



Ninna Marni everyone

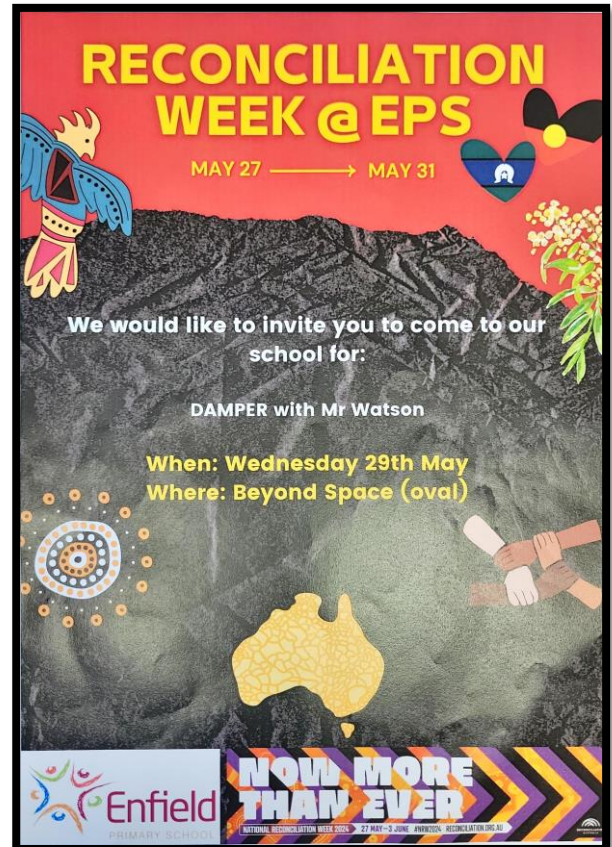
Have you seen the Bowerbirds around the Centre?



The National Simultaneous Storytime book this year is *Bowerbird Blues* by Aura Parker. The Rooms shared this book every day last week, and the Kangkulya Room has their own 'bowerbird nest' set up. Keep a look out in the lending library for copies to borrow, as it has quickly become a favourite among the children in the Centre. For more information on the benefits of reading;

[Reading and storytelling with babies and children : Words Grow Minds](#)

[Join in on National Simultaneous Storytime 2024 | Australia Reads](#)



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.

- **Child Health Policy**
- **Medication Policy**

Important Dates

27 May- June 3	National Reconciliation Week
1 Jun	Dad's Playgroup
6 Jul	Dad's Playgroup

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National Reconciliation Week May 27- June 3

What is National Reconciliation Week?

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The National Reconciliation Week theme for 2024, **Now More Than Ever**, is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will—and must—continue.

There have been many moments in Australia's reconciliation journey that make us want to turn away. But when things are divisive, the worst thing we can do is disengage or disconnect.

Now more than ever, we need reconciliation.

[National Reconciliation Week - Reconciliation Australia](https://www.reconciliation.org.au)



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Rowena, Elli, Hetty, Cobi, Violetta and Deb are currently undertaking their Marte Meo Practitioner Training with Licensed Marte Meo Supervisor, Italia Parletta. Over the past few years, many of the educators at CaFE Enfield Children's Centre have benefitted from this extremely valuable training that first originated in The Netherlands over 40 years ago and is now used all around the world. It encourages a new way of recognising how many opportunities there are in daily interactions and small 'moments' to build connections with and between children. It supports children to find their own strengths and focuses on the importance of communication and empathy when building relationships.

"I have learnt about respectful relationships, responsible leading and reflective practice. I will be aware of slowing down during my interactions with children and rather than questioning them, I will encourage their ideas as I continue to name their ideas and feelings." – Hetty

"Marte Meo helps children to be able to see into the world of others, to learn empathy and express their ideas." - Violetta

"This training has provided me with a new perspective to review my daily practice/interactions with children. Simply by waiting and following children's interests from the beginning you can start building connections with them, giving the children a voice". – Cobi

Farewell Cobi



It is with much sadness that we say goodbye to Cobi this month. From the moment she started here on her student placement back in 2020, she has been a calm and kind presence for children, families and her workmates. Her warmth and commitment to early childhood have made working with her an absolute pleasure and we are so thankful for her contribution to our Centre community. As much as all the children will miss Cobi and her puppet friends reading them stories before lunch each day, we do wish her every success as she begins her next exciting adventure.

Dear families,

After much reflection and consideration, I have made the decision to step down from my role as Early Childhood Teacher.

It has been such an amazing, wonderful and rewarding journey for me I first started as a placement student in 2020 in Yitpi Tarnanthi Room, and then joined the Karra Room team after my graduation. I feel so lucky to have been able to be a part of your child's life in their early years and to work with all of you, offering the best to your child. I truly enjoyed and cherished the time spent with your child during those early mornings at the breakfast table.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all the parents and caretakers who trusted me with their child and believed in what we do here. I'd also like to express my gratitude to everyone working at CaFE Enfield Children's Centre for their unwavering support throughout my journey.

With love and gratitude,

Cobi

Deciding the Rules Together: assessing risk for the fort & climbing net

We have recently been updating some of our risk assessment documents and we value the children's input in this process. Children have a right to express an opinion and to contribute to decision-making in matters that affect them. This is supported by the United Nations Rights of the Child (Article 12) and the Australian Early Years Learning Framework.

Lee held a meeting with a group of children from the Karra & Kangkulya rooms to discuss safety and rules for the fort and the climbing net. It was a fantastic discussion during which the children listened to each other and built on each other's suggestions. At times there were some differing ideas and we kept discussing to reach a shared decision. Lee kept minutes of the meeting and read them out at the end of the meeting to make sure nothing was missed.

Rules for the fort and climbing net:

- No climbing with toys or bags (or anything in your hands)
- No jumping off the net (or the fort)
- Only 2 people can climb on the net at a time
- Only 4 or 5 people allowed on top of the fort at a time

An educator needs to be near the net!

When you want to climb down the net:

- Check no-one is coming up
- Lay on your tummy at the top
- Go down feet first
- You must be facing the net with your tummy



1/5/24 These rules were decided at a meeting between Lee & the following children:

Ameline, Emmett, Penelope, Harriet, Sophie, Henry, Isaac, Kareem & Esther