



Families and Children's Newsletter

October & November 2023

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Monday – Friday 7:00am – 6:00pm

Upcoming Events for October & November 2023



4th until 10th of October: **World Space Week**

21st until 29th of October: **National Children's Week**

29th of October: **National Grandparents' Day**

31st of October: **Halloween**

1st until 30th of November: **November (Men's Health Month)**

7th of November: **Melbourne Cup (Centre Closed due to Public Holiday)**

11th of November: **Remembrance Day**

10th until 14th of November: **Diwali (India)**

Essendon Traffic School Excursion

Purple Group- Monday the 16th of October.

Green Group- Tuesday the 17th of October.

Red Group- Wednesday the 18th of October.



Please seek further information from your child's educators.

SunSmart Protection

As part of SunSmart guidelines, all staff and children are required to wear SunSmart hats that protect their face, neck and ears. The Range Children's Centre will follow Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide when the UV is 3 and above.

How to apply sunscreen

Many Aussies apply too little sunscreen and forget to re-apply every two hours. This means they are likely to get less than half the protection stated on the product label. For sunscreen to work, correct application is essential.

- **You need more than you think:** The average-sized adult needs a teaspoon of sunscreen for their head and neck, each limb and for the front and the back of the body. That's about 35ml of sunscreen or 7 teaspoons for one full body application. [Use our sunscreen calculator](#) as a guide.
- **Apply early and reapply:** Sunscreen should be applied 20 minutes before you go outside and reapplied every two hours (whether or not the label tells you to do this). Remember to reapply after swimming or excessive sweating.
- **The best sunscreen:** The best sunscreen is the one that suits your skin type, activity and that you find easy to reapply. So try different products out until you find one you like. If you have an allergic reaction to a sunscreen, try another brand or look for a fragrance-free product such as a toddler or sensitive sunscreen. A doctor or chemist could also offer advice about choosing another product.



Annual General Meeting (AGM)

DATE: Tuesday the 24th of October

TIME: 7.00pm

LOCATION: The Range Children's Centre or via Zoom (A link will be sent out closer to the date).

All families are welcome to attend.



Reconciliation Action Plan

As part of the service's Reconciliation Action Plan, the educators continue to support the children to connect with country by regularly planning excursions around the community.

The children enjoy walking and playing in the local parks, visiting the local shops and posting letters in the post box.

The educators are also promoting children's appreciation for their natural environment by implementing sustainable practices.



Child Safe Standards

Standard 7: Processes for complaints and concerns are child-focused.

- The organisation makes information about how to make a complaint available and accessible to everyone involved with the organisation. (7.2, 7.4)
- The organisation provides staff and volunteers with support and information on what and how to report, including to authorities outside the organisation. (7.1, 7.3, 7.4)
 - Complaints are taken seriously, meaning the organisation consistently:
 - identifies and manages any risks to children
 - responds to complaints promptly and thoroughly
 - prioritises the safety of children and also meets privacy and employment law obligations
 - supports everyone involved in the complaints process
 - reports complaints of alleged abuse or harm of children and concerns about child safety to the authorities and cooperates with law enforcement. (7.1, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5 and links to Standard 9)
- Records are kept of complaints made to the organisation, including concerns raised about the safety of children and disclosures about alleged abuse or harm of children, and actions taken to respond. (7.3 and links to 2.6)
- Children, families and communities are consulted when designing and reviewing complaint handling policies and procedures. (7.2 and links to 4.3)
 - The organisation reviews complaint handling policies and procedures at regular intervals. (7.1 and links to 10.1)



Transition to Xplor

TRCC would like to extend their appreciation to families who have supported the smooth transition from QikKids to Xplor throughout all the rooms.

Please continue to pay childcare fees through EFT and not via Debit Success. If you have any questions about this, please speak to Janice, Nellie or Thao.



Christmas

Christmas Trees: Beginning from the 25th of November until the 24th of December.

Every year, fresh Christmas trees are available for families to purchase in the Range Children's Centre carpark.

Christmas Hamper Donations: Week beginning Monday the 13th of November

The holiday season is quickly approaching so it is time to think about those in need around our community. The Range Children's Centre would like to put together Christmas Hampers for local families in need. The service is collecting pantry food items such as rice, pasta and cans with an extended expiry date.

A box will be kept at the front door to put your donations in. TRCC would really appreciate your participation, thank you.



End of Year Celebrations:

Red Group Disco and Dinner- Monday the 4th of December from 6.30pm until 8.00pm.

Green Group Disco and Dinner- Tuesday the 5th of December from 6.30pm until 8.00pm.

Purple Group Disco and Dinner- Wednesday the 6th of December from 6.30pm until 8.00pm.

Blue Group Afternoon Tea- Friday the 15th of December from 3pm until 4pm.

Family Christmas Party: Friday the 8th of December at 6.30pm until 8.00pm

(More information to follow).

Closure Dates:

Last Day of Kindergarten

Red Group- Wednesday the 13th of December finishing at 4.30pm.

Green Group- Thursday the 14th of December finishing at 4.30pm.

Blue Group- Friday the 15th of December finishing at 4.00pm.

Last Day of Long Day Care and Purple Group-

Wednesday the 20th of December closing at 6.00pm.



Donations for Loose Parts Play

The Range Children's Centre would appreciate donations from families to support the children to explore learning with loose parts such as natural and recycled materials, pieces of timber, crates, wheels, pvc pipes, and tools.



Calling all Artists

The Early Childhood Improvement Branch office is looking to showcase the artwork of children across Western Melbourne. A huge thank you for the children at The Range Children's Centre for being the first group to share some of their unique artwork with us. We love how it brightens the office.

Are the children at your service enjoying creating artwork? Would they like to share their work with the ECIB team for display in our office. You can submit individual artwork from your children or a group piece of art that a number of children have contributed to.



Changes to the NQF starting from 1 October 2023

A third round of regulatory changes will come into effect for the majority of jurisdictions from 1 October 2023. These changes will:

- **Improve the safety and wellbeing of children by:**
 - Enhancing sleep and rest policies and procedures requirements, including the matters to be considered when conducting risk assessments.
 - Strengthening approval processes for centre-based services to be located in multi-storey buildings with other occupants, by requiring additional information about the proposed premises and layout to be provided to the regulatory authority.
 - Requiring providers of services operating in multi-storey buildings with other occupants to have more robust, risk-based emergency and evacuation procedures in place.
 - Enhancing policies, procedures and risk assessments required for the safe arrival of children travelling between services, or between schools and services.
 - Further embedding the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations into the NQF, including a small number of items found to not already be addressed in the Education and Care Services National Law (i.e., new obligations for volunteers and students, child protection training for family day care (FDC) coordinators, enhanced requirements for policies and procedures on providing a child safe environment and managing complaints).
 - Prescribing currency periods for first aid qualifications.
 - Requiring providers of centre-based services to notify the regulatory authority of any changes to the ages of children or the nature of care offered at the service.
 - Strengthening regulatory authority oversight and improved information sharing of service transfers between providers, regulators and families.

Melbourne Museum Dinosaur Fossils - 15th & 16th of August



Mister Ants: 25th of August, 12th & 13th of September



Connecting with Country

