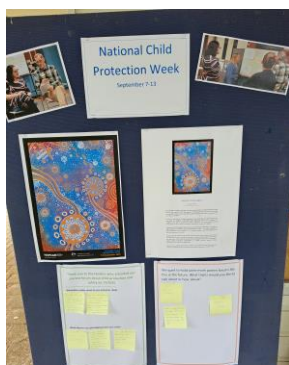




Ninna Marni everyone

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend our recent forum on child protection and safety. We had a wonderful conversation! We shared information about all of the safety changes happening in early childhood, talked about some of the reporting in the media and how we are all feeling about these reports. There was lots of opportunity for parents to ask questions and for us as a Centre to talk about our practices and policies to ensure that we are all working together to keep children safe.

We would like to hold more parent forums in the future and we want to know what topics you are interested in talking about. Please take a moment to look at the display outside the front entrance and add your comments or ideas.



CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES

A reminder that the Centre will be closed from 6pm Friday 19th December 2025, until

CENTRE CLOSURE DAY ON MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT

POLICIES: Recently approved

[Safe use of digital technologies and online environments policy & procedure](#)

Under Review

[Healthy Food and Nutrition Policy](#)

[Food Handling and Storage Policy](#)

If you have any comments, feedback or suggestions about these policies please email Lee.jones410@schools.sa.edu.au

Important Dates

26 Sept	Last Daye Term 3
29 Sept	CENTRE CLOSED for staff development
4 Oct	Dad's Playgroup 9:30-11
6 Oct	PUBLIC HOLIDAY- Centre closed
13 Oct	Term 4 begins
22 Oct	Management Committee 6-8
26 Oct	Toddlers & communication



No mobile phones in children's rooms



One of the national changes to improve child safety is a ban on educators having personal mobile devices in the children's rooms and playspaces.

This has been our practice for a long time, but this is now part of a new policy & procedure called [Safe use of digital technologies and online environments](#).

We are also asking parents to put your phones away when you enter your child's room or the outdoor yard, or when we have Centre events. Use these times to enjoy being with your child or to talk with educators.

If you use your phone to sign your child in via the ipad, then do this at the ipad near the office.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Lost Property

We currently have a LOT of lost property. Please check the baskets and rack at the front entrance. Please write your child's name inside all of their clothing (even socks) so that it doesn't become lost property.



FEES to increase October 13 2025

The Maanagement Committee met on Wednesday 17th September to discuss the budget for 2026.

As a not for profit Centre, our fees are set by the Committee (of parents & staff) to cover our wages and running costs. The Committee have decided upon a small increase in child care fees in order to meet increased cost. For most families this should only result in a small increase to your weekly bill.

There is no change to Preschool fees.

The new fees will come into effect at the start of Term 4 on Monday 13 October .

Full Time Weekly Fee	\$680
Full day fee	\$141
Morning session (7-12:30)	\$74.50 (inc lunch)
Afternoon session	\$71.50
Before preschool care	\$8.00
After preschool care	\$37.50
Preschool fee	\$230 per term

7am Monday 5th January 2025.

PAYMENT OF FEES

As a not-for profit Centre it is important that all fees are paid regularly and on time. **Parents are expected to pay fees weekly or fortnightly** unless special arrangements are made with the Director or Finance Officer. Continued failure to pay your fees may result in your child's care being suspended until fees are paid or a payment plan is in place. Preschool fees are due in full by Week 5 of each Term unless a payment plan is in place.

There are 2 ways you can pay:

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

Sun Protection

This time of year the weather can be very changeable- with a wide range of temperatures. We can have wind, rain and sunshine. We know it can be a challenge to know how to dress your child and what to pack.

Dressing children in several light layers of clothing means that they can remove or add layers to help regulate their body temperature.

It is also a good idea to pack a rain coat so that we can continue playing outside most days. Please write your child's name on their clothes to avoid clothes getting lost. If you have lost something, check the lost property basket, or speak with an educator.

Children need to wear sunhats

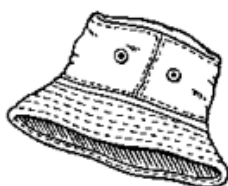
Please put a sunhat in your child's bag each day, or leave one for them at the Centre.

Sun hats are required every day from August to May in order to protect our skin from the harmful effects of the sun. Even on the cold cloudy days in September, the UV (Ultra violet) levels are high.

Broad brimmed hat



Bucket hat



Legionnaire hat



No Caps



(The Centre has bucket hats for sale from the office for \$15)

Please remove any drawstrings or cords from hats as these are a safety issue!

We also put sunscreen on the children whenever the UV index is 3 or above.



You can get a free Sunsmart App for your phone so that you can check the UV levels each day too. This is really useful for knowing when to use sunscreen at home