



### Ninna Marni everyone

Welcome to all our new families and welcome back to our families returning after the summer break. We look forward to getting to know you and your children and working with you over the coming year to support your child's learning and development.

We trust that the orientation/transition process has been a positive one for you and your child. If you have any questions or feedback for us, please speak to an educator in your child's room.

This edition of the newsletter is full of helpful information and reminders as we start the year. Future issues will include highlights of some of the learning that has been happening for the children

#### IMPORTANT MESSAGE

**Please sign your child in electronically when they arrive and out when they leave! You also need to press "confirm". This is important for child safety so that educators know who is in the building, and for your childcare subsidy.**

**Ask the educators for help if you need to.**

### SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD TO SAY GOODBYE

From birth, your child's life is full of transitions. The key to successful transitions is that children need to feel safe, confident and supported and informed.

- Whenever possible try to leave your child with a familiar educator so they can feel more secure.
- **Always say goodbye to your child-don't sneak away!** Tell your child when you'll be back and then leave. It's tempting to check that your child is okay by going back. But each time you return and then leave, your child has to deal with another separation.
- Between visits, talk with your child about their educators and look together at the page of educator photos you received during transition visits.
- You are welcome to **telephone the Centre during** the day and speak to your child's educator to find out how your child is going.

#### Each child will experience separation in different ways

A child who attends once a week may take longer to become comfortable in their new environment than a child who attends five days a week. Each child deals with separations in their own way and in their own time – there is no universal pattern. On Monday your child might be happy to come to child care but on Friday they might be in tears -Be prepared for surprises. There is probably a sound reason for the change in behaviour, but you won't always be able to work it out!

**The younger your child, the more important it is to handle separations with care and sensitivity so that your child feels secure.**

### Important Dates

Jan 27	CENTRE CLOSED for public Holiday
Jan 28	Term 1 Begins
Feb 1	Dad's Playgroup 9:30-11
Feb 11	Circle of Security for Dads starts 5:30-7:30pm
Feb 19	Management Committee 6-8
Mar 1	Dad's Playgroup 9:30-11
Mar 5	Annual General Meeting



# Saturday Playgroups for Dads

Including step-fathers, grandfathers &  
uncles

Held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday every month  
9:30-11am



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

## 2025 Dates

1st February

**1st March**

5<sup>th</sup> April

**3<sup>rd</sup> May**

7<sup>th</sup> June

**5<sup>th</sup> July**

2<sup>nd</sup> August

**7<sup>th</sup> September**

4<sup>th</sup> October

**1<sup>st</sup> November**

6<sup>th</sup> December

## 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 from 6-8pm.

Nomination forms to join the Committee are attached to this newsletter.

Please speak to someone in the office if you would like more information.

## Annual General Meeting

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

**Time: 6:30-8pm**

(limited child care available)

## Fee Payments

You will receive your account every Monday via email. As we are a not-for-profit centre it is important that you pay your fees regularly and on time.

There are 2 ways you can pay:

- **bank transfer** (details on your account)
- **credit card** at the office

## CAR PARKING

**Please use the car park at the end of Pateela St for dropping off and picking up children.**

The Pateela St car park has 3 x 15 minutes parking spaces close to the building to assist with drop-off and pick-up.

We would also like to remind people that the Disabled car park is **only for people who have a Disability Parking Permit** (which must be displayed when parking).

## Community Lending Library

We are fortunate to have a Community Lending Library supported by the Children's Centre and Raising Literacy Australia. Sharing books with your children is an excellent way to support their language and communication development. It also helps build a close relationship between you and your child. It is never too early to share a book with your child. We have board books for younger children to enjoy if you prefer. Early language exposure, particularly interactive talk, is one of the strongest predictors of brain development (Raising Literacy Australia Website Jan 2022).

You can borrow a book for as long as your child would like. Children often learn through repetition. If your child is asking you to read the same book over and over, that is them telling you there is still more to learn and enjoy about that book.

We will clean the books after each use so please return to the "Returns" basket.

Some children choose a book each time they attend for their bedtime story. Is that a routine that might suit your family? Do you have a picture to share of the books being enjoyed at home? We would love to see some photos!

For more information about reading books with children click [here](#)



**[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

☐

Chairperson

☐

Treasurer

☐

Secretary

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Print name\_

Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please return the completed form to the office)