

FROM THE OFFICE:

Where has the year gone!!

Can't believe we are half way through the year and those dark, cold mornings are well and truly with us but it's lovely to experience some sunny afternoons in winter.

NRCCC will continue to be open for children's learning, with appropriate risk-mitigation strategies in place – unless instructed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all staff & educators at NRCCC for their dedication and professional work that they continue to provide to children & families throughout this pandemic. We all know how significant 'learning through play' is for all children in an early childhood setting and how children thrive on routine.

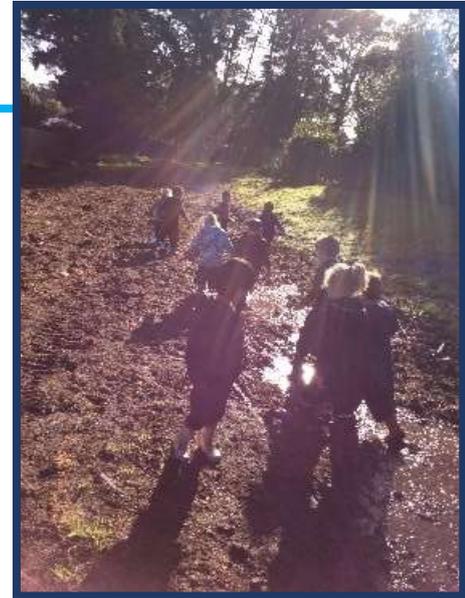
The Department of Education & Training emailed an update stating:

'Early childhood services are low-risk environments, it is very important that children are able to attend their early learning programs on-site. Some families will of course choose to be at home, but they need to know that attending on-site is available and encouraged for all families (except those with health vulnerabilities).'

NRCCC will minimise our staff and children's exposure to COVID – 19 by adhering to the Department's recommended guidelines and local Public Health Units to slow the spread of the virus. Our service will implement effective hygiene practices as per our existing policies and procedures and increase the frequency of cleaning and disinfecting high touch areas as per SafeWork Australia recommendations.

Please continue to keep us updated if your child is going to be absent as it will assist in arranging staff accordingly. Brief interactions with staff on pick-up & drop-offs is recommended so that the number of adults in the centre is kept to a minimum. Unfortunately we haven't had many incursions this year, we did squeeze the piglets in a few weeks ago, we are hoping to organise the '4week rabbit rearing program' again so that children can engage with the baby rabbits for a cuddle.

From the Office
Meryl & Megan



This update is to assist in keeping everyone informed with how NRCCC is managing children's temperature checks whilst in stage3 covid-19:

"The executive committee has made the decision not to implement mandatory temperature checks on arrival at the centre".

This decision was based on the evidence* that coronavirus can spread from an infected person several days before that person has any symptoms, such as a high temperature.

The executive committee trusts that parents and carers will continue to use their good judgement in keeping unwell children at home. We encourage you (parents) to perform temperature checks at home when your children are at their most comfortable, as we known that drop off can be difficult for children at times.

* <https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-symptoms-and-how-the-virus-spreads-faqs#spread>

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH OUR EDUCATOR'S?

We are excited to welcome two new Educators to our team; Jaimee will work in our Kinder room so that Bec can return to her role of Outdoor Leader/break person. Many thanks to Bec for doing such a great job with our Kinder children and families. Tiani will also commence; we are still finalizing plans of her position in the Centre.

Mini is currently on reduced hours and will be until she goes on Maternity Leave later in the year. Congratulations to her and Bernard as they wait for the arrival of their first baby.

Walks in the community (feeling connected)

A few weeks ago: for a brief period of time some groups of children were able to venture out into the Nth Ringwood community.

The kinder children visited the local park and had a Teddy bears picnic on the Reserve.

The Dragonfly children went for a walk to support the local community and visited the Post Office and the local fruit shop.



CRAZY HAIR DAY

Thank-you Karol for organising crazy hair day



On Friday 31st July 2020
We will be having a
cRaZy hair day.
We ask for a gold
donation to go to SANE
Australia.



NRCCC is a part of the government mental health initiative, Be You. We are committed to providing information and support to all children, families and staff in order to maintain good mental health within our community.

SANE Australia assists to improve health and social outcomes for people living in Australia affected by complex mental health issues.



WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING THE CRAZY STYLES,



Reminder to all families:

We are currently in transition from FlexiBuzz to FlexiSchools – we will monitor what this new app supports and provides for our service.

We are currently looking into StoryPark for a new tool of communication for educators to communicate with our families. If you have any experience with StoryPark (from previous centres) please share your thoughts with educators so that we can come to a decision in which path to choose for our communication.

In the meantime please keep checking your FlexiBuzz/FlexiSchools or emails to keep updated with news from NRCCC.

The piglets visited NRCCC





SUPERHERO YOGA



I am brave.
WARRIOR 1 POSE



I am strong.
WARRIOR 2 POSE



I am peaceful.
PEACEFUL WARRIOR POSE



I am kind.
WARRIOR 3 POSE



I am a superhero!
HALF MOON POSE

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Mindfulness and our wellbeing is an important structure in our program and philosophy at NRCCC.

During this pandemic we will continue to support all children, educators & staff in a healthy lifestyle and environment.

Please look after one another and our community, it's important to keep checking in on each other to ensure our community stays connected.

Take care from all of us at NRCCC