



Ninna Marni everyone

Thank you to all the children and families who came to our Mid-Year Celebration on the 22nd of June. We were thrilled that so many of you came to not only celebrate our preschoolers who will be starting school next week, but also to farewell Joan who has been the Director of our Centre since 2005. The relationships that Joan has built over the years were evident, with many past families and staff members coming to enjoy the day and celebrate with us.

As we farewell one group of preschool children and their families, we welcome our 2024 mid-year preschool intake. We also welcome several new families to the Centre in our Yitpi Tarnanthi and Karra Rooms. We look forward to getting to know you all and working with you to support your child's learning and development. We hope that your transition process has been a positive one and if you have any questions or feedback, please speak to an educator in your child's room.

Important Dates

22 Jul	Term 3 begins
24 Jul	Management Committee meeting 6-8 pm
3 Aug	Dad's Playgroup 9:30-11



CENTRE PHOTOS

It's that time of year again! Centre photos will be on Tuesday, the 10th and Thursday, the 12th of September. Keep an eye on your pockets for order forms!

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES

The Centre will be closed from 6pm on Friday the 20th of December 2024, and will reopen at 7am on Monday the 6th of January 2025.



Included with this newsletter is a flyer from Nature Play SA, '25 things to do in Winter', which has lots of wonderful ideas about ways to pass these wet, wintery days with children. If you haven't seen the website, there are a range of lists, events and information sheets to support families to spend more time outdoors.

NEW POLICIES CURRENTLY BEING DRAFTED:

- Anaphylaxis Policy
- Safe Arrival of Children Policy



The Book Library



A big 'Thank You' to Banjo from the Karra Room, and his family who donated a wonderful bundle of books to our Book Library. If you have any good quality books at home that still are in good condition and have some reading life left in them, we will happily accept them as donations to our Book Library.



**THANK YOU
ALL! WE RAISED**

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Our three National Pyjama Days were a lot of fun. Children and educators all enjoyed the chance to be warm and cosy in their winter pjs on the cold days.

CCS 2024 FINANCIAL YEAR REMINDER

Just a reminder that the new CCS 2024 year started last week, 8 July 2024 (the CCS year starts a week after the financial year). We see CCS dropping off at this time of year when families have not completed their previous year's tax returns on time.

Families have 1 year after the previous financial year ends to advise Centrelink of their income eg lodge a tax return or advise of a non-lodgement. If they don't, their CCS gets stopped until they do so. Once the family have completed their prior year's tax return, CCS will be re-instated but not back paid.

Here is a link with further information

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/time-limits-for-confirming-income-for-child-care-subsidy>



Spike Electronic Attendance

Apart from a few technical glitches, we have transitioned to the new iPads very smoothly. We thank everyone for their patience while learning the new system. A few points we thought might be worth mentioning:

* It is very important to use your own PIN when signing in and out and not the PIN of another family member. You should not be signing out under another person's name for safety and legal reasons. Everyone that is listed as a Collection Authority has their own PIN. If you do not know yours, please ask at the Office.

* At this stage it is not necessary to use the iPad to sign your child in and out of **preschool**. The pink sheets are still being used for attendance records.

* The QR code seems to work even if the network is offline, so if you don't currently use the QR code it may be a more efficient option.

* You can change your PIN to a shorter one if you are still using your mobile number.

Healthy Eating at C.a.F.E. Enfield Children's Centre

All children are supported to develop healthy eating patterns that support their health and wellbeing now and later in life. Over the course of a day at the Centre we aim to meet 50% of children's daily nutrition requirements- and this does not include breakfast or late snack. Across the Centre we run the "Eat a Rainbow" Program and each room has an in depth focus for a term on healthy eating.



Lisa, our cook, plans a 5-week menu that is healthy, varied and inclusive. We aim to support children's home cultures by providing some food that is familiar while also introducing new foods and flavours to children. A couple of meals per week are vegetarian, all of the meat is from a certified Halal butcher and special diets related to health needs are also catered for. Weekly Menus are displayed in the rooms, and we encourage you to look at them and talk with Lisa if you have any questions or suggestions.



Mealtimes themselves and the ways in which adults eat with and talk with children also support healthy eating habits. The educators eat the same food as the children and act as positive role models. They encourage children to try new foods and talk about the flavours and benefits of foods.

These are highly social times which give children opportunities to have conversations with one another, to serve their own food and pour their own drinks, to set the tables and to clean up afterwards. We refer to this as a *sense of agency*.

Nothing goes to waste. Our food scraps are composted, used to feed our guinea pigs and to feed the worms in our worm farm. The compost and worm wee are then used in our gardens to grow plants and vegetables which are used in other learning experiences.

A copy of our Healthy Food & Nutrition policy is on our website if you would like to find out more.

Quality Area 2 of the National Quality Standard requires Centres to provide for children's health and safety:

'All children have the right to experience quality education and care in an environment that provides for their health and safety. This should be complemented by a focus on promoting each child's wellbeing and providing support for each child's growing competence, confidence and independence.'
(ACECQA, 2011, p. 50)

Mid-Year Celebration, 22nd of June 2024

