



Term 3 Issue 1 **Newsletter** August 2023

Ninna Marni everyone

This newsletter contains some important dates for your diaries, including our Christmas Closure days and Centre Photos. Also included with this newsletter is a 'Magnificent Mud' Nature Play article, a 'Growing For Gold' information flyer and a 'Safe Screen Use' Parenting Easy Guide.

From Monday, the 21st of August there will be a small increase of \$3 per day in child care fees. This was necessary to meet the rise in wage costs after the Fair Work Commission's decision in July to increase the minimum wage. In more changes, from the 1st of July families who are using child care must pay the fees electronically, eg: bank or credit card, direct deposit or via bank transfer into the Centre's account (cash will not be accepted).



A reminder to all families to be aware of the **No Parking** signs at the end of Wilkins St. We have learnt from experience, you will be fined! For the safety of children please use the Pateela St carpark.



CENTRE PHOTOS

The Centre photos have been organised for a little later than usual this year because of our yard redevelopment. They will be happening in Week 4, Term 4 on **Tuesday the 7th of November and Thursday the 9th of November.**



CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES

The Management Committee have approved the dates for the Christmas closure. **The Centre will be closed from 6pm, Thursday the 21st of December and will reopen at 7am, Monday the 8th of January.**

Important Dates

Aug 5	Dad's Playgroup 9:30-11
Aug 16	Management Committee 6-8
Aug 21-27	Children's Book Week
Sep 2	Dad's Playgroup (kite making)
Sep 4	'Babies & Food' session

POLICIES CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW:

[Dental Care policy](#)

If you would like to contribute to the review of this policy, it is available to read on our [website](#) or you can request a copy from the office.



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EXCEEDING
 NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD

Community Development Co-ordinator

A big thank you to families who supported our 'Swap a Coat'. This is an idea that we run each winter, so if your child has grown out of their coats we would gladly accept them.

On Monday, the 4th of September from 11-12, in the Learning Together Playroom, we will be running a session with paediatric dietician Anna Ritten called "Babies & Food" for parents with children up to 12mths. For further information regarding the session or to register please contact Jill on either 83423329 or jill.meldrum@sa.gov.au.



Dad's Playgroup

A Celebration for Father's Day

Saturday 2nd September, 9:30am-11:00am

In the Community Space (Pateela Street)

Come and make a kite with your child and then fly it on the oval.

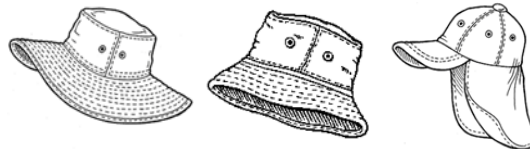
To register contact Lee or Jill on 8342 3329 or jill.meldrum@sa.gov.au



Sun Protection and Hats

Children need to wear sunhats

Please put a sunhat (either a broad-brimmed or bucket hat or legionnaires cap) in your child's bag each day, or leave one for them at the Centre.



As per our Sun Protection Policy, children not wearing an appropriate sunsafe hat will be directed to play under the verandah, a shaded area or return inside.

Sun hats are required every day from August to May in order to protect our skin from the harmful effects of the sun. Even on the cold cloudy days in September, the UV (Ultra violet) levels are high.

The Centre has bucket hats for sale from the office for \$15 if you are interested in purchasing one.

Food Safety Allergy Aware Centre

Just a reminder to families that we have several children with severe allergies who are at risk of anaphylaxis. We do not use nuts or nut containing products at the Centre and we do not allow nuts in the Centre. Our Healthy Food and Nutrition Policy also states,

"We have a "No Food from Home" approach, and we reinforce the message that we supply all of the child's food for their time in care".

This includes for birthdays and special celebrations as these events can be celebrated in other ways.

NEWS FROM THE YITPI TARNANTHI ROOM

OUTDOOR RE-DEVELOPMENT:

Our outdoor re-development is truly underway. It continues to be an exciting time as we observe, notice and follow the progress of our yard. We love seeing the excitement, wonder and curiosity of our children as they peer through and under the fences to see the diggers, bobcat and workers creating a wonderful play space for us to explore.



We would love for you to be a part of this journey with your child and us. If you have time at drop off or pick up please have a moment with your child to look through the fence together and talk with them about what's happening.

Important Child Health Information

Dear Parents,

We wish to advise you that a child in our children's centre community is currently receiving medical treatment for cancer. This child will be attending the centre on occasion while undergoing and recovering from treatment.

As a consequence of treatment, this child's ongoing health is at risk if he/she comes into contact with infectious illnesses, in particular: chicken pox, measles, mumps, shingles and COVID-19.

If your child is unwell they do not attend the centre.

Our Child Health Policy states:

The nature of interactions within our Centre means that illness can quickly spread. Exclusion of sick children and implementing effective hygiene practices reduce the risk of infection and the transmission of illness. The centre does not have the facilities or the staff to care for sick children therefore children who are unwell, or have infectious or contagious diseases-should stay at home.

Information on infectious conditions can be found on national health websites e.g.: www.health.gov.au or alternatively contact your local GP.

If your child has (or is suspected of having) an illness please contact the centre immediately. This will allow the centre to assess the probable contact and exposure of our child to the disease. Notification can then be given to the parents and medical specialists.

As a centre community we value your support in relation to the wellbeing of all of our children. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Joan Gilbert

Director Education and Care