



Term 1 Issue 2

## Newsletter

March 2024

### Ninna Marni everyone

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of February we held our Annual General Meeting. Thank you to the families and staff that attended.

We would like to express our sincerest thanks to the outgoing Management Committee members Amelia Thiele, Amy Simcock and Ali Curtis. We have greatly appreciated your contribution to the Centre and support of staff and families during your time on the Committee.

Our Children's Centre (childcare and preschool) is managed by a committee of parents and staff. At our Annual General Meeting, a new Management Committee was elected. The 2024 Committee members are:

Burcu Subasi- Chairperson  
Jess Tzerefos - Treasurer  
Hetty Ovan - Staff Representative  
Mara Dickerson  
Will Dickerson  
Lisa Panes  
Bharti Sharma

We look forward to a productive year of working alongside the Committee to continue delivering high quality care and education for your children, and to identify areas for improvement as we plan for the future.

**THERE WILL BE A PRESCHOOL PUPIL FREE DAY ON THURSDAY, THE 23<sup>RD</sup> OF MAY FOR STAFF TO UNDERTAKE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### PAYMENT OF FEES

As a not-for profit Centre it is important that both childcare and preschool fees are paid regularly and on time. **Families are expected to pay fees either weekly or fortnightly** unless special arrangements are negotiated with the Director and the Management Committee. Fees are charged for all bookings, including when the child is absent.

Our fees are primarily used to cover our operating costs including educator's wages, curriculum resources, food and upkeep of the Centre. Therefore, regular payment of your fees is necessary for us to operate.

If you don't pay your fees, you will be contacted to discuss payment options. Continued failure to pay your fees may result in your child's care or preschool being suspended until fees are paid or a payment plan is in place.

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

If you would like to contribute to the review of these policies, they are available to read on our [website](#) or you can request a copy from the office.

[Child Health Policy](#)

[Medication Policy](#)

### Important Dates

4 April

"Big Emotions, Little People" session

6 April

Dad's Playgroup

12 April

Term 1 ends

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**EXCEEDING**

NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD



## From The Community Development Co-ordinator

One of my roles as Community Development Coordinator is to provide opportunities for families to attend many of the different parenting groups and sessions offered here at the centre.

If you are interested in a "Toilet Learning" session please let us know, it's one of my favourite topics! Jo, our Occupational Therapist, and I often deliver this as a group if we have enough families interested. However, if it's difficult to get to a group together, I'm happy to organise a one-on-one meeting or phone conversation.

On **Saturday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of April** our Dad's Playgroup will be celebrating Harmony Week with a Kite Making morning, where we come together to make kites and fly them on the oval.

On **Thursday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of April** we will be running the Relationships Australia session **Big Emotions, Little People for Dads**. The session will include strategies to support emotional co-regulation, identify practical ideas to manage big feelings and understand brain development.

For more information on 'What's On', keep an eye out for our timetable and other flyers on the notice board near the sign in sheets.

For further information regarding these programs or to register please contact Jill on either 83423329 or [jill.meldrum@sa.gov.au](mailto:jill.meldrum@sa.gov.au)



### CENTRE HATS

We have had many enquiries this year about ordering Centre hats. If you would like to order a hat or t-shirt for your child, the link to our EduThreads store is [C.a.F.E. Enfield Children's Centre – EduThreads](#).

Just outside the office is a small selection of old stock in sizes 2, 4 and 6 that we are selling. \$5 for a printed t-shirt or \$10 for an embroidered one. Please see office staff if you'd like to purchase any.

## WOW!

Have you seen our new library books? There are some great new titles to share. We are also launching our focus on 'wow' words. Wow words are more complex words than everyday words. They are more typically found in books and less frequently heard in conversation. They are a fabulous way to build your child's vocabulary – or the number of words your child knows and can use in their communication. Building your child's vocabulary is an investment in their future.

Look out for our "wow" word treasure maps in some of our books. The "wow" words are found on a map inside the book. Go on a treasure hunt with your child and find the "wow" words. Take the opportunity to boost your child's vocabulary – explain the meaning, give details, relate it back to familiar words and concepts, use actions and gestures. Then repeat, repeat, repeat. Children learn new words through many repeated exposures, in books, in conversation, in play.

Have fun and let us know you and your child's wonderings.

If you're interested to find out more about boosting your child's vocabulary, click the link.

[Build Your Child's Vocabulary \(hanen.org\)](http://hanen.org)





# OUR GUINEA PIGS!

**The votes are finally in and it's official!**

The new guinea pigs names are **Freddy** and **Teddy**,

from the children's book "*Where's my Teddy?*" by Jez Alborough.

There were some very imaginative options to choose from, but these got the most votes.



**Eddie**



**Freddy**



Teddy and Freddy are still getting used to us and getting them out one at a time has been best to introduce them to the children, getting them used to being handled and being around us.

All the children have been very enthusiastic in their care for the animals, the Karra Room children have a daily roster with feeding the animals being part of their daily 'jobs'. We have had some families bringing treats for them in the form of carrot ends and spinach leaves, Lyla even saved her apple core to give them.

Welcome to our family Teddy and Freddy!



**Teddy**