

# Numdaji Kwei's - Term 4 Newsletter 2021

**Welcome to our Term 4 Newsletter. This is our 4<sup>th</sup> and final newsletter for the year.**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful families for their continued support during this year. It has definitely been an uncertain, tough and unique year for everyone but we are glad and thankful to have such a strong family community here at Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre and that we all got through it together.

We are all very excited to welcome back and see all of the children return to care once the Lockdown and restrictions are lifted.



***Holiday Closing Dates*** – Families are reminded that the Centre will be closed over the Christmas season. Our **last day of care will be Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021** and **we will reopen on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

## **Meet our new Early Childhood Teacher - Molly**

Hello my name is Molly. I hold a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education. I have been working in the Early Childhood Sector since 2017 and have been a part of Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre since October 2021.

I believe that working with young children has definitely brought out the best of me and made me become a better person. I love seeing the children enjoy what they are learning and grow to become caring, hardworking and independent individuals.

I am very excited to be a part of the team at Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre and I look forward to meeting and getting to know all the families and children that attend this beautiful Centre.



## **Re-enrolment**

This month parents will receive their Re-enrolment forms via email. **Please ensure you complete & return your form by the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021** in order to secure your child's position for 2022. At the start of November, a confirmation letter will then follow confirming your child's days for 2022.



## Fun with Zoom Group Times



During the 6<sup>th</sup> Covid-19 Lockdown period this year we held Group Times via Zoom for the children that were unable to come into care during the Lockdown. We would like to thank all our families that attended these. It was great fun and a fantastic way to still stay connected while being able to see one another during these difficult times. The Group Times involved Story Times with their educators as well as some singing and dancing fun ☺.



## UPcoming EVENTS NOVEMBER

### OCTOBER

- \*Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> World Space Week
- \*Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – National Nutrition Week
- \*Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> – Children’s Week
- \*Friday 29<sup>th</sup> - Halloween

- \*Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday (Centre Closed)
- \*Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> – Photo’s Day- Magic Photography (Time will be advised)
- \*Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> – Diwali – Festival of Lights
- \*Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – National Recycling Week
- \*Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day
- \*Mon 15<sup>th</sup> - Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – Nursery Rhyme Week

### DECEMBER

- \*Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Final Day of Care 2021

Please Note: Once we know more about Covid restrictions we will then advise what we will be doing for Children’s Christmas Party.



### SUPPORT FOR OUR COMMUNITY-

We would like our families to know there is support available out there during these challenging, difficult and uncertain times.

Coronavirus Hotline: 1800 675 398

Beyond Blue (24/7 Mental Health Support Service): 1300 22 4636

Lifeline (24/7 Crisis Support and Suicide Prevention Services): 13 11 14

Time 2 Talk: 1300 022 966

Whittlesea Community Connections: 9401 6644

Mensline (24/7 Counselling for Men): 1300 789 978



## Term 3 Highlights!



### Early Childhood Educator's Day - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

On this special day we celebrated the commitment and 'can-do' mindset of our early childhood educators during the unprecedented times of COVID-19. We would like to acknowledge and thank our educators for the work they complete each and every day, despite whatever is going on around them. Their unwavering commitment to the children and families never goes unnoticed. We would like to also thank all the families that sent through videos, letters, photos and treats for the staff ☺.



### Dental Health Week – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021

**“Congratulations! You have been chosen as one of our Dental Health Week winners.” From: DPV Health**



As part of Dental Health Week and our Smiles 4 Miles Program we entered a competition and sent through some photos and a brief write up to our Health Promotion Officer Laura from DPV Health. We briefly wrote about what our educators set up and implemented for the children as part of Dental Health Week and as a result we were announced as one of the winners ☺. Once COVID restrictions end, we will receive a gorgeous puppy dog puppet as well as Smiles 4 Miles products for our achievement. Thank you to all our educators for their hard work and contribution to improving healthy eating and oral health practices for the children in our community.

