



Naa Marni everyone (*that is a Kaurna greeting which means "are you well"?*)

Welcome to Term 3 and a special welcome to all of the new families to our Centre. I will start this newsletter with an apology- it has been such a busy few months that we have not been able to get out a Centre newsletter since May, so this will be a big issue!

Please make sure that you check the Important Dates at the bottom of this page as we have a kindy closure day and a Centre closure day in September for Staff Development. Also take note of the dates for our 2025 Christmas Closure.

Apart from focussing on our important daily work with children, these are some of the reasons that we have been too busy to send out a newsletter in recent months :

- held our Mid-Year Celebration in June
- we farewelled several long-term educators- Kate, Vivien and Natja

- had educators attend conferences, workshops, facilitate exhibitions, be part of advisory groups and research projects.
- hosted international visitors from Singapore
- We welcomed all of the new families to the Centre and supported children transitioning between rooms
- and preparing for the introduction of 3 year old preschool in 2026!

We will highlight some of these in this issue.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES

The Centre will be closed from

**6pm on Friday 20th of December 2025
until**

7am on Monday 6th of January 2026.

Important Dates

6 Sept	Dad's Playgroup 9:30-11
7-13 Sept	National Child Protection Week
12 Sept	Kindy Pupil Free day (child care available)
17 Sept	Parent Forum 6- 7 PM Management Committee 7-8
29 Sept	CENTRE CLOSED for staff development
4 Oct	Dad's Playgroup 9:30-11
6 Oct	PUBLIC HOLIDAY- CENTRE CLOSED

POLICIES UNDER REVIEW OR PASSED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

- [Inclusion Policy](#) (passed)
- [Asthma Policy](#) (passed)
- Personal Electronic Devices policy (draft)
- Taking, storing and retaining digital images procedure (draft)

Policies are available on our [website](#)

RATED

EXCEEDING

NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD



Community Development Co-ordinator

Meal times at home can be sometimes be tricky with young children. I recently discovered this podcast episode by paediatric dietician Anna Rita

Talking about family mealtimes, nutrition and food refusal in children

by Anna Ritan. The podcast is 32 minutes long. Click on the link below to listen

<https://emergingminds.com.au/podcasts/talking-about-family-mealtimes-nutrition-and-food-refusal-in-children/>

Save the Date

Relationships Australia will be hosting a session called

Little People, Big Emotions

Tuesday 11th November 6-7:30 at C.a.F.E. Enfield Children's Centre.

Dads Playgroup

Did you know that we have Dads Playgroup on the 1st Saturday of every month?

This is an opportunity for children under four and their dads to have fun playing, exploring, singing, learning and laughing together.

The next playgroup is Saturday 6th September from 9:30-11am

If you are interested in any of these groups or want more information than please contact

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You are invited to a Parent Forum to talk about Child Protection and Safety

Wednesday 17th September 6:00-7:00PM

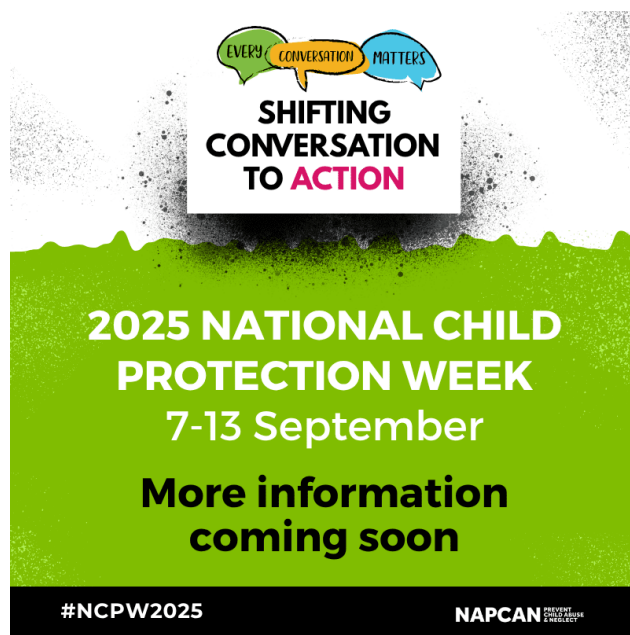
There has been a lot of attention in the media recently about child protection concerns- particularly in child care and preschool. As educators we feel for the children and families who have been affected these reports of alleged child abuse and quality breaches.

