



Dear educators and families, Welcome to our winter edition.



Our Message

Reminder:

- Update of family details, contact numbers, new address, change in emergency contact person.
- Update of immunisation record

How can we make our newsletter better? What information would you like us to include?

Parent Corner

Positive relationships between parents and children: why they're important

Children learn and develop best when they have strong, loving, positive relationships with parents and other carers.

That's because positive relationships with parents and carers help children learn about the world – whether the world is safe and secure, whether they're loved, who loves them, what happens when they cry, laugh or make a face, and much more.

You can build a positive relationship with your child by:

➤ Being in the moment with your child

Being in the moment is about tuning in and thinking about what's going on with your child. It shows your child that you care about the things that

matter to them, which is the basis for a strong relationship.

➤ Spending quality time with your child

Quality time can happen anytime and anywhere, in the middle of ordinary days and situations. It can be a laugh when you're bathing your toddler or a conversation in the car on the way to basketball with your teenage child. These moments give you the chance to communicate positive messages with smiles, laughter, eye contact, hugs and gentle touches.

➤ Creating a caring environment of trust and respect.

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➤ Trust and respect are essential to a positive parent-child relationship.

In the early years with your baby, developing trust is important. Your baby will feel secure when they learn they can trust you and other main carers to meet their needs. This sense of safety and security gives your child confidence to explore the world. Trust and respect become more mutual as your child gets older.





Educator Corner



NAIDOC Week is a powerful opportunity for educators to walk alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families as we celebrate strength, vision and legacy in supporting the next generation to stand proud in their identity.

While NAIDOC Week is a time of reflection and celebration, it is also a call to action.

In early learning settings, it presents a meaningful opportunity to recognise the resilience, leadership and cultural richness of First Nations peoples. It is a time to embed learning experiences that uphold the voices, rights and futures of the next generation.

Year-round, educators are guided by the Approved Learning Frameworks, which clearly state:

“Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives are valued.”

This principle reminds us that culture is not a theme or tokenistic gesture but a living, ongoing part of identity and community. For young children, the people, stories and places they are connected to help shape lifelong values of respect, inclusion and cultural pride.

The 2025 NAIDOC Week theme, Strength, Vision & Legacy, highlights the wisdom passed through generations and celebrates the growing strength and leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people.

4 Ways to Celebrate NAIDOC Week 2025 with Children

1. Share Stories of Strength

- Read picture books written and illustrated by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander authors.
- Facilitate yarning circles to reflect on strength within children’s own families and communities.

2. Create a “Vision for the Future” Wall

- Invite children to draw or paint what they imagine for the world they’ll grow up in.
- Include messages of care for land, culture and community.
- Display children’s artworks alongside images or words from local First Nations role models.

3. Connect with Local Culture and Country

- Respectfully incorporate local language, stories and art (with permission and guidance).
- Visit places of cultural significance or welcome a local Elder or community member to share with children.

4. Celebrate Culture Through Music and Dance

- Share both traditional and contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music
- Encourage children to express themselves through music and movement — Blak, Loud & Proud!



News

Major Changes to Safety and Quality in NSW Early Childhood Education

The NSW Government is rolling out urgent reforms in the early childhood education and care (ECEC) sector to better protect children and rebuild trust. These reforms respond directly to an increase in safety breaches during 2024.

Reform Area	Action Taken
Stronger laws	Amending the Children (Education and Care Services) National Law (NSW)
Tougher penalties	Increasing fines for individuals and services that breach the law
Transparency	Services must notify families of serious investigations
Performance reporting	Requiring public release of safety and quality data
Independent regulation	Establishing an independent regulator, separate from the Dept of Ed
CCTV trials	Allowing regulators to install cameras in centres under investigation

Why now?

- A report by Chris Wheeler (former NSW Deputy Ombudsman) revealed:
 - Rising safety issues across services
 - Weak penalties in current laws
 - A lack of transparency in how the Regulatory Authority shares findings with the public



Calendar

Dates for the Diary

July 2025

Thursday 3rd - International plastic bag free day
Saturday 5th - Ashura night, a day of commemoration in Islam
Sunday 6th - **NAIDOC** Week Begins - Celebrating our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture - Muharram Islamic New Year
Thursday 10th - Teddy Bear Picnic - Bring your favourite teddy along
Saturday 19th - Pyjama day
Friday 25th - National Tree Day - Children gardening

August 2025

Thursday 7th - Jeans for Genes Day - Wear as much as denim as you can
Saturday 9th - National science week begins
Saturday 16th - Book week begins
Thursday 21st - Daffodil Day - Come dressed in Yellow!
Thursday 28th - Red Nose Day

September 2025

Monday 1st - Child protection week
Wednesday 3rd - Early childhood educator Day
Sunday 7th - Father's Day
Wednesday 10th - Early childhood educator Day
Friday 19th - Pirate Day - Come dressed as a pirate
Tuesday 23rd - September Equinox



Photo Gallery

Reference:

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