



Term 4 Issue 3

Newsletter

December 2024

Ninna Marni everyone

It is hard to believe that this year has passed and we are preparing for Christmas. It is of course a time filled with happiness and excitement as we approach the holidays, and many children have been visiting their new schools and preparing for the next adventure in their lives. It is also a sad time as we say goodbye to the children and families- some of whom have been at the Centre for several years.

It has been a privilege for us as educators to have been entrusted with your children and to have been a part of their learning, their lives, and your family's life. We thank all of you for that trust and for the contributions that you have made to our Centre Community.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas & a safe and happy holidays



Important Dates

13 Dec	Last Day Term 4
20 Dec	Centre Closes at 6pm for 2 weeks
6 Jan 2025	Centre re-opens at 7am
24 Jan	CENTRE CLOSED for Staff Development
27 Jan	CENTRE CLOSED- Public Holiday
28 Jan	Term 1 begins

Make the most of these summer holidays

There are so many things to do over the summer season- and most of them are FREE! For example, *explore a reef or rock pool and see how many sea creatures you can spot, or get up early and go for a bush walk, listening and spotting wildlife along your way!*

Nature Play SA have put together a list of [25 things to do this summer](#), which we have emailed along with the newsletter.

Happy Exploring!

Reminder that the Centre is CLOSED from 6pm Friday 20th December until 7:00 am on Monday 6th January 2025

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.

- [Parent Complaint Policy](#)
- [Accident Prevention Policy](#)

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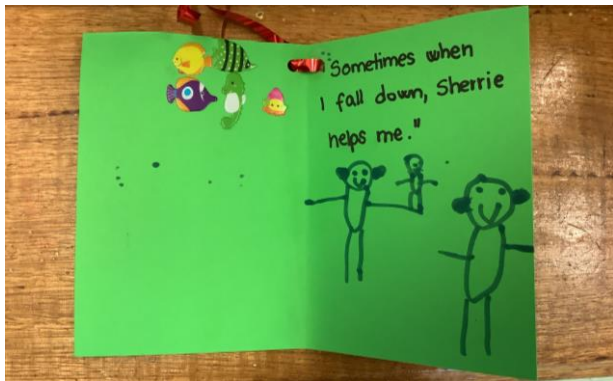
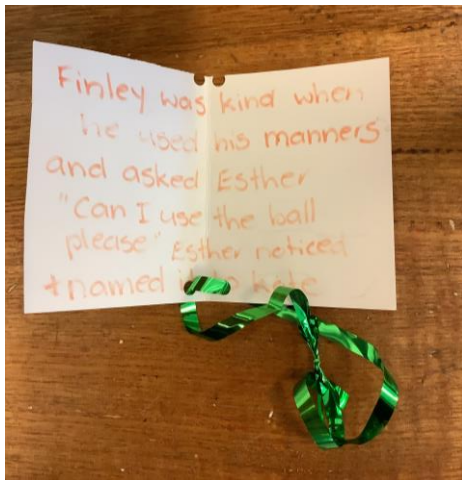
NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD



Celebrating with Children

As we lead up to Christmas we try to focus on experiences that are meaningful, enjoyable and a little bit different from what we might do everyday.

This includes things like Face Painting (thanks Deb), a special lunch with fairy bread (thanks Lisa), or the "Kindness Tree" in the Kangulya Room where children have created cards that highlight a time when they noticed a friend being kind.



Please consider joining the MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Our Children's Centre (child care & preschool) is managed by a committee of parents and staff. Being a part of the Committee provides a way for you to participate in the management of the Centre and to have a strong voice in what happens.

Meetings are held once a month on Wednesdays from 6-8pm.

Goodbye Violetta



The end of the year is often a time of change and that includes adults.

Violetta has made the difficult decision to leave the Centre to embark on the next chapters of her professional and family life.

Violetta first began at the Centre as a student undertaking placement way back in 2016. In 2017 while she continued her studies, Violetta joined our team of educators. After a couple of years with us she took up a full time position at another Centre. S

In 2023 she enthusiastically re-joined the Karra Room team with a lot of new knowledge and experience that she had gained, and a sense of excitement to return to a Centre "where she had learned so much".

We sincerely thank Violetta for her contributions to our Centre community and wish her every success in the future.

Have you heard of attachment and the Circle of Security?

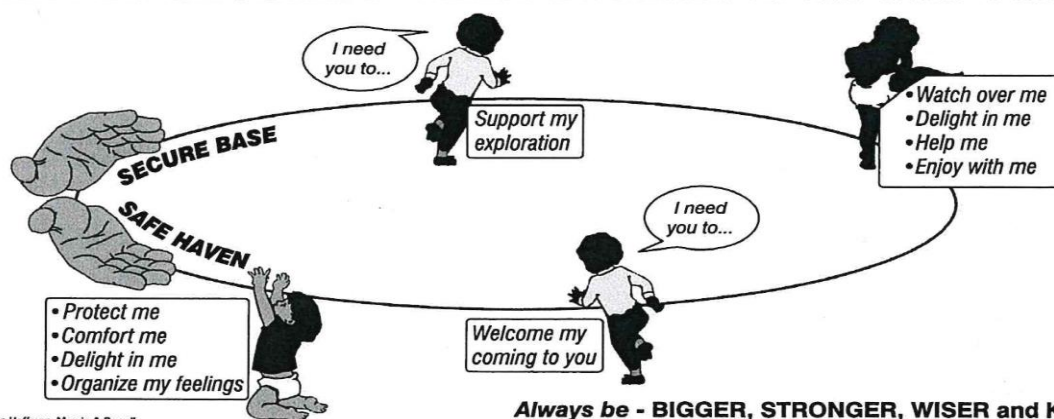
Do you ever notice how your child goes out from you to explore and play and then makes their way back to you for a cuddle, a smile, or a chat?

This going out and coming back is called the Circle of Security. The Circle shows us how children need adults to support their exploration by watching over them, being ready to help them, play with them and share good feelings. The Circle also shows us how children need adults to welcome them back when they need to be close, share good feelings, receive protection and or comfort, and have big feelings they need help to learn about and manage.

In the centre we use the Circle of Security to help us support our children's cognitive and social and emotional learning. This means our educators help our children to go out and explore their environment and are also ready to welcome them back when they need support to manage their feelings. Our educators are supported to be with the children in their feelings. They offer a calm presence, and name and talk about the children's feelings. This helps children to learn that all of their feelings can be faced, accepted and shared. In turn, this helps our children to enjoy more happiness, feel less anger, turn to adults for help and know how to be kind to those around them.

We offer a number of opportunities for parents to learn about the Circle of Security. Please come and say Hi to Jill who will put your name on a wait list for our next course.

CIRCLE OF SECURITY - PARENT ATTENDING TO THE CHILD'S NEEDS



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Always be - BIGGER, STRONGER, WISER and KIND.
Whenever possible - follow my child's needs. Whenever necessary - take charge.

We will be hosting a Circle of Security Parenting group for Dads starting 11th February 2025
(check out the flyer that was emailed to you for more information)