We understand that as parents you also feel shocked and saddened by these media stories, and that you might have questions, or want more information about the steps and practices that we can all take to ensure that every child is kept safe.

We are all deeply committed to keeping children safe and protected from harm, and we are strong advocates for children's rights.

It is important that as a community, we continue to have conversations in order to promote awareness and take action to keep children safe. That is why we are holding this parent forum to coincide with [National Child Protection Week](#). It will be a chance to have a conversation and ask questions.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.



Thank-you to everyone who came to our Mid-Year Celebration in June.

It was a wonderful morning of playing & talking together in the Beyond Space, and we were able to say thank you and goodbye to the children and families moving off to school, & to Vivien, Kate & Natja for all of their years of dedication and commitment to our Centre community.



Professional Learning Opportunities for our educators

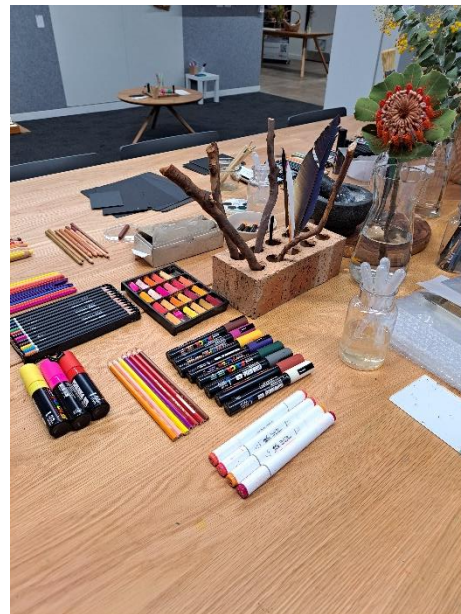
Professional learning opportunities support our educators to increase their knowledge, be exposed to new ideas and ways of thinking, and most importantly to improve our planning, documentation and practices with children. Here are some highlights:

