



Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre

TERM 3 NEWSLETTER 2021

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HELLO & WELCOME

Hello and welcome to all new and existing families we hope everyone is staying warm during these colder months and we look forward to another fun filled Term.

From Monday the 5th to Friday the 9th of July all rooms incorporated NAIDOC Week Celebrations throughout their programs. The NAIDOC 2021 theme – Heal Country! – calls for all of us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction.

GETTING TO KNOW NUMDAJI KWEI

Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre is a non for profit cooperative childcare centre that provides care for 42 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 (Renae) and Second in Charge (Sofia). Renae and Sofia 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 earlier 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 voted in at the last AGM are as follows:

President: Stephen (Aurelia's Father)

Vice President: Juliette (Sena's Mother)

Treasurer: Hannah (Lily's Mother)

Secretary: Hayley (Oscar and Max's Mother)

General Board Members: Mavis (Wilbert's Mother) & Alicia (Daithí's Mother)

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.



QR Code Check In

All businesses are now required to use the Victorian Government's QR code through the Service Victoria app, and check in everywhere, every time. Families, it is vital that when you are dropping off your child/children you are scanning the qr code and checking in. There are multiple qr code check in spots available such as on the front door, foyer window on the left hand side, near the iPads and also on each room door. This helps our contract tracers keep Victoria and each other safe.



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.



ATTENTION FAMILIES – IMPORTANT MESSAGE

It has come to the Centre's attention that some parents have been letting their child use the iPads to sign in and out. Please note that the iPads are for ADULT use only to sign your child/children in and out for the day.

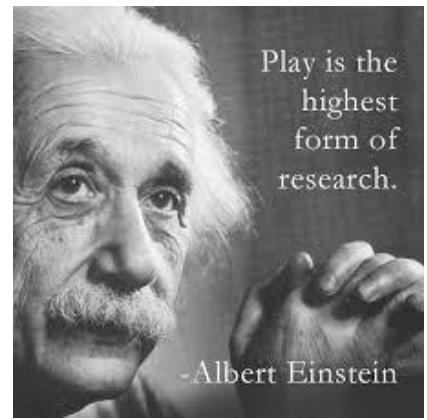
A Little About Our Program!

Play is very important for children therefore our Educational Programs are play based. Through play babies and young children explore and learn to understand the world around them as they come to communicate, discover, imagine and create. When children play they are showing what they have learnt and what they are trying to understand.

Educators at Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre follow a planning cycle whereby we:

- Observe Children
- Gather meaningful information about children's current knowledge, identity and culture to assess their learning and progress
- Interpret learning and set goals for individual and group learning
- Plan for further learning that supports children as capable, competent people with agency and the ability to make choices and decisions
- Implement planned activities
- Critically reflect on children's learning and development in a collaborative way with coworkers to affirm practices

Each Room creates a Monthly Program that is displayed for you to view. Nursery Room Program is displayed on the purple cupboard when you open the room door, and the Toddler and Kinder Program is displayed out in the hallway in front of the rooms. We love and encourage your feedback and input so please do so if you can spare a minute. Be sure to also read our daily reflections and check your child's individual portfolio to see what significant learning has taken place while at care.



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.

WE USE OUR WALKING FEET INSIDE

Reminder to Families: The centre continuously does its best to ensure that the centre is a safe place for the children, families, staff & visitors. Just one way we ensure safety is to educate the children to use their walking feet indoors and save their running feet for outdoor play only. Therefore due to OHS reason we kindly ask that at the end of each day when you are signing your child out that you ensure your child does not run in the corridor and foyer area when leaving.

Thankyou in advance.



Up Coming Events

JULY

Month of July – SecondBite Food Drive
Mon 5th – Fri 9th – NAIDOC Week
Friday 23rd – National Pyjama Day
Friday 23rd – Tokyo Olympics begin

AUGUST

Tue 3rd – Fri 9th – Dental Health Week
Friday 13th – Red Nose Day
Mon 16th – Fri 20th – National Science Week
Mon 23rd – Fri 27th – Book Week

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 1st – Early Childhood Educator's Day
Friday 3rd – Father's Day Breakfast
Thursday 9th – R U OK? Day
Wednesday 15th – Animals Galore Incursion
Monday 20th – Footy Colours Day
Tuesday 21st – Mid Autumn Festival
Friday 24th – Grand Final Public Holiday (Centre Closed)

Nursery Room Term 3 Newsletter 2021

What a busy couple of months we have had, we started off this Term by welcoming Liam to the room in May and making him feel safe and secure in his new environment. Liam had spent about 2 months with us until he transitioned up into the Toddler Room. Through his transition and orientations in the Toddler Room he started to form bonds with the educators and other peers in the room.