### Thank You ☺

We would like to thank Eli and his parents from the Kinder Room for bringing in some fresh Oranges from their tree at home to share with our staff and families ☺



### National Pyjama Day – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

On this day with the help from staff and families we raised \$23 which was donated to the Pyjama Foundation. We also helped raise much needed awareness for children in foster care by encouraging our families to bring their child dressed in their favorite pair of PJ's and by educating the children and providing them with different activities to participate in. Thank you to all those who made a donation ☺



# NURSERY ROOM TERM 4 NEWSLETTER 2021

It has been busy the last couple of months as we have had a lot of different cultural and special events to celebrate with the children. In June we welcomed Daniel into the room, making him feel safe and secure in his new environment. Once settled in he showed enjoyment in exploring both his indoor and outdoor environment and loves to play with cars. He has formed such great bonds with myself (Jordyn) and Bridie as his educators and shows he enjoys playing alongside his peers as he will smile at them and pass them the toys in the area. We said goodbye to Daithí and Lucas and we wish them the very best of luck in their next chapter. We also said goodbye to Martina as she moved up to the Toddler Room and she has settled into her new environment very nicely.

In July we educated the children about NAIDOC Week, we had a lot of different art and craft activities planned such as; painting, pasting and sensory experiences. We also celebrated National Pyjama Day, the comfiest day of work in the whole year, the Tokyo Olympics started on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July and to help celebrate this the children painted their own Olympic medals using silver paint.

In August we celebrated and educated the children on Dental Health Week, Red Nose Day, National Science Week and Book Week. This was another busy month planned with a lot of different art and sensory activities. Book Week was fun as we had the chance to dress up each day in a different costume or bring in a favourite book. As part of Book Week we also held Story Time via Zoom with the children who were at home, each day through the week we would read a different story to the children. It was so lovely to see all their faces and big smiles again.

In September we celebrated Early Childhood Educator's Day, Father's Day, Footy Colours Day and the Mid-Autumn Festival. In the lead up to Father's Day the children had created and decorated a photo frame for their dad/special person as a small present to thank them for everything and for being the best dad/special person to them. On Footy Colours Day we made our own premiership cup and for Mid-Autumn Festival we helped the children to create their very own lanterns and paper plate moon cakes.

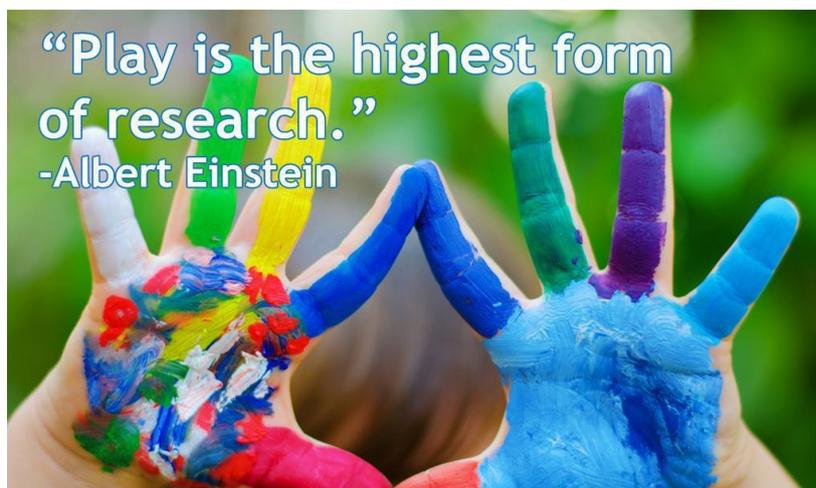
We have a busy couple of months ahead as we celebrate Space Week, Nutritional Week, Children's Week, Halloween, Diwali, National Recycling Week, Remembrance Day, Nursery Rhyme Week and Christmas.

We are missing all the children who are not attending at the moment and we cannot wait for their return. We hope everyone is keeping safe and having fun at home.

## Quick Reminders:

- As we are now coming into the warmer weather, please make sure to have a sun smart hat for your child to be able to wear when we go outside for play.
- Please be making sure to pack more than 1 spare pair of clothing in your child's bag and please be packing in T-shirts, shorts, socks and a light jacket.
- Please ensure your child wears closed toe and supportive footwear to care.

Nursery Room Educators:  
Jordyn & Bridie



# TODDLER ROOM TERM 4 NEWSLETTER 2021

We have had a good term in the Toddler Room with lots of fun activities and events that we have celebrated. We have said goodbye to Aurelia who moved up to the Kinder Room, and we welcomed Martina into the Toddler room from the Nursery Room, she has settled in really well and is forming great friendships with her new peers and educators.

Shortly before lockdown the children began showing lots of interest in the alphabet with ABC being one of their favourite songs. For our Term Goal we decided to begin teaching the children how to recognise the letters and what words start with the letters. They are really enjoying this and doing really well recognising some of the letters already.

