

# Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre

## Newsletter

Term 2

Welcome to our term 2 Newsletter for 2024

The Centre Newsletter provides our families important and up to date information about the centre and your Childs room also sharing information about upcoming event. We wish to remind families to please make sure you are checking your family pockets outside your Childs room weekly as this is also where we share important information and place invites to our special events.



**We are excited to share the amazing news!**

**Our 2IC & Educational Leader Sofia and husband Sal have welcomed a beautiful Baby Boy on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Both Sofia and Baby are doing wonderfully. 😊**

### **Calling the Centre if your child/children are sick.**

Just a friendly reminder to our families: if your child will be absent from their scheduled day for any reason, whether due to illness or simply a day at home, please remember to contact the Centre by calling us at **03 9467 1489**. It's important to call the centre to ensure that your message is received promptly.

Notifying us of your child's absence is essential for several reasons. Firstly, it helps us anticipate the number of children we'll have each day, allowing us to plan our staff accordingly. Additionally, our Centre Cook Eva, relies on this information to prepare meals, taking into account children's individual dietary requirements and allergies. This ensures that we minimize food wastage and cater effectively to every child's needs.

If you're planning a holiday, please feel free to email your leave dates to [nk.cc@hotmail.com](mailto:nk.cc@hotmail.com). Providing advance notice helps us better organize our resources and ensures a smooth operation at the Centre. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in keeping us informed about your child's attendance and holiday plans. Your support is invaluable in maintaining the efficiency and effectiveness of our Centre's operations

### **POLICY UPDATE >>>>**

Please be advised our centres sickness policy has been updated. You will find it attached to this newsletter. We ask you to read through it carefully as there is important updates.



### **UP TO DATE IMMUNISATIONS**

As per the Governments 'No Jab, No Play' policy, the Centre requires that we have all children's up-to-date immunization History statement on file. We kindly ask that as soon as you receive your up dated Immunisation history you please send us a copy to [nk.cc@hotmail.com](mailto:nk.cc@hotmail.com) for us to add to your child's enrolment form thank you



# Reminders >>>>

**DRIVE WAY IS ONE WAY** Please be aware that the car park at the front is designated as a 'Children Zone' and operates as a one-way route. Recently, it has been noticed that some parents have been using the incorrect entrance to access the service. To ensure the safety of our centre's families and the community, please use the designated entrance only. Taking shortcuts due to haste or lateness poses a safety risk and should be avoided."



## **NO PARKING IN FRONT OF PURPLE GATES!!!**

We have noticed that some of our parents are parking in front of the Purple Gates at night. While we understand the car park may get full due to gym families using the carpark and our pick-up and drop-off zones, it's crucial to avoid parking in front of the purple gates for the safety of everyone entering and leaving the Centre. We have reached out to RMIT security regarding this matter and we regularly place notices on cars that should not be parked in our pick-up and drop-off bays.



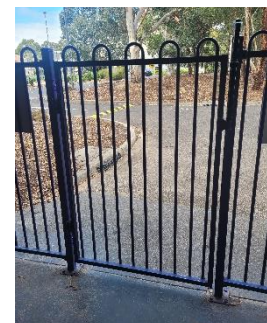
## **IPADS >>>**



Please be aware that each family member signing a child in and out must use their own mobile number and code. **Please do NOT use another individuals mobile number** as you are legally signing the child in and out and this information is marked on our system for CCS.

## ***NO STANDING ON THE PURPLE GATES!***

Please do not allow your child to stand on the purple gates to prevent damage. Your cooperation in maintaining the gates' functionality and safety of the children is greatly appreciated.



# FAMILY INPUT >>>



At Numdaji Kwei Children’s Centre, fostering collaboration between families and educators is essential to our philosophy. We believe in the impact of community contributions to enrich our program and centre environment. Children flourish when families and educators unite to nurture their learning journey. We invite our families to actively engage with our program, valuing their input and feedback as essential elements in bridging the gap between home and centre practices.

