

NUMDAJI KWEI CHILDRENS CENTRE NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our Term 3 Newsletter.

The Centre Newsletter provides our families important and up to date information about upcoming event. We wish to remind families to please make sure you are checking your family pockets in front of your child's room weekly as this is where we place all invites and important notices.



CCS & ALLOWABLE ABSENCES

As there have been a few questions relating to CCS, here is a brief overview on how it works from the CCS;

How many absences you can get-

You can get up to **42 allowable absence days** per child each financial year. If you reach your allowable absence limit, you may be able to get additional absences, if any of these apply

- Your child is ill and you provide a medical certificate
- Your child's carer or their partner or another person your child lives with is ill and you provide a medical certificate
- Your child is attending preschool.
- Alternative arrangement have been made for your child on a pupil free day.
- Your child hasn't been immunised against an infectious disease and the absence occurs during an immunization grace period.
- Your child is spending time with a person other than their usual carer as required by a court order or parenting plan.
- Your child care service is closed because of an event for which a CCS period of emergency has been declared.
- You child cant attend because of an event for which a ccs period period of emergency has been declared.
- Your child's carer chooses not to send the child because of an event for which a CCS period of emergency has been declared.

Example of how absences can be affected when the child's enrolment end. Julian has enrolled his child in day care. Julian lets his child care service know all the following:

- They are going away for an extended holiday
- His child's last day will be on 15th July
- They want to keep their enrolment current so they dont lose their spot with the service.
- After he hasn't attended for 14 weeks in a row. Julian doesn't have an approved reason so will need to pay full fees for any absences that were paid, after his child last attended care.
- Julian will need to talk to his child care service as he may owe money for the absences paid that he wasn't entitled too.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

If your child is absent from their booked day for any reason whether it be due to illness or holiday. It is of great importance that you call the center to inform us. This will help us in knowing how many children we were expecting each day so we are able to work out staffing, as well as for Eva to know how many children to prepare meals for throughout the center.

THANK YOU

Food For Families- Uniting



This year for the month of June we collected donated goods for our chosen charity organisation being 'Food For Families'. *The Uniting Project* are a team of volunteers with a simple goal to provide food and personal hygiene essentials to support those that need it most. Food, gifts and household essentials are distributed at our emergency relief program, family service and outreach centre.

We would like to thank all our families for their generosity and contributions, it is greatly appreciated.

We are so grateful for all your wonderful and generous donations towards our charity events this year. You all have made a big impact on helping the lives of others in our community.



National Pyjama Day 2024



Thanks Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre!!!
Thank you for participating in National Pyjama Day 2024 and for making a Donation of \$9.50 to The Pyjama Foundation!

Your support is helping little people with BIG dreams.

With your generous support to our campaign, we will be able to provide more children in care their very own special Pyjama Angel mentor who will empower them with learning, Life skills and confidence.



Welcome New Educator Stephanie



We would like to welcome our New Room Educator Stephanie in the Butterfly room. Here are a few words from Steph-

Hi, my name is Steph. I hold a Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care since 2013 and have been a part of the Numdaji Kwei team from August 2024.

I have a big family and have always had little cousins to take care of. I am very passionate about helping children learn and develop, and to support children in reaching their goals. I am studying my bachelor's in early childhood teaching and have a passion for supporting children with additional needs.

In my spare time, I enjoy going on outdoor adventures with my partner, reading books and spending time with family and friends.

Farewell to Jordyn.



We wanted to share some news with you. Jordyn who has been on maternity leave, and has decided to take the exciting step of staying home full time with her little one and will not be returning to NKCC. We know how much Jordyn has meant to our community, and while we'll definitely miss her, we are also thrilled for her as she embraces this new chapter in her life. We are very grateful for the love and care she has given the children over the years.



Upcoming Events

August

Mon 5th Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

Mon 5th- 9th Dental Health Week

Mon 12th- Fri 16th National Science Week

Mon 19th- Fri 23rd Book Week

Fri 30th Father Day breakfast

September

Wed 4th Early Childhood Educators Day

Thurs 13th R U Ok day

Mon 9th- Fri 13th Bewitched Photography

Tues 17th Mid Autumn Festival

Thurs 26th Footy Colours Day

Fri 27th Grand Final (Public Holiday)

Caterpillar Room

Hello Families,

Term 3 has been productive as the children are getting older and more eager to participate in activities, explore, and enhance their skills and language development.

We have welcome Brianna in the Caterpillar; she has settled in nicely and already build a bond with the educators.

We have celebrated these special events.

Plastic Free July was a fun-filled month as we discussed ways to look after our ocean and strategies we could implement to stop our sea animals from getting sick; we spoke about taking our rubbish home from the beach so the fishes and other sea creatures don't get sick from it, the children enjoyed creating many different sea animals such as sharks, jellyfish, turtles, crabs and more for our under the ocean scene in our room.

During **NADIOC week**, the children engaged in various educational activities, including handprint painting. This activity holds significant cultural value in Aboriginal culture, as it signifies territorial markings and belonging. The children also learned about Bunjil the Eagle and created their interpretations. Mud painting, with its unique texture, provided another valuable learning experience.

On **National Pyjama Day**, the children and staff came to NKCCC dressed in their Pyjamas; the children completed some pyjama pasting.

For the **Paris Olympics 2024**, the children were offered various sports, such as ring tossing. The children needed to throw the ring onto the small cone, crawl through the tunnel, paint the Olympic rings, and identify the different colours.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Day- the caterpillar children drew on some cardboard cut-out of boomerangs.