Through lockdown the Toddler children have enjoyed forming some new friendships with some of the children in the Nursery and Kinder rooms as we have been spending more time together. It has been great being able to do the Zoom Story Times and seeing those children who have been unable to come into the Centre during lockdown. We have had lots of fun during these sessions with reading books, singing songs and even doing some yoga.

The events we have celebrated include: National Pyjama Day, Tokyo Olympics, Dental Health Week, Red Nose Day, National Science Week, Book Week, Early Childhood Educators Day, R U OK? Day, Footy Colours Day and Mid-Autumn Festival. For each of these special events we celebrated using games, art and we discussed what the meaning behind each event was, where it is celebrated and how.

A lot of the themes for the various events we celebrated this term were around healthy eating, it has been great seeing how much the children are learning about healthy foods and where these foods come from.

We would all like to send a big thank you to all the families who sent through various gifts and staff shout outs to us on Early Childhood Educators Day.

## **Reminders for our Families:**

- Please 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). And extra clothes as we often do water play during the warmer months.
- With the weather warming up we ask that you make sure your child has a wide brim or legionnaires style hat which they can keep here in their hat pocket.

For Term 4 we are going to continue working on our ABCs and we will also begin incorporating some experiences and routines to help those children who will be moving up to the Kinder Room next year. We are all looking forward to hopefully seeing all of our friends in the Toddler room coming back to care to play and learn with us soon!

Toddler Room Educators ☺  
Ashleigh, Lashana and Tasha



# KINDER ROOM TERM 4 NEWSLETTER 2021

## Message from the Educators

Hello and Welcome to our final Term Newsletter for 2021!

We are excited to welcome our new Kinder Teacher Molly who recently started with us, she is looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know all the children. We have also had an amazing time incorporating Zoom sessions for the children who have been staying home due to the Covid restrictions as part of our Program to help the children stay engaged in their learning experiences.

We have a fun and exciting Term coming up filled with special events consisting of World Space Week, National Nutrition Week, Children's Week, Halloween, Diwali, National Recycling Week, Remembrance Day and Nursery Rhyme Week as well as Christmas.

The children that will be going to school next year will also be participating in the school readiness program.

## What we have done so far:

We had a lot of exciting events over the last term ☺

**NAIDOC Week** - the children engaged in various activities that focused around the Indigenous people and their culture. These included salt dough and using different textures of sticks, leaves and twigs to imprint designs, learning the Indigenous symbols, and dot painting.

**National Pyjama Day**- The children came dressed in their comfy pyjamas and shared a book to read with their peers.

**Tokyo Olympics** - The children learnt about the countries around the world that were participating in the Olympic Games. They engaged in some flag painting where they examined a chosen flag and attempted to mirror the flag using their own observations.

**Dental Health Week** - We focused on the importance of brushing teeth and how often we should brush them as well as healthy and unhealthy foods. It was so great hear that the Kinders are already doing an amazing job at taking care of their teeth.

**Red Nose Day** - The Kinder children had a great time creating a giant face for them all to engage in 'Pin the nose on Rose' and we had a group discussion on the meaning behind Red Nose Day.

**National Science Week** - This was a very exciting week for the children. They engaged in an experience of using their senses of touch and scent to determine what was in the mystery bags, painting using the skin and juice of food items such as spinach, berries and oranges. There was also a sink and float activity as well as Lemon Volcano and dancing rice experiments.

**Book Week** - The children came dressed in their favourite book character costumes and we also held Story Times via Zoom for the children that were at home.

**Early Childhood Educators Day** - The children made their educators at Numdaji Kwei a lovely card to say thankyou. We also received staff shout outs and gifts via email and in person from our families which we really appreciate.

**R U OK? Day**- We focused on recognising our emotions.

**Footy Colours Day** – The children designed their own football jersey using variety of coloured paints.

**Mid Autumn Festival** – The children made lanterns and created moon cakes out of playdough.



### **Term 4 Goal**

This term we will continue to focus on the children's literacy skills, recognition of the alphabet, as well as the children identifying and writing their own names.

### **Reminders:**

- As the weather is warming up, we ask if you could bring your child in suitable closed toe footwear. Open toe footwear is not safe for outside as it will not protect their feet.
- If parents can please also pack a few extra changes of clothes, in case of accidents or sensory and water play.
- Sunscreen and hats have now been implemented as part of our Sun Smart Policy, if your child requires their own sunscreen we ask if you could please bring it in labelled and a Sun Smart hat if you haven't already done so.

Kinder Room Educators,

Megan and Molly

