



Term 1 Issue 3 **Newsletter** April 2023

**Ninna Marni everyone**

We hope that you all enjoyed some family time over the Easter weekend. Can you believe that we are already at the end of Term1?

In this issue of the newsletter, please take note of the important dates on page 1. Also in this issue, you can:

- check out some of the photos from our recent Kite day to celebrate Harmony Week;
- read about self-help skills and interdependence in the Yitpi Tarnanthi Room;
- find out how you can make a submission to the Productivity Commission inquiry into Early childhood education and care;
- book into parenting sessions about basic first aid at home, or raising bi-lingual children.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say Thank you and Goodbye to Rhianna Woodbury who has been our Acting Director for 4 weeks while Joan was taking Long Service Leave. Rhianna's last day will be Friday April 14.

**Outdoor Redevelopment Update**

We first began planning to redevelop our outdoor play space in November 2020 and we are extremely excited that demolition work will finally start in May!!

We are also excited by the rich learning possibilities for children while the work happens- as we watch the construction team and ask them questions; talk about the changes, make drawings, collages & models, or use blocks & other materials to track the progress.

The work will happen in stages so that we will still have access to some parts of the yard. We will also have access to other outdoor areas such as the Yitpi yard, the garden near the community space and the Beyond Space.

Educators have been supporting children to prepare for change by having conversations with children and visiting the Beyond Space.

**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.

- [Administration of First Aid Policy](#)
- [Incident, Injury, Trauma and Illness Policy](#)

**Important Dates**

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| 7 April  | Good Friday Public Holiday          |
| 10 April | Easter Monday Public Holiday        |
| 12 April | Management Committee 6-8            |
| 14 April | Last Day Term 1                     |
| 24 April | CENTRE CLOSED FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT |
| 25 April | ANZAC Day Public holiday            |
| 1 May    | Term 2 begins                       |
| 6 May    | Dad's Playgroup 9:30-11             |



## Community Development Co-ordinator

A few things coming up for next term.

### Supporting your child's language in a bi-lingual home

**Monday 8th May 9:00-10.30am**

**Where:** C.a.F.E Enfield Community Space

We are also running a Bi-Lingual session with Tricia our Speech Pathologist.

Are you wondering :

-if children get confused learning/ hearing more than one language?

- is my English good enough to teach my child?

Do you have other questions?

Then come along to this interactive session.  
*(Please note- child care is not provided)*

### "First Aid for Mum's & Dad's"

**Saturday May 13 9:30am-12:30**

**Where:** C.a.F.E Enfield Community Space

We still have spaces left for this group. This is a great session to attend if your wanting some information on "What to do" if your child is needing First Aid.

*(Please note- child care is not provided)*

For more information or to book a session please contact Jill on 8342 3329 or [jill.meldrum@sa.gov.au](mailto:jill.meldrum@sa.gov.au)

**Swap a Coat** – each year as it starts to get cooler we organise a Coat Swap. If you have a coat that no longer fits your child, you can donate it for another child to use. Coats will be washed and hung out on the rack to take. and you might find one that fits your child.

(Coats only Please).

## Productivity Commission ECEC

### inquiry: call for submissions

The Productivity Commission has called for submissions for its inquiry into Australia's early childhood education and care (ECEC) system.

Initial submissions are due by 19 May 2023 and can be made through [the Productivity Commission website](https://www.productivity.gov.au). The Commission will also seek submissions after it releases its draft report in late November 2023.

You can also make [a brief comment](#) at any time.

The inquiry will make recommendations to support affordable, accessible, equitable and high-quality ECEC that reduces barriers to workforce participation and supports children's learning and development.

The inquiry began on 1 March 2023. The Commission will provide its final report to the Australian Government by 30 June 2024.

For questions about the inquiry, and how to participate visit [the Productivity Commission website](https://www.productivity.gov.au) or email [childhood@pc.gov.au](mailto:childhood@pc.gov.au).

**The Centre will be Closed on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April for a Staff Development Day.**

**Fees are not charged for this day.**

**The Centre will reopen at 7am on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April (after the ANZAC Day public holiday)**

## Harmony Week Celebrations—Kite Day

It was a perfect day for our kite day on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April- with a gentle breeze arriving just in time for us to start flying. Thank you to all of the families and educators who attended- it was wonderful to hear people sharing their childhood memories of flying kites with their children & other parents as they decorated kites together. Now your children will have kite memories of their own to share!





# Swap a Coat

**Yes, we are swapping coats again this year!!**

- **Do you have a winter coat that no longer fits your child?**
- **Would you like to donate your coat to our coat swap?**
  - **You can drop your child's coat into the front office.**
- **Once we have a few coats, they will be washed and go on hangers at the centre entrance**

**We will be donating any leftover winter coats to Treasure Boxes.**

**Please do not donate any items other than winter coats.**

**Please see Jill for more information.**



Being a brave explorer at mealtimes; developing self-help skills and

## inter-dependence



### ***What does self-help skills look like for young children?***

- Begin to use a spoon and fork to feed self
- Drink from cup independently
- Take socks and shoes off
- Put arms through sleeves and legs through pants
- Try to wash face and hands
- Help re-set and put toys away

***Inter-dependence definition:*** Inter-dependence occurs when a trusted adult fosters age-appropriate independence while still being aware enough of the child's developmental stage to function safely.

The Yitpi Tarnanthi children are becoming increasingly aware of the needs and rights of others at mealtimes. They have been open to new discoveries such as feeding themselves with a spoon, washing their face and hands, and putting their food scraps into the compost container. They have recognised their individual achievements and the achievements of others by saying "Good job" or clapping their hands after their mealtime 'jobs' have been completed.

We would love to be able to see a 'mini moment' of your child using their self-help skills and inter-dependence at home. E.g. Helping to pack-up after playing, washing their face and hands, helping fold the washing etc. Please send through a picture with a brief description to Georgina's email: [Georgina.Bulling318@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Georgina.Bulling318@schools.sa.edu.au)