



Term 1 Issue 2 **Newsletter** March 2023

**Ninna Marni everyone**

On March 1<sup>st</sup> we held our Annual General Meeting- thank you to the families and staff that attended.

We would like to express our sincerest thanks to the outgoing Management Committee members Jess Sellwood, Naomi Kennedy, Jade Fielke & Sarah Philippou. We have greatly appreciated your contribution to the Centre and support of staff & families during your time on the Committee.

There are a lot of important dates coming up that will affect the Centre opening hours. On **Friday March 17** Preschool will be closed for the educators to attend Professional Development (child care is still open).

On **Monday April 24** the whole Centre will be closed for Staff Development. These days provide valuable opportunities for the entire staff team to come together for professional learning and discussion on a range of topics. This opportunity for reflection is important in ensuring consistency of care and education for our children as well as the continuous improvement of our Centre.

**Introducing the 2023 Management Committee**

Our Children's Centre (child care & preschool) is managed by a committee of parents and staff.

At our Annual General Meeting, a new Management Committee for the Centre was elected.

**The 2023 Committee members are:**

- Amelia Thiele -Chairperson
- Alison Cooksley- Public Officer
- Jessica Tzerefos- Treasurer & Secretary
- Joan Gilbert- Director Education and Care
- Amy Simcock
- Suman Devi
- Syed Rizvi
- Burcu Subasi
- Mawson Tilley
- 1 Staff representative

We look forward to a productive year of working alongside the Committee to continue delivering high quality care and education for your children, and to identify areas for improvement as we plan for the future.

**Important Dates**

1 March	Annual General Meeting
4 March	Dad's Playgroup 9:30-11
13 March	Public Holiday- Centre CLOSED
17 March	Preschool Closed Child Care available
21 March	Harmony Day
22 March	Management Committee 6-8
1 April	Kite day 9:30-11
24 April	Centre CLOSED

**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.

- [Incident, injury, Illness & Trauma Policy](#)
- [Administration of First Aid Policy](#)



## Community Development Co-ordinator

Hello. Welcome to all our new Families here at C.a.F.E.

We have a Multi-Cultural Women's Group that meet regularly on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am-11am. Childcare is also provided. The group is a great opportunity to listen to guest speakers talk about interesting topics and activities that help us with our parenting role.

We have a couple of interesting sessions you might be interested coming up later. On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 9am-10.30am we will be delivering an information session on "How to support your child's language in a Bi-lingual home". Tricia who is our Speech Pathologist along with myself will be delivering this session.

"First Aid for Families" is an information session for parents with young children about "what to do" situations if your child needs first aid. This session will be on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 9.30-12.30.

Don't forget we also have Dad's playgroup on the first Saturday of each month, 9.30am-11am. This is facilitated by Lee and myself. All Dad's, Uncles and Grandparents and any significant males are welcome to come along. No need to register for this group, just turn up.

Please feel free to contact me on my mobile 0434882267 or email [jill.meldrum@sa.gov.au](mailto:jill.meldrum@sa.gov.au) to register or find out more about the groups mentioned.

Thank you, Jill

## Dietary, Health Care and Medication Plans for Children

Some children have Health Care Plans in place so that we can support their specific health & dietary needs.

Health care plans have a review date, but this is not an expiry date. If a review date has passed, the care plan can still be used until an updated plan is developed.

At a minimum, the plan should be reviewed and updated annually, or when:

- symptoms increase
- there has been a medical emergency related to the health condition.
- day to day needs change

If your child's plan changes, please ensure the Centre receives an updated health care plan and corresponding medication (where appropriate) which is within its use-by period.

### An excerpt from our Child Health Policy ...

"Parents are required to notify the Centre at the time of enrolment, or as soon as they receive a diagnosis, of any ongoing medical conditions or health needs (eg: asthma, diabetes, or anaphylaxis). Together, parents and the Team Leader will complete a Health Support Agreement and the Centre will provide the parents with all relevant Health Care, Diet and Medication Plans to be completed and signed by a Doctor. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure that all plans are reviewed regularly and that medications provided are within use-by dates."

## Reconciliation Garden plans

Our collaboration with Enfield Primary School continues with an exciting project to repair and extend our Indigenous garden located on the northern side of the carpark between the Children's Centre and the School. A Working Bee is being planned for Term 2 to clear and prepare the site for planting.

### WATCH THIS SPACE!



TO CELEBRATE HARMONY WEEK COME AND JOIN US AT THE



## C.a.f.E. Enfield Children's Centre Kite Day

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April

9.30 am-11:00 am



In the Community space (Pateela St)

Come and make a kite with your child and then fly it on the oval.  
(For children under 5 years)

To register contact Jill on 8342 3329

or [jill.meldrum@sa.gov.au](mailto:jill.meldrum@sa.gov.au)





## From the Kangkulya Room...

### Harmony Week; Looking into the world of others



**Harmony Week is celebrated during March. It is about recognising and embracing our diverse Australian culture and people.**

The Kangkulya children have been busy sharing their understandings of families through art. We have been using felt-tip markers and watercolour paints to create family portraits.

We considered number of family members, skin tone, facial features, height, pets and what we like to do together...

We have been interested in looking at our own *Kangkulya Family Folder* on the bookshelf as well as reading books that promote a range of family structures. Such as, 'Family Forest' and 'Some Mums'



*"My skin is a bit lighter.."*

*"Way lighter!"*

*"..A little bit the same."*

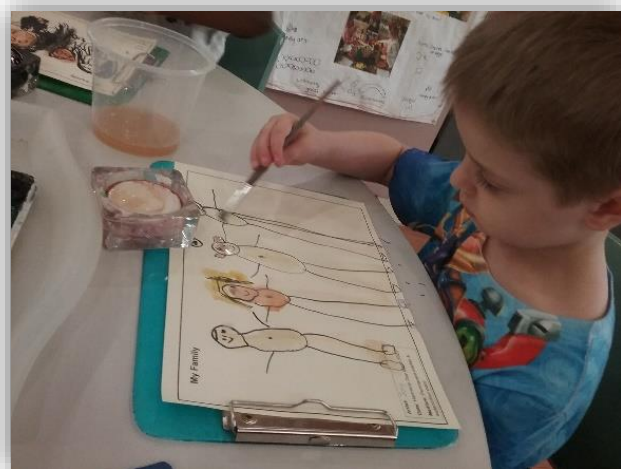
*"I live at two houses."*

*"..That's different."*



We heard children sharing stories and facts about their families, while listening to others share theirs. Working in small groups allowed the opportunity for these rich, deep conversations to be had between children and educators.

As children develop a deeper understanding of their own families, they are then able to communicate their ideas with others and take on the perspectives of others. This is at the core of what Harmony Week is all about.



*Have you spotted your family painting on the window yet?*

*"He is a baby brother."*

*"I am big."*

*"I'm big too."*

*"My brother has jiggly hair and my mum has dots on her face (freckles)."*

*"My mum works."*

**As educators we strive to provide meaningful opportunities for..**

- Children to respond to diversity with respect.
- Children to develop knowledgeable and confident self-identities.
- Children to develop a sense of belonging to groups and communities.