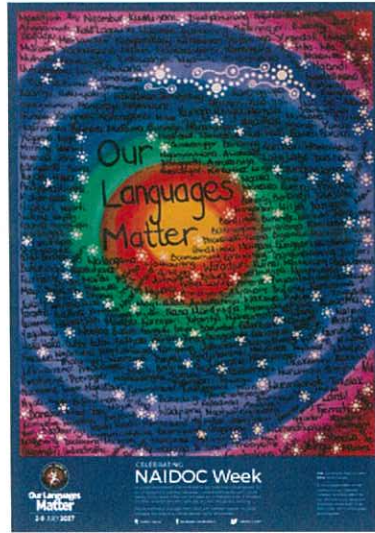


Naidoc Week

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community

The centre will celebrate Naidoc week from the 2nd—9th of July. We look forward to sharing some photos in the next newsletter .



Fees

The committee is currently working through the finances for the coming year to workout the daily fees that will be charged to the families.

Centre Policies

The centre policies are located in the office. If you're wanting to view them please feel free to ask the office staff.

Sustainability

We have now introduced into the rooms smaller buckets a black one for food scrapes and a white one to pour left over liquid from the children's meals during the day. The different coloured buckets make it easy for the children to recognise and remember where to put their left overs when putting their bowls into the bucket. Educators encourage and role model watering the garden with the used water. The scraps are taken home by Catherine for her chickens.

We have recently obtained membership to Resource Rescue. Resource Rescue is a non-profit organization which collects rejects, seconds and factory offcuts for distribution to the community. Their aims are as follows:

- *To supply the educational community, artists and other resourceful people with discount craft supplies which is industrial waste donated by various industries in Melbourne.
- *To educate school children about the benefits of re-using materials.
- *To reduce the volume of industrial waste going into landfill and save our planet.



Staff Update

Goodbye

Lucas our 4 year old Yellow group Kinder Teacher has left us at the end of Term 2 , we would like to thank Lucas for his hard work and wish him well on his next adventure.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Nicole to our Kinder team and look forward to working with her.

We would also like to welcome Thao our new bookkeeper to the team.

We also would like to welcome Angie our new Kitchen staff member in the centre who has been working full time during Catherine's leave. Angie will be in the kitchen on a Thursday and Friday.

2017/18 Christmas closure dates

The centre will be closed for Christmas break from Friday the 22nd of December until Monday the 8th of January.

The children's last day of care will be Thursday 21st of December and will resume on Tuesday the 9th of January.



Immunisation Evenings

(no appointment necessary)

Williamstown Hall

Tuesday 11th July 5pm-7pm

Hobsons Bay Civic Centre

Tuesday 25th July 5pm-7pm

Day sessions also available.
More information can be found at:

<http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Community/Families-children/Immunisation-service>

Kinder groups and times:

4 yr old Green group:

Tuesday and Thursday

8:30am – 4pm

4 yr old Yellow group:

Wednesday and Friday

8:30am – 4pm

Kindergarten Term Dates

3rd term: Monday 17th July –
Friday 22nd September

4th term – Monday 9th October –
Wednesday 22nd December

Incursions

Below is a list of incursions planned for the upcoming months.

Long Day Care

Hey Dee Ho - Every Tuesday morning rotating rooms

Integrated Kinder

Hey Dee Ho - Every 2nd Tuesday morning

Kinder Dreaming- Art and Story Telling 27th July

Dental therapist -
28th September

3 year old Kinder

4 year old Kinder

Dental Therapist—

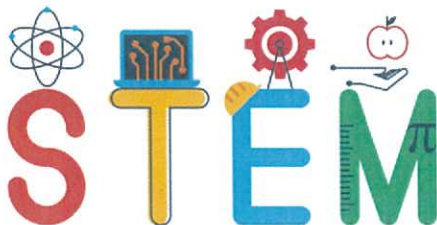
Green group Tuesday 27th June

Yellow group 27th September

Kinder Dreaming- Art and Story Telling

3 Years Old Kinder 2018

The centre is now taking enrolments for 3 year old Kinder for 2018. If you are interested in 3year old kinder please see the office staff for an enrolment form



S.T.E.M Expo -

This year we will be holding a S.T.E.M Expo at the centre please watch this space for more information

Long Day Care Professional Fund

The centre continually supports educators to participate in professional development opportunities.