We are interested in learning about the sustainability practices your family incorporates at home. Particularly in recycling, energy conservation and eco-friendly habits. Sharing your insights will help us further nurture our culture of sustainability within our community,

## Upcoming events

<p><b>MAY</b></p>	<p>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon 6<sup>th</sup>- Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Mon 27<sup>th</sup>- Fri 31<sup>st</sup></p>	<p><b>GOOD FRIDAY- ORTHODOX EASTER</b> <b>ROAD SAFETY WEEK</b> <b>MOTHERS DAY AFTERNOON TEA</b> <b>BOOMERANG &amp; BEATS</b> <b>ANNUAL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING</b> <b>NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK</b></p>	<p>Celebrated through room curriculum. Educated through room curriculum. 3.45 at the centre- Invitations to follow. Presented by Didgeridoo Australia 9.30 am. <b>6.00pm at the centre</b>- Invitations to follow Educated through room curriculum</p>
<p><b>JUNE</b></p>	<p><b>Month of June</b> Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Mon 24<sup>th</sup>- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>UNITING- FOOD FOR FAMILIES</b> <b>WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY</b> <b>KING'S BIRTHDAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> <b>INSECT WEEK</b> <b>INSECTS &amp; MINI BEASTS</b></p>	<p><b>DONATION BOX IN FOYER</b> Educated through room curriculum. <b>Centre is closed.</b> Educated through room curriculum. Presented by Reptile Encounters 9.30</p>
<p><b>JULY</b></p>	<p><b>Month of July</b> Mon 8<sup>th</sup> - Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Mon 29<sup>th</sup>- Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Aug</p>	<p><b>PLASTIC FREE JULY</b> <b>NAIDOC WEEK</b> <b>WASTE NOT, WANT NOT</b> <b>NATIONAL PYJAMA DAY</b> <b>PARIS OLYMPICS GAMES</b></p>	<p>Educated through room curriculum. Educated through room curriculum. Presented by little sprouts 9.30 am Celebrated through room curriculum. Celebrated through room curriculum</p>

## **Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre Incident, Injury, Trauma and Illness Policy**

At Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre the below procedures are to be followed by all educators/families in the event of a child becoming:

- (a) injured;
- (b) ill; or
- (c) suffers a trauma.

### **Injury, Incident or Trauma**

If a child becomes injured while in care appropriate First Aid will be applied by a first aider and notify the Centre Director or 2IC. An incident report will be written up for parents to sign. Any facial/ head injuries that occur educators will notify parents via phone. All notifications will be made to parents as soon as practicable and not later than 24 hours. In some cases, parents will be requested to collect and monitor their child as a safety precaution.

### **Serious Injury, Incident or Trauma**

In the event of a serious injury, incident or trauma to a child while being educated or cared for at a service the Centre will seek appropriate medical treatment. This may involve parents taking the child to a medical practitioner or the Centre requesting support from emergency services (parents will be contacted as soon as practicable). The Centre will notify DET within 24 hours of any serious injury, incident or trauma taking place. All appropriate documentation will be completed as soon as practicable.

### **Illness and your child Sick Children**

We ask that all families do not bring their children in if they have any of the following symptoms:

- runny nose (yellow or green)
- fever (38 or above)
- dry/ phlegm cough
- Diarrhea
- vomiting
- overly emotional/ tired not their normal self
- sore throat
- shortness of breath or wheezy in the chest
- Panadol has been administered before coming to care
- Body rashes
- Hives

If a child develops any of the above symptoms while in care, families will be called for your child to be picked up straight away.

If your child shows any signs or symptoms from our list above and you feel they are **fit for care you must provide a medical certificate from physically seeing the doctor and**

**stating that the actual symptom they are attending with has been checked and they are not contagious to others.**

**We will not be accepting telehealth certificates if your child still has any symptoms and you want them to attend care.**

We do not feel a child can be physically checked over the phone to know that they are not contagious and fit for care as the doctor can not physically check their throat and chest or see their rash thoroughly.

If any child is sent home with a rash, we ask that your child be checked by a doctor straight away to ensure that they do not have anything contagious and could have spread while they attended care.

We thank all families for your support and we understand that at times this can be challenging for families especially with work but please take into account we have all children/ Educators and family's welfare/ health as our top priority.

We also ask that if any parent shows any signs or symptoms that they do not enter the building under any circumstances.

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Review: May 2025

Sourced: Staying Healthy in Childcare 5th Edition, Education and Care Services National Regulations

# Caterpillar Room

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Welcome to another fun filled term,

It is great to see the children more comfortable and confident within the Caterpillar room. We have been extremely lucky to enjoy playing outside. The children have been exploring the yard, enhancing their large/ gross motor skills by climbing the large foam stairs and slide, as well as pushing or riding the bikes.

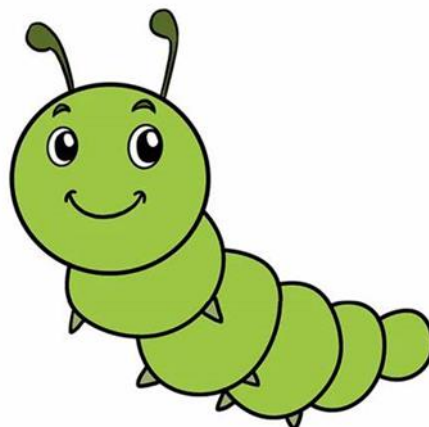
The children are beginning to show an interest in reading books, this is a great way to promote the children's literacy alongside extending their vocabulary. We have also been spending time looking at flash cards with images of everyday objects, such as socks, shoes, cup, and many more.

