



Term 2 Issue 3 **Newsletter** July 2023

**Ninna Marni everyone**

We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new preschool children and their families who are starting in our midyear intake. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to the new families and children joining the Yitpi Tarnanthi and Karra Rooms. We look forward to getting to know you all over the coming months and working with you to support your child's learning and development. We hope that you've found the orientation and transition process a positive one and we welcome any feedback you have that will help us continue to improve.



A big [thank you](#) to all the staff, children and families who supported National Pyjama Day by dressing in their pjs and donating to help raise awareness and funds for children in foster care. As a Centre we raised \$135, which is a wonderful effort.

**Important Dates**

19 July	<b>Centre closed for Staff Development Day</b>
24 July	First day of Term 3
26 July	Management Committee 6-8
4 August	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day
5 August	Dad's Playgroup 9:30-11
19-25 August	Children's Book Week

**Staff Updates**

Sadly, this past month has seen us say farewell to Georgina and Erin from the Yitpi Tarnanthi Room. Both started with us on student placements, Georgina way back in 2018 and Erin a little more recently in 2021.



Both are warm and passionate educators, who have bright futures ahead of them as strong advocates for the education and care of children. Although we will miss them, we wish them the very best. We are currently actively seeking new educators to fill these important roles.

**POLICIES CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW:**

**[Dental Care Policy](#)**

- Professional Development Policy
- Emergency evacuation procedure
- Emergency Lockdown Procedure

If you would like to contribute to the review of these policies, they are available to read on our [website](#) or you can request a copy from the office.



## Community Development Co-ordinator

### Circle of Security Parenting for Fathers

Run by Uniting Care Wesley Bowden this is a free 8-week program to help support fathers build secure relationships with their children.

Dates: Tuesdays 1<sup>st</sup> Aug – 20<sup>th</sup> Sep

Time: 6pm-7:30pm

Location: Lounge on Gibson,  
77 Gibson Street, Bowden

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

RSVP Michael 0417 196 119 or  
[michael.hocking@ucwb.org.au](mailto:michael.hocking@ucwb.org.au)

### Swap a Coat

Do you have a winter coat that no longer fits your child?

Would you like to donate your coat to our coat swap?

Simply bring it into the Front Office.

Any leftover coats will be donated to Treasure Boxes.

Please see Jill for more information.



The Children's Book Council of Australia Children's Book Week will run from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> of August with the theme "Read Grow Inspire". The 2023 shortlist for Book of the Year includes some wonderful picture books, early childhood and younger reader books, which can be found on the website:

<https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2023>

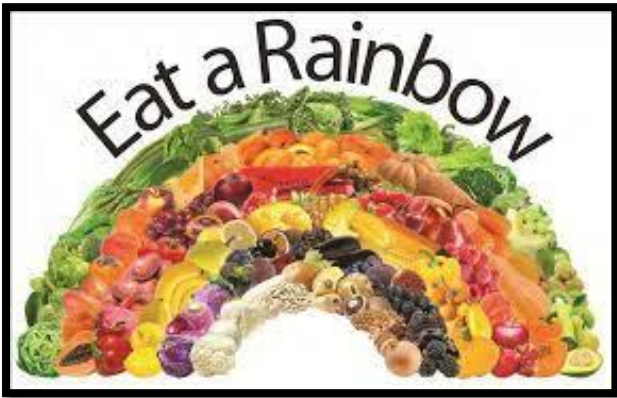
More information on how we will celebrate Book Week will be in next month's newsletter.

### OUTDOOR RE-DEVELOPMENT

The outdoor redevelopment is moving along at a steady pace. Through the fence we are able to watch the diggers and bobcats hard at work clearing the space in preparation. The sandpit, slide and hut have all disappeared! If you haven't had a look, please ask your child to show you. The children all have great ideas about how the yard should look when it's finally complete.



The Yitpi Tarnanthi Room children and educators keeping a close eye on progress



This term, with a lot of support from our wonderful cook Lisa, the rooms have been 'eating a rainbow'. This is an initiative that encourages exploration (and tasting) of a wide range of fruits and vegetables, and helps children understand that a wide

range of different colours of fruits and vegetables are needed for good health.

Each week we have focused on one colour and Lisa has prepared us some amazing looking platters of fruits and vegetables to try.

