



# Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre

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Welcome and Happy New Year to all our new and existing families! We hope everyone enjoyed the festive season and spending time with their loved ones. This is our first Newsletter for 2023 and these newsletters will be emailed to you each term as well as uploaded onto the Centre website and Stack TeamApp. The newsletters include information and updates from your child's room as well as the Office to help keep you informed and up to date ☺. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead! wasting

## 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.

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS REQUIRED!!!



## The Centre is currently on the Lookout for 2 New Board Members ☺

Becoming a Board Member is a great way to be involved in your child's early childhood journey. If this is something you may be interested in joining, please see Renae or Sofia in the Office.

Our current Board Members are:

**President:** Stephen

**Vice President:**

**Treasurer:** Bianca

**Secretary:**

**General Board Members:** Mohsen & Julie

Please note that minutes to each board meeting are on display for all to view in the foyer next to the kitchen.

## Did you know that we also provide a 3 & 4-Year-Old Kinder Program within our 3-5 Butterfly Room?

The 4-year-old Kinder Program is run by Sarah our Kinder Teacher who holds her Bachelors of Early Childhood Education.

In order to be involved our 4-year-old Kinder program a minimum of **three days per week** is required insuring that your child meets the minimum of 15 hours of kinder per week, before venturing off to primary school. The 4 year old kinder program is specific in learning & development in preparation for school.

Attending our Kinder Program rather than an outside sessional program can mean that families who work or who have busy schedules **can benefit from a full day of care & program for your child** as well as **choosing what days' work for your family and care during school holidays.**

If you would like your child to join our 3 and 4-Year-Old Kinder Program for 2023 simply ensure that you express your interest to Renae or Sofia in the Office.



## 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.



## FEE'S

Each week families will receive an invoice from the Centre via Email. **Families must pay this invoice within the fortnight.** If families wish to pay monthly, they may do so but must be paid a month in advance not a month behind.

Parents can pay their fees through Direct Deposit. **Direct Deposit Details Account**

**Name:** Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre

**Centre BSB Number:** 083 – 614

**Centre Account Number:** 015717805

**ENSURE YOU PUT YOUR CHILD'S FULL NAME  
(NOT THE PARENTS) AS THE REFERENCE**



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 as you are legally signed up when signing in and out and please do not allow your child/children to touch the iPads.

## Just for Laughs

**Q: What did Snow White call her Chicken?**



**A: Egg White**



**Q: Why is Peter Pan always flying?  
A: Because he Neverlands**

## 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.

## COMMUNITY BOARD

A Community Notice Board is displayed in the front foyer. The Community noticeboard provides an avenue to promote and inform families of events and activities within our community. If you have something to promote or share please see Renae or Sofia in the office ☺

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT



*At Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre part of our Centre Philosophy is that 'We encourage all families and community contribution to the program and within the Centre'.*

Children thrive when families and educators work together in partnership to support young children's learning. At Numdaji Kwei we welcome our families to be involved in our program and we value your input and feedback.

If any parents or family members would like to participate or volunteer their time and help in any upcoming events or have any suggestions, please let your child's educators know; whether it be coming in for group time and reading a story, singing songs, holding a cooking class or art and craft activities. Parents must have a current and valid Working with Children's Check.

Our 2023 Events Calendar is on display on our website [www.nkcc.org.au](http://www.nkcc.org.au) and in your child's



**GET INVOLVED**

# Upcoming EVENTS

<b>MARCH</b>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> - Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SCHOOL CLEAN UP DAY</b> <b>LABOUR DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> <b>HARMONY WEEK</b> <b>ST. PATRICKS DAY</b> <b>PERSIAN NEW YEAR (NOWRUZ)</b> <b>RIDE2SCHOOL DAY</b>	Educated through room curriculum <b>Centre is closed</b> Celebrated through room curriculum Educated through room curriculum Celebrated through room curriculum <b>Begin your day with a healthy start - Lets all WALK/BIKE to Childcare</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> <b>EASTER MONDAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY - ORTHODOX EASTER</b> <b>NATURE PLAY WEEK</b> <b>EID-AL-FITR (END OF RAMADAN)</b> <b>ANZAC DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Centre is closed</b> <b>Centre is closed</b> Celebrated through room curriculum Educated through room curriculum Celebrated through room curriculum <b>Centre is closed</b>