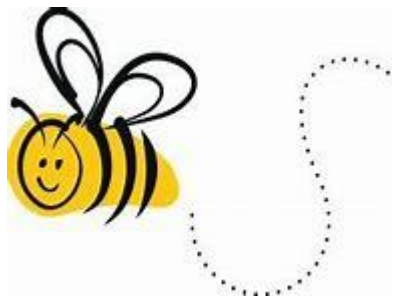
This term we welcomed Jamarra, Luke and Joseph to the Caterpillar room, we will continue to support these children so that they have a smooth transition into their new environment providing lots of extra cuddles.

This term we celebrated Cultural diversity week we read books about different cultures, we painted some orange flowers and made our own self-portraits. To celebrate Nowruz the children created their own Hyacinth flower, and we also celebrated our mother's by having a Mother's Day afternoon tea. We look forward to another busy term watching the children grow, reaching their milestones.

### Reminders

As the weather is getting colder, we ask that you pack extra clothes, warm jacket and beanie





# Bumble Bee Room

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It has been calm and happy in the Bumble Bee room in Term 2. The children have become settled and happy in the daily routine and we are seeing them become more confident and independent children each day.

The children's strong interest in Term 2 is their interest in dinosaurs – we have created different table top experiences as well as books and discussion with educators about what dinosaurs ate and how they sounded. We love to see them become strong partners in their learning and able to share their thoughts and contribute to the room environment.

Additionally, we have seen the interest in dolls and babies rising and therefore creating an extended area for them to embrace the activity which teaches them how to care for and practice life skills in a play environment.

In the outside environment we have seen the children become strong in their gross motor skills with many children now confidently riding around the paths in the gardens taking care and taking turns as they explore the outdoor area. We celebrated and incorporated this when we took part in national road safety week and over several days we saw the children show their previous knowledge of traffic lights and using this when riding bikes and practicing their practical skills as they followed the direction of the traffic light.

As the weather become colder we still like to go out and experience fresh air so we ask that children are sent in layers, a coat and a hat to keep warm while we have fun playing and engaging in the outdoor environment.

It has been a wonderful Term 2 and we look forward to three where we love to educate and care for the wonderful Bumble Bee room.

With Kind regards,

Penelope, Shirin and Jessie.





# Kinder Newsletter

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Hello Dear families,

This term, the Kinders are going to continue on exploring colour theory through the colour wheel. You have already seen the beginnings of this in the room. We will be finishing off the primary colours and will be moving on to secondary colours through colour mixing. Moreover, we have looked at colour intensity; when black or white is added, the hue changes to become dark or light.

I am very proud of the Kinder children's sense of resilience in coping with staffing changes. They have demonstrated that they are capable of adjusting to different teaching styles that each educator bring to the class. They have showed respect and tried their personal best not only in working with one another but learning from each other too. We are thankful to Wei and Helen who continue to be the other constant person in the room.

We are excited for this term's events and we have very special ones to look forward to. The children have been devoting time in creating their Mother's day presents. As a whole, we take a positive step towards Reconciliation by always recognising the Wurundjeri people in our Acknowledgement of Country. There will be some exciting incursions happening in relation to our insect week so for our Kinders who are insect aficionados, this will be right up their alley. There is also a plan for a mini-athletics day as a learning extension which ties up beautifully for the upcoming Paris Olympics!

### **Some reminders for this term:**

- We ask that home toys be limited to 1 item only. We have had children who have an armful of items to show to their peers. Please label this with your child's name.
- Cold weather clothing can include beanies, jackets and gloves. Scarves are not allowed as it is a hazard for the children during play.
- Kindly label ALL clothing items so these can easily be returned to their owner.
- Outdoor play still happens and is part of our curriculum. Therefore, ensure that your child has weather suitable clothing in their bags.
- We are seeking the following for our craft area: clean milk bottle lids, clean yogurt sachet lid, cardboard or plastic bread bag clips and small boxes (tissue box size or smaller). Please hand this to the Kinder educators for use in our art and craft area. These will only be collected in May as we are keen to top up our supply.

As always, thank you so much for your support in our curriculum.

**Princess, Helen, Wei and Jadranka**

