



Ninna Marni everyone



On Saturday, the 6th of April we held our Kite Day for Harmony Week. 21 families attended and we all enjoyed making kites in our backyard space before heading to the oval in beautiful, sunny kite-flying conditions to test them out! We hope you enjoy looking at some of the photos of the morning at the end of this newsletter.

It's hard to believe that Term 2 is already here. With it comes some cooler weather and a reminder that our "Coat Swap" will soon begin again. You can find some more information on this in the next couple of pages.

Important Dates

29 Apr	Term 2 begins
4 May	Dad's Playgroup
21 May	"Toilet Learning" session
23 May	Preschool Closure Day
1 Jun	Dad's Playgroup

REMINDER ABOUT FEE CHARGES FOR FAMILY HOLIDAYS

In January, our Fee Schedule was updated. Families are no longer charged for public holidays. However, **normal fees now apply** for family holidays. Please read our [Fees Policy](#) for more information.

There will be a preschool pupil free day on Thursday, the 23rd of May for staff to undertake Professional Development. Please see the office if you require childcare for this day.

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.

[Child Health Policy](#)

[Medication Policy](#)

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COAT SWAP IS BACK!

Every year, around this time when the cool and wet weather starts to appear, we organise a “Coat Swap”. If you have a coat that no longer fits your child, you can donate the coat to the Centre. We will then put it on our “Coat Swap Rack”, and you might be able to find a coat to swap it with.



Any coats leftover will be donated to Treasure Boxes.

On Tuesday, the 21st of May from 4pm-5.30pm we are running a **“Toilet Learning”** Q&A session for families who might have some questions about toileting and how to support their children who are showing signs of readiness. We are offering limited childcare places if required.

Dad’s Playgroup runs on the first Saturday of each month from 9.30am-11am. All Dads, Uncles and Grandfathers are welcome!

For more information on ‘What’s On’, keep an eye out for our timetable and other flyers on the noticeboard near the sign in sheets.

For further information regarding these programs or to register please contact Jill on either 383423329 or jill.meldrum@sa.gov.au.



EAT A RAINBOW

In Term 2, our cooks Lisa and Emma will be encouraging us all to 'eat a rainbow'. This is a national campaign that encourages exploration and tasting of a wide range of fruit and vegetables, and helps children understand that we all need a wide range of different coloured fruit and vegetables for good health.



'Eat a Rainbow' will start in Week 3, with the **red**, **blue** and **purple** group of fruit and vegies.

The beautiful colours of these groups of fruits and vegetables are from natural plant pigments, which are also very powerful antioxidants that help keep our hearts healthy and protect against cancer, stroke and heart disease.



FAREWELL DEAR EDDIE

Last week ended on a sad note with the passing of our much-loved guinea pig, Eddie.

The children and educators had spent time with him on Wednesday and Thursday, and we don't believe that Eddie was unwell or in visible pain. A small group of children joined Anila and Rowena in the compost yard on Friday, to help dig a hole to bury Eddie in and spent the time together talking about what Eddie had meant to them and sharing their understandings of death. Some of you might remember that last April, we lost Eddie's very best friend, our rabbit Ginny. We had Ginny cremated, but have not known what to do with her ashes. We now know that her ashes will go next to where Eddie is buried, and we will lay a small monument that the children will be able to decorate to celebrate two very special and loved animals.

If your child is asking questions about death, *"Beginnings and Endings with Lifetimes in Between"* by Bryan Mellonie, is a gentle and comforting children's book we read here at the Centre that explains the concept of life and death to children in a simple and easy to understand way.



KITE DAY, 6th of APRIL 2024