Dental Health Week- The children pasted some teeth using white paper as part of dental health week. They also used old toothbrushes to clean the laminated image of dirty teeth, brushing the Texta away. We also discussed foods that are healthy for teeth and foods that can cause holes in our teeth.

National Science Week was very busy in the caterpillar room, as the children participated in a variety of science experiments such as whiteboard marker drawing on a white plate, and we slowly poured some water over it, causing the images to float to the top, we provide some white flowers with coloured water for the children to observe and see what changes would take place, the children were very interested in this experiences. The children also enjoyed watching the food colour change the milk. When added to the milk, the children placed a broad bean into some wet cotton wool in a zip-lock bag and put it in front of the window to get sunlight. We observed the seeds as they began to germinate and sprout seedlings; the children also made some grass heads, placing grass seeds into a stocking, watering them, and watching them change.

The Caterpillar children have had so much fun during book week; we have explored a variety of books, such as *Brown Bear and Brown Bear. What do you see?* The children did some matching activities and completed a Brown Bear scavenger hunt in the room. We read the book *Elma the Elephant*, and the children pasted a milk carton, turning it into their interpretation of Elma, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* book; the children will read the book and discuss all the different foods, then paste their caterpillars and food, the children love spot books we will read spot books and have a spot scavenger hunt in the room allowing the children to find him. Lastly, we will read *The Rainbow Fish*, create a fish with paper plates, and paste some sequences into it.

We are looking forward to the rest of the term, especially our Father's Day breakfast, Early Childhood Educators Day, R U OK Day, Mid-Autumn Festival, and Footy Colours Day.

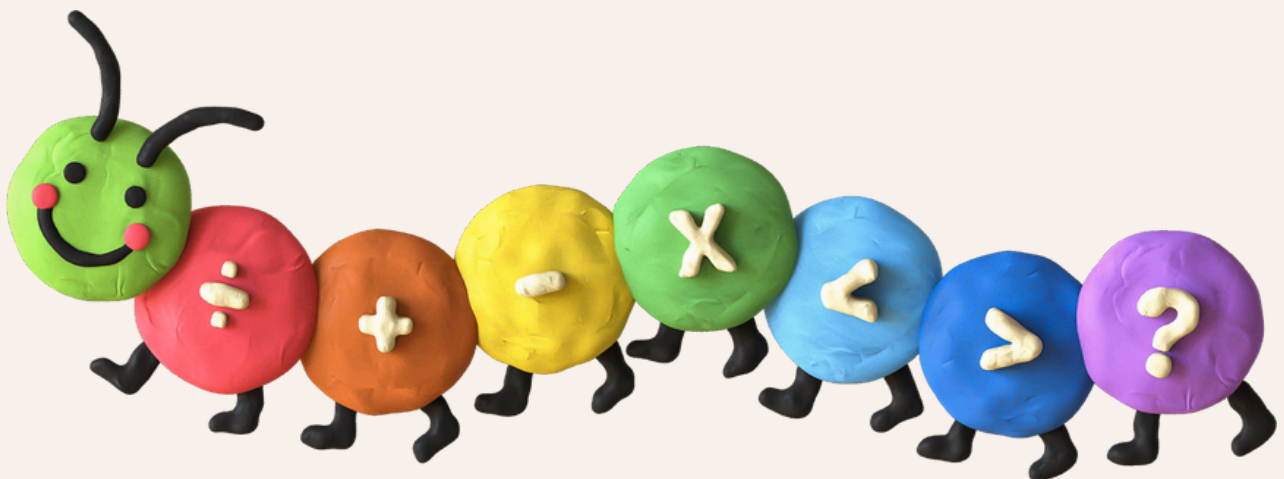
Thank you for all your support throughout this term, and we look forward to another busy term 4.



Reminders:

As the weather is warming up, we ask if you could please bring more change of clothes as we will be having much messier and water play.

Please ensure warmer weather shoes are closed toe, to protect their little feet.



BumbleBee Room

Welcome to another wonderful term in the Bumblebee room.

We have welcome James and Julia from the Caterpillar room. They have settled in nicely and continued to build wonderful relationships.

We have celebrated some amazing events throughout the term being:

- Plastic free July
- NAIDOC WEEK
- National Pyjama Day
- Paris Olympics
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Day
- Dental Health Week
- National Science Week
- Book week
- Father Day Breakfast

You can see the photos of these events displayed on our community wall in the foyer area.

With exciting upcoming events for the remainder of the year.

Reminders:

As the weather is warming up, we kindly ask you bring in a suitable sunhat for outside play.

Ensure closed toe shoes are worn to provide protection for their little toes.





Butterfly Room

What a fantastic and busy term we've had, brimming with special events! We've celebrated Plastic Free July, NAIDOC Week, the Waste Not Want Not incursion, National Pyjama Day, the Paris Olympic Games, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day, Dental Health Week, National Science Week, and Book Week. 😊

We're thrilled to introduce our new educator, Steph who has already formed wonderful bonds with the children, creating a strong sense of belonging.

It's also great to have Sehansa back at NKCC, along with Akayn and Delsa from the toddler room. It's been a joy to see them settle in and delve into their new interests. We have also welcome Aemilia to the NKCC family.

Reminders:

- With warmer weather approaching, please remember to send your child with a sunhat that fits well, and any new sunscreen they may need.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement!
Princess and Steph.