Reggio Emilia Information Exchange Australia (REAIE) Conference -July

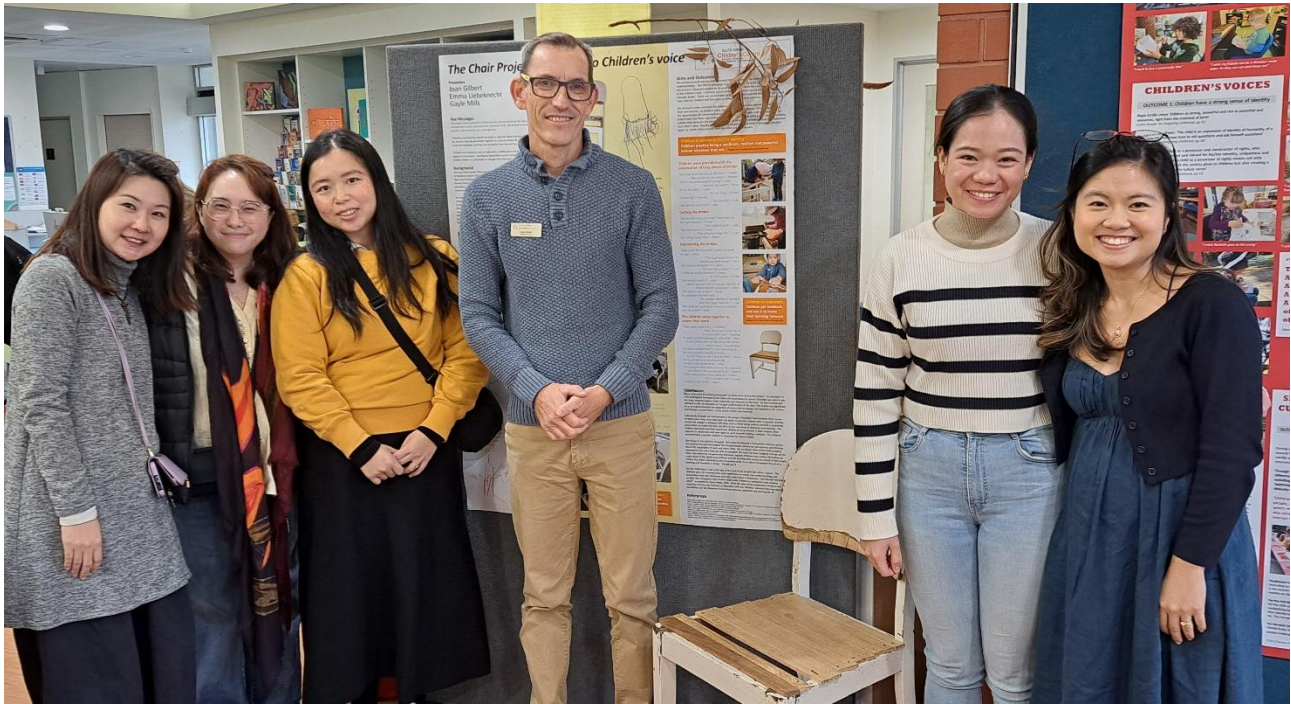
Reggio Australia Mosaics of Marks, Words & Meaning (MOWM) Exhibition - July

Rowena & Lee attended this 2 ½ day conference which happens every 2 years, and this year we were fortunate that it was in Adelaide. The Municipal Infant/toddler Centres and Preschools in Reggio Emilia (Italy) are acclaimed around the world (& have been highly influential on our Centre) for their approach and philosophy for young children that views them as competent, capable, and full of potential. These centres focus on fostering children's natural curiosity and creativity through environments rich in exploration, using various "languages" of expression. The approach emphasizes child-led learning, the importance of the environment as a third teacher, documentation of learning, and strong community involvement, including the roles of parents and teachers.

Adelaide was also fortunate to host a world-wide touring exhibition and workshops from Reggio Emilia for several weeks in July. Anila, Deb and Lee volunteered as exhibition guides and support people for some of the workshops. The exhibition showcases the research from the Infant-Toddler Centres and Preschools of Reggio Emilia, Italy, making visible the dialogue between mark-making, drawing, and narration as children construct meaning and communicate through multiple expressive languages.



Visitors from “Little Village School” Singapore



When Lee was volunteering at one of the Mosaics of Marks, Words & Meaning workshops he met a group of educators from the Little Village School in Singapore who were in Adelaide for the conference and to visit some Centres and schools. While we were talking they explained that a centre visit they had planned the next day was cancelled because the Director was sick, and they asked me if I could recommend somewhere.... And of course I recommended C.a.F.E. Enfield Children's Centre! During the visit they had a tour of the Centre, looked at how we plan and document for children's learning, discussed the family support programs that we offer and shared about their service and ways of working.

As a thank you, Evelyn (the Head of School) and her team gifted us some picture books from Singapore, a copy of their welcome book for new families created with the children, and a pack of conversation cards developed with a group of children at their school shortly after COVID 19.

Elli has begun to introduce some of these gifts to a small group of children in the Kangkulya Room. Here are some of their comments when looking at the welcome book:

What's Singapore?

Like Singapore Airlines. It's a plane that you fly to Singapore

What's a morning walk?

What's centre time?

The children are interested in creating their own book about our Centre.

We are thinking that we might begin corresponding with the Little Village school as a way of building a relationship between our two Centres.