



Families and Children's Newsletter

February & March 2024

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Monday – Friday 7:00am – 6:00pm

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The Range Children's Centre would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families. We would also like to thank our existing families for their continued support. Thank you for trusting us to educate and care for your children.

The children, families and educational teams have settled in well into the new year.

Acknowledgement to Country with the Children

Here is the land
Here is the sky
Here are my friends
Here am I
We thank the
Yalukit-willam people of the [Kulin nation](#).
On who's land we play

Children participate in the Acknowledgement to Country as a group every day.

TRCC Website

The Range Children's Centre website has a plethora of information about your children's time in childcare such as weekly menus, room reflections, calendar of events and newsletter. Just click the link below and look under the 'Parents Lounge' tab for all your informational needs.

[Parents' Lounge](#)
(therangecc.org.au)

Calendar of Events

Special Celebrations for February

- 1st of February- World Read Aloud Day
- 6th of February- Waitangi Day
- 10th of February- Lunar New Year
- 11th of February-International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- 14th of February-Valentines Day
- 17th of February-National Random Acts of Kindness Day
- 21st of February- International Mother Language Day
- 26th of February- Tell a Fairy Tale Day

Special Celebrations for March

- 1st-7th of March- Hearing Awareness Week
- 2nd of March- Dr Seuss Day
- 3rd of March- Clean Up Australia Day
- 8th of March- UN International Women's Day
- 11th of March-Ramadan
- 11th- 21st of March- Cultural Diversity Week
- 18th- 24th of March- Harmony Week
- 22nd of March- Ride2School Day
- 23rd of March- Holi
- 31st of March-Easter

Family Communication Books

At The Range Children's Centre, we strive ourselves in working in partnerships with families. The Family Communication Books assist in continuing our positive communication between families and educators and to ensure that we give your child the best possible education and care.

During arrival periods, please feel free to write down any messages in the Family Communication Book, for example, how long you would like your child to sleep/ rest.

Educators will check the book every morning to read messages written by families and communicate these messages to the rest of the team.

Public Holiday

11th of March-Labor Day
29th of March-Good Friday
31st of March- Easter
Sunday
1st of April- Easter Monday

Community Garden

Calling all Green Thumbs! Our community garden is seeking a passionate individual with a knack for gardening to help maintain our garden.



Centre Leadership Team consists of:

Director: Janice
Assistant Director: Nellie
Educational Leaders: Jenny & Nanisi

Book Keeper:
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 Tuesday 8.30am – 5.00pm
 Thursday 8.30am – 5.00pm
 Friday 7.30am – 4.00pm

Congratulations

Huge welcome to Jenny and Nanisi as our new educational leaders! Their leadership skills and commitment to education will be invaluable assets to the centre. Cheers to the new power duo!

Woohoo! Congratulations to Aiden on finishing your Diploma! Your dedication and hard work have paid off.

Welcome to the Team

The Range Children's Service would like to give a warm welcome to Megan who will be working in the Joey and Possum Room.

We're thrilled to announce Heather and Bec joining our team as the kindergarten teachers for the blue group. We're so excited to have you all join our team.

Goodbye

It's with mixed emotions that we say goodbye to Mini. On one hand, we're excited for you as you move on to new adventures. On the other