We have celebrated quite a lot of events through our Monthly Program and Events Calendar. We celebrated Mother's Day in May with an afternoon tea where our Mother's joined us for some art and craft activities and scones. The children enjoyed spending quality time with their mother's and showing them their environment at childcare. Thank you to all the mums that joined us for this special event.

In May we also celebrated Eid-Al-Fitr (End of Ramadan), National Simultaneous Story Time where we learnt about space, Outdoor Classroom Day and Vesak/Buddha's Birthday. The children have been very busy with different types of art work such as painting and pasting and are also enjoying engaging in play in their outdoor environment.

We have recently welcomed Noah.T into the Nursery room, Noah.T has an older brother Grayson in the Toddler room and has already formed trusting and familiar relationships with his educators throughout the day. We look forward getting to know more about Noah and his family over time.

Quick Reminders:

- As we have now 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 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 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 3 Newsletter

We have had a great Term 3 in the Toddler Room, we have seen many of the children's confidence continue to grow since the beginning of the year which they show us on a daily basis through their play.

We have seen our Toddler friends Claudia and Jiang Nan move up into the Kinder room. And we welcomed Liam up from the Nursery room. Liam is settling into the room well and has formed some great friendships with his educators and some of the other children.

We have had a busy term with lots of special events including Mother's Day Afternoon Tea, Eid-Al-Fitr, National Simultaneous Story Time, Outdoor Classroom Day, Vesak/Buddha's Birthday and NAIDOC Week. The children show lots of enjoyment when we celebrate these special events as it gives them the chance to discover and learn something new.

During NAIDOC Week we introduced an Acknowledgement of Country from Play School. The children have responded really well to this and are doing great following along with the actions, we done this daily when we sat down for group time.

***We would like to acknowledge the Aboriginal Peoples and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
Together we touch the ground of the land
(Touch the ground)***
***We reach for the sky that covers the land
(Raise hands to the sky)***
***And we touch out hearts to care for the land
(Touch chest over heart)***

Also to celebrate these special events the children were able to do some different forms of art such as painting and pasting. We drew our own night sky for Simultaneous Story Time, investigated different natural materials on Outdoor Classroom day, and lots more.

Reminders for our Families:

- We are still waiting on a few families to bring in a family photo for our Family Tree wall, so for those families who haven't already could you please bring one in to help give your child a further sense of belonging.
- 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, undies and shoes (if toilet training)).
- Please remember to call the centre if your child will not be attending for any reason as this is important for staffing and meal times.

During this last term we sadly said goodbye to our educator Lacey, and we have recently welcomed our new educator Tasha into the room. The children have responded really well to Tasha coming into the room.

Toddler Room Educators,
Ashleigh, Lashana and Tasha



Kinder Room Term 3 Newsletter 2021

Message from the Educators

Hello and Welcome to our Term 3 Newsletter ☺

Firstly, we would like to give a warm welcome to our new Kinder student Imeth who has returned to NKCC and Jiang Nan and Claudia who have moved up from the Toddler room. They have all settled in very nicely and are created meaningful relationships in the room with their educators and peers. We have also set up our Program plan outside of the room for you all to see what we have planned for the month. We would really appreciate your input and if you have suggestions or ideas to add to the plan, we would love to hear your feedback.

What we have done so far:

We have been very busy in the past couple of months with lots of exciting events and celebrations. We had our annual Mother's Day Afternoon Tea in which our lovely mothers joined us for some yummy scones and various activities. For Eid Al Fitr the Islamic celebration after Ramadan (the month of fasting), the children learnt the importance of helping one another and charity. For National Simultaneous Story Time, we read the chosen book for 2021 being 'Give me Some Space' we also engaged in a re-creation of the five little duck song turning it into five little astronauts. For Outdoor Classroom Day we took some tables outside in the undercover area as it was a rainy day and engaged in pasting, drawing and play with the Lego blocks. We also set up the outdoor obstacle course inside, the children really enjoyed this. Lastly we celebrated Vesak/Buddha's birthday where the children participated in making a Mandala using various materials of paper, paint and pencils. The most popular choice was coloured pencils.

Term 3 Goal

We have a new Term Goal that is "Children become aware of cultures and communities and learn to respect their environment". This comes together to help with the events of NAIDOC week and the Tokyo Olympics. Helping the children to further extend their knowledge in the land we live on and respecting other nationalities and cultures.

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 child 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 Program 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 the outside weather as we do indoor/ outdoor play throughout the day. These include:
 - Closed toe shoes as this ensures your child's toes are protected indoors and outdoors from any accidents.
 - A warm jacket or jumper and a beanie.
- If parents can please also pack a few extra changes of clothes, in case of accidents or messy sensory play.
- We are still asking for family photos to be handed in for our belonging tree. Thank you to the families who have already handed theirs in.

Kinder Room Educators: Megan and Cecilia