**A Little About Our Programs** - 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.

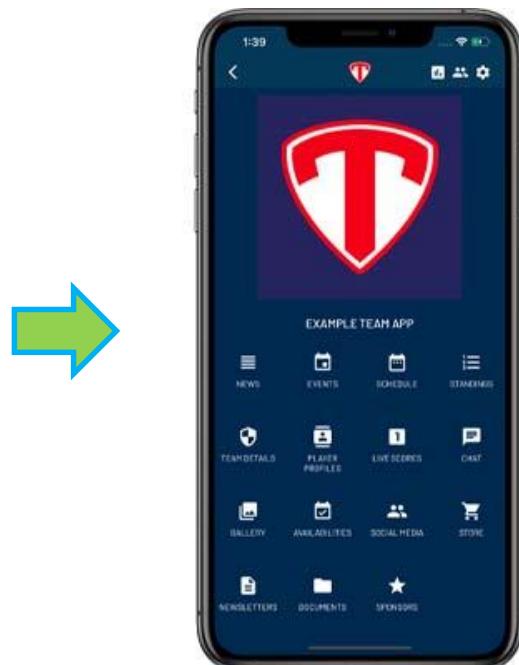
Each Room creates a Monthly Program Plan that is displayed for you to view in the room. We love and encourage your feedback and input so please do so if you can spare a minute. Be sure to also read our Daily Reflections and check your Child's individual Portfolio to see what significant learning has taken place while at care.

**STACK TEAM APP**

**Did you know that we now have our very own App?**

Simply go through your APP STORE or GOOGLE PLAY on your smart phone /iPad/tablet and search for **STACK TEAM APP**. Download the Free APP, then search for Numdaji Kwei Children's Centre. Enter in some quick login details and you're done!

It will send you notifications/reminders straight to your phone just like you would a text message -ensuring you never forget important Centre information.



## Caterpillar Room Term 1 Newsletter 2023

Welcome to 2023, we hope you all enjoyed the holidays. We would like to welcome Easton, Eden, Ellie, James, Neakan, Rory and Sehansa who have joined Abby, Bode, Delsa and Jood in the Caterpillar Room. We look forward getting to know the new children and their families while continuing to build on our relationships with our pre-existing families.



So far this year we have had two special events that we have celebrated throughout the Centre, these were Australia Day and Lunar New Year. To celebrate Australia Day, we had set up on the table some Australian animals and natural materials. While the children were engaging in the experience we were reading Indigenous story books and listening to Australian songs such as “If you go into the bush” and the “Kookaburra song”.

To celebrate Lunar New Year, the children participated in an art and craft activity to help create their very own Lantern. The children drew and coloured the Rabbit picture as 2023 is the year of the Rabbit. They enjoyed exploring the different colours and textures and they showed their interest in holding the coloured pens and using all the different colours. After drawing we made the lanterns and then hung them in the room to wish everyone good luck for the future.

This Term we are focusing on getting to know our new children and families, while building strong connections with them and helping the children to settle into their environment. The children are doing extremely well and are settling in nicely, while forming bonds with their educators, it is so wonderful to see the smiles on their faces. We are very proud of them all!

### Quick Reminders:

- Please remember to bring in **one** nappy from home for your child to be getting changed into at least half an hour before home time.
- **Please bring in a family photo** for us to display on our Family Tree for your child to look at through the day. This also helps to give your child a sense of belonging. You can also email through a photo to the Centre email [nk.cc@hotmail.com](mailto:nk.cc@hotmail.com) and we can print it for you.
- Remember to be packing more than one set of clothing. This includes; socks, pants, T-shirts or long sleeves and a weather appropriate jacket/jumper.
- If your child is starting to walk or does walk please be aware to pack appropriate closed-toe shoes as these will help to protect their feet when outside and inside.

