



### **Ninna Marni everyone**

We just managed to get this newsletter out before the end of February- It has certainly been a busy start to the year! It has also been a wonderful time as we have gotten to know new children and families, & observed children developing relationships with their educators and making new friendships.

We hope that the transition into the Centre has also been a relaxed and positive experience for you as parents as this represents a big change in your life too.! We will email out a feedback form to new families about your experience with starting at our Centre and we would appreciate any information you can provide so we can make necessary improvements.

In this edition of the newsletter we will share with you some of the Professional Learning that the educators have been engaged in – especially at our Staff Development Days. As a staff team we are committed to improving our knowledge and our practice so that we can improve the learning and wellbeing outcomes for children and support you in your parenting role. We are very appreciative of the Management Committee and the support they show the staff in enabling this to happen. Our next Staff Development Day is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Important Dates**

Feb 19	Management Committee 6-8
Mar 1	Dads Playgroup 9:30-11
Mar 5	Annual General Meeting
Mar 7	CENTRE CLOSED-Staff Development
Mar 10	CENTRE CLOSED- Public Holiday
Mar 15	1 <sup>st</sup> Aid for Mums & Dads
Mar 22	Kite Day

**You are invited to attend the  
Annual General Meeting for  
C.a.F.E. Enfield Children's Centre**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

**6:30-8:00pm**

**Parent involvement is crucial in the running of our centre.**

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.

**We NEED more Committee members!**

Please consider joining the Management Committee via the attached nomination form.

### **POLICIES CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW:**

[Parent Complaint Policy](#)

[Accident Prevention Policy](#)

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.

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**EXCEEDING**

NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD



## Community Development Co-ordinator

### First Aid for Mums & Dads (free session)

**When:** Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 9:30-12:30

**Where:** C.a.F.E. Enfield Children's Centre  
Community Space

Leeanne is the First Aid facilitator and has been presenting these sessions for many years. The session focuses on 'what to do if....' and is not a certificate course. Please note we will not be providing childcare, but if you have babies in prams or on laps, you're welcome to bring them.

### Baby Massage

**When:** Fridays from 7<sup>th</sup> March (for 4 weeks)  
For babies under 12 months age

**Time:** 9:30-12:30

**Where:** C.a.F.E. Enfield Children's Centre  
Community Space

An opportunity to communicate with your baby through touch. Learn to read your babies body language and cues.

Relationships Australia will facilitate the sessions for families living in Gepps Cross, Enfield, Blair Athol, Kilburn, Clearview & Broadview.

### Toilet Learning

**Appointments available every Friday  
during term time between 9-11am**

Would you like an opportunity to chat about your child's toilet readiness, & strategies to support your child with this new skill?

For more information about what's happening please look in the community noticeboards located at the entrance.

For further information regarding these programs or to register please contact Jill on either 383423329 or [jill.meldrum@sa.gov.au](mailto:jill.meldrum@sa.gov.au).

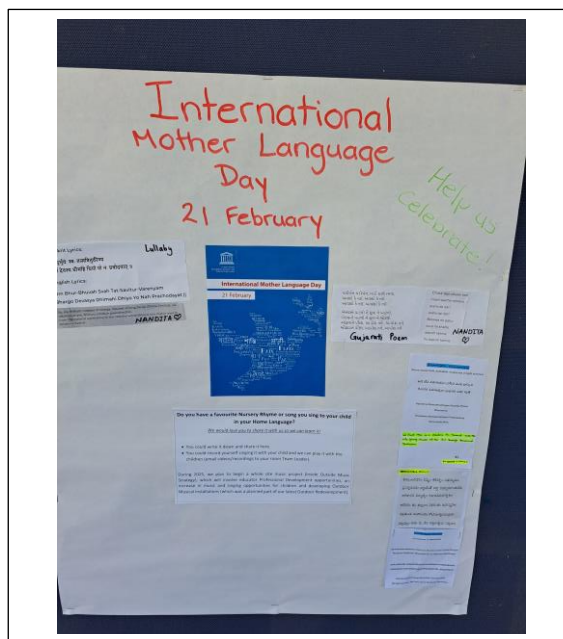
## Celebrating Culture & Language

You may have noticed some displays around the Centre recently which are highlighting culture & language as part of our efforts to be an even more inclusive Centre. (You can come into the front foyer or the community space see them.

These actions were a direct result of some of the conversations educators had at our Staff Development Day in January (more about that later in the newsletter).

### Commemorating International Mother Language Day- Feb 21

Thank you to the families who have added songs & poems to our display near the front entrance, or who have shared words in their home language so that we can use them with children.



## Staff Development -Learning for our educators

*The quality of Educators is the key to the provision of high quality care and education of young children. This notion is supported through an environment of trust and respect with the community and in a culture of continual reflection and renewal of ideas and understandings. Educators are actively encouraged to access and continue training and professional development. We are all lifelong learners.*

*(C.a.F.E. Enfield Children's Centre Philosophy Statement)*

At our last Staff Development Day on 24<sup>th</sup> January we focussed on a range of topics which relate to our Quality Improvement Plan for 2025. Some of this is continuing work we started last year & some is new work .

Some of the key topics we explored & discussed included:



- **Learning about Kaurna culture, language and country.** This session was facilitated by Liesl Von der Borch. This was meaningful learning for us and included lots of useful things such as games & everyday language that we can use with children. Each room has chosen 1 or 2 things that they are going to implement this term.
- **Considering Inclusion within our Centre- how can we be more Inclusive of all children and families?**
  - We discussed what we mean when we use the term “Inclusion”- Eg Feeling welcomed; sense of belonging; respecting & valuing different cultures, family types and situations, abilities, religions and backgrounds.
  - We identified things that we already do to support inclusion & what else we could do?
  - We reflected on things that might be a barrier to inclusion and how we can address them.
  - One potential barrier that we identified is that all of the information about our Centre is in English so we would like to work this year to translate as many key document as possible.

**If you have any feedback or suggestion please talk with your child's educator**

- **Music Education Strategy**
  - Last year, we were successful in obtaining a grant to implement a music strategy. A focus for us will be taking music outside to our outdoor environment.
  - Throughout 2025 we will be having lots of Professional learning about Music so we can increase our skills and knowledge

*“music is a universal language for all people to connect! Music exists in every culture and is a fundamental form of human expression. It is a vehicle to connect and celebrate the diversity within our schools, recognising and embracing children and young people of all cultures, experiences and abilities”*

*(Dr Anita Collins, neuro-musical educator)*

## **Nomination Form for Management Committee**

As a public preschool & a community-based centre we are 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 service and to have a strong voice in what happens.

Any parent can join the Committee and no experience is necessary.

Annual General Meeting  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 6:30-8:00pm**

I would like to nominate as parent representative on the Management  
Committee for 2025

Nominee Name:

Print name\_

Signature

I wish to nominate for the position of:

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Committee member

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Chairperson

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Treasurer

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Secretary

Nominated by

Print name\_

Signature

Date:

(Please return the completed form to the office)