So far this year management and educators have been involved in updating First Aid, Asthma and Anaphylaxis. Some of staff attended the Early Learning Conference which provided a range of seminars on a variety of topics.

Nutrition Australia also provided some training on nutrition and information about allergies.

Please watch this space for further updates in regards to training.

Sickness:

It is that time of the year again when runny noses and coughs are about. Please be aware of your child's health as children can deteriorate quite quickly and please also be mindful of the wellbeing of others.

We are on the look out for signs of illness which may include constant green runny nose, coughing, lethargy, irritability, lack of participation and rising temperatures.



Food audit

The centre will have the annual kitchen audit on the 11th of July.

AGM

2017 Annual General Meeting is on
Tuesday 24th October 2017

Tuning Into Kids

We would like to thank all the families responding to the latest information session to be held commencing in late July.

If anyone has any questions or is still interested in attending please see Janice.

Session Dates are as follows:-

Session 1	Session 2
26th July	30th August
2nd August	6th September
9th August	13th September
16th August	20th September

Late Collection Policy

The centre closes at 6pm. This means that you must have LEFT the centre by 6pm.

For every 5 minutes after 6pm that a child is here a late fee will be imposed. The late fee currently stands at \$10 for the first 5 minutes (or part thereof) and \$15 for every 5 minutes thereafter. If a family is late 3 or more times within a 3 month period the third and subsequent fines will be doubled.

Parents should phone the centre if they are going to be late as it can be distressing for a child to be left waiting alone and courteous to staff whom are caring for your child. On collection of your child, parents are required to sign the late book and the imposed fee will be added to the next fee

statement.

Late fines will be issued by the Director and are payable within 14 days.

Spare clothes

Throughout the day children have access to water, dirt/mud play and many art activities. Please try to pack inexpensive clothes you don't mind getting dirty and also please ensure you have packed spare clothes in your child's bag in case we should need to change them.

Beanies and Jackets



Just another reminder to please remember to send along a named jacket as we try to go outside for a run even on cold days. You are welcome to send along a beanie as well.

Medication

If your child requires medication please bring it into the room and hand it to a staff member. Under no circumstances is it to be left in your child's bag. Please also try to remember to take it home each day as we have small medication cabinets and do not have enough space to store every child's medication.

Mobil Grant 2017

Once again we applied for a Mobil grant we were successful in receiving \$1,500. To support our STEM program we will be purchasing an outdoor science lab.

Buying and Selling Days

If you are wanting to buy or sell a day please notify Nellie via email as soon as possible so that they can offer the day to someone who may have requested it. Please direct all inquiries to Nellie—

nellie@therangecc.org.au

From the Educational Leader

It is that time of year again when we offer parent teacher interviews. These interviews are not compulsory however they are a great opportunity for you to have a brief chat with your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress and provide input into future learning. If you are unable to attend an interview we are happy to arrange an alternative form of communication. During the interview educators may discuss our STEM goals with you.

Earlier in the year educators had training with Catherine Hydon and we decided to set these goals. These goals are specific to each room with the children working towards them for the first half of the year.

For more information about STEM you can search on google, have a talk to educators or have a look around the centre.

Children's Portfolios

Your child has a portfolio that emerges throughout the year as your child grows. Within the portfolio you will find documentation of your child's learning and development as well as plenty of art creations. You are welcome to take the portfolios home as long as you sign them out and in so they aren't misplaced.

Portfolios are updated regularly



(Please keep in mind this is a large quantity to provide for the whole centre so modifications will be needed)

Potato and Bacon chowder

Ingredients:

2 diced onions
2 celery sticks
1 teaspoons dried thyme
1 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoons plain flour
1kg diced potatoes
300mls sour cream
1 litre of stock - vegetable or chicken

Instructions:

1. Cook bacon in small pan for 5 minutes with small amount of oil and then remove.
2. In the same pan on a low heat melt butter then add onion, celery and thyme until cooked.
3. Return bacon to pan with other ingredients and stir in.
4. Remove ingredients from pan and add to medium pot .
5. Add flour and cook for 1 minute.
6. Add stock and bring to the boil.
7. Add diced potatoes.
8. When potatoes are tender remove from the heat and stir through sour cream.

Serves 6