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We start this newsletter with an important **'SAVE THE DATE'** announcement! On the 18th of November we will be celebrating the Centre's 18th birthday and the official opening of our redeveloped outdoor play space. We will also be celebrating 60 preschool children who will leave us at the end of the year to continue their learning journey at school in 2024. There will be more information to come in next month's newsletter!



Just a reminder that we are putting together a Centre Cookbook. If you have a recipe that you or your child would like included, please refer to the flyer attached with this newsletter email. There is also an opportunity to name the cookbook!

Important Dates

29 Sep	Last day of Term 3
7 Oct	Dad's playgroup 9:30-11
16 Oct	First day of Term 4
20-29 Oct	Children's Week
7 & 9 Nov	Centre photos
18 Nov	Centre celebrations

Child Care Subsidy Balancing

Services Australia has started balancing Child Care Subsidy (CCS) for the 2022-23 financial year.

You must confirm your income so Services Australia can balance your CCS. You can confirm your income by:

- lodging your tax return with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), or
- telling Services Australia you don't need to lodge a tax return, even if you've already told the ATO.

Once Services Australia has balanced your CCS, they will send you an outcome. Find out more about [CCS balancing](#) on the Services Australia website.

POLICIES CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW:

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.

[Hot weather policy](#)

[Child Health](#)

[Hygiene Practices & Infectious Disease control](#)

[Safe sleep & rest](#)





If you're thinking of heading to the movies these holidays, have a look at "Know Before You Go Movie Reviews". The website enables you to find enjoyable and age appropriate movies for your children. The service provides descriptions of the content of movies, highlighting areas which may be of concern to parents.

Reviewers with child development expertise review all G and PG movies as soon as possible after their release in Australia. Selected M movies which are likely to appeal to younger audiences are also reviewed.

<https://childrenandmedia.org.au/movie-reviews/>

ACCC Survey

The ACCC wants to hear from parents and guardians from culturally and linguistically diverse communities about their views on childcare in Australia to understand their experience looking for and using childcare. The ACCC has published a short online survey in [Arabic \(عربي\)](#), [Simplified Chinese \(简体字\)](#), [Traditional Chinese \(繁體\)](#), [Korean \(한국어\)](#) and [Vietnamese \(Việt\)](#).

The survey is calling for anyone with caring responsibilities for children of childcare age (0 – 13 years old, or 0 – 18 for children with a disability) to complete the survey.

Your responses will help provide a more complete picture of the issues impacting the price and availability of childcare in Australia.

The [survey](#) should only take ten minutes to complete and is open until 11:59pm AEDT, Sunday 8 October 2023. You can choose to complete the survey anonymously.

<https://www.accc.gov.au/inquiries-and-consultations/childcare-inquiry-2023/parents-and-guardians-survey-in-other-languages#toc-vi-t-vietnamese->

More information about the Inquiry is available on the ACCC's [Childcare inquiry page](#).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact childcareinquirytaskforce@accc.gov.au.



On Sunday, the 27th of August, the final report of the Royal Commission into Early Childhood Education and Care was handed down by the Commissioner, The Hon Julia Gillard AC.

The Royal Commission has recommended significant reform to early childhood education and care in SA, including the delivery of 3yo preschool from 2026, OSHC for preschool and school and supporting families for the first 1000 days of a child's life.

All of the recommendations have been made by the Commissioner with the aim of improving outcomes for South Australian children.

You can read the final report on the [Royal Commission website](#).

2023 Preschool Parent Opinion Survey

Our preschool families were recently sent an email containing information about the 2023 Preschool Parent Opinion Survey. The survey opened on the 4th of September and is a valuable way of collecting information to assist in our preschool improvement planning. We encourage all preschool families to contribute to this survey if they can.

If you would prefer a paper version, please see office staff who will be happy to print one out for you.

It's Open!



This morning was very exciting for both children and educators as we watched the fences be dismantled and were able to experience our new outdoor play space for the first time. The Kangkulya children were involved in some risk assessment work last week in small groups, but this was the first time we could all explore together. The children sat patiently on chairs watching the gardener desperately trying to mow the lawn as quickly as he could before the fences came down. Penelope said, "we should have popcorn!" Children and educators explored the yard together, excited by every new discovery and delighting in their new space. Work has already begun on Stage 2 and we're so excited to see what that will bring.