Thank you ☺

Caterpillar Room Educators

Sunshine & Shirin



# Bumblebee Term 1 Newsletter 2023



Welcome to our First Newsletter in the Bumble Bee Room. We have welcomed many new friends into our room and enjoyed spending the time learning about each other through play based experiences. The children have taken a big interest in the home corner, block corner and sensory play. We look forward to getting to know all the children and their families.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2023 we celebrated Lunar New Year with music and art – painting paper plates with red paint and we used gold glitter to signify good luck which the children enjoyed very much. During these activities we spoke about the significance of the year of the Rabbit bringing good luck to everyone.

A second celebration we celebrated in the room was Australia Day. In the morning we went for a walk in our garden and collected small Pine Cones which we used to paint with green and yellow as these are Australia's national colours. At group time we spoke to the children about the long and rich history the Indigenous people have and how we embrace parts of it and ensure that the children are able to learn about this at their own pace with our Indigenous space setup in the room and our practice of Welcome to Country that happens at each group time.

In the room we have noticed that the children have a big interest in art in all its forms - with daily painting in the morning and afternoon happening. All the children have their own drawing books so they can draw or write in through the day. The home corner is popular with most children each day creating meals for each other and their teachers, we will continue to expand on this interest.

We are creating a daily routine that will increase the children's self-help skills as the year progresses. Once a day we sit for a short group time and the children have really enjoyed the songs 'Open shut them', 'Heads and Shoulders' and of course our Welcome to Country to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land.

## Reminders for Bumblebee Families:

- A gentle reminder that Melbourne's weather can be unpredictable so if your child has a few spare changes of clothes in their bags as we also enjoy sensory play and sometimes we need a change of clothes during the day. If your child is in the process of toilet training up to three changes are useful.
- We would love to display your family photos for the children to see while in the Bumblebee room, so please bring in one and we will display it with a tree your children will create themselves. You can also email it through to the Centre's email being [nk.cc@hotmail.com](mailto:nk.cc@hotmail.com) for us to print.

Thank you for reading and we look forward to the year ahead ☺

Bumblebee Room Team





## Butterfly Room Term One Newsletter 2023

Welcome to a new year in the Butterfly Room. We are so excited to welcome you back from your holiday and hope the time away was relaxing and filled with many family memories to cherish. It has been so lovely spending time with the children again and seeing how much they have grown with only being away for a few weeks. We welcomed our new Kinders from the Bumblebee room and are so happy they have adjusted well to the new environment and new teachers. We have already had a busy start to 2023 as we have welcome Daniel, Leo and their families to our Numdaji Kwei community. Both loved the orientation process and have already started to make friendships with the other children and are enjoying the activities in the room.

Celebration has been in the air, we were so happy to hear the news of the arrival of Louis's baby sister (Meena) and Wilson's baby brother (Alex). A couple of milestones were reached as we celebrated Louis and Gracie's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthdays. We look forward to celebrating so much more.

As the year is ahead of us we are preparing a few incursions to integrate into our program.

We are excited to announce an Indigenous art incursion for NAIDOC Week and a Sustainability incursion for World Environment Day. Please keep an eye out for our Kinder suggestion box and monthly questions. We welcome all suggestions and encourage a close partnership with you all.



### Reminders

- Please be sure you have multiple changes of clothes available for your child through the day including socks and a pair of shoes would be greatly appreciated.
- Shoes worn to Kinder must be closed toe, this is for safety reasons to protect them from injuring themselves during the day.
- Please bring in a recent family photo for us to add onto the family wall. Feel free to email it through to ([nk.cc@hotmail.com](mailto:nk.cc@hotmail.com)) if you do not have access to a printer.

