, please let us know and we are very happy to incorporate it in our plan to meet your child's current interests.
- We also ask for your child to come dressed in and have suitable clothing in their bags for outdoor play. These include:
 - Closed toe shoes as this ensures your child's toes are protected indoors and outdoors from any accidents.
 - A warm jacket, jumper and beanie.
- Please ensure your child brings in a drink bottle that is labelled with their name.
- We are still asking for family photos for our belonging tree. Thank you to the families who have already handed theirs in.

Kinder Room Educators: Ching and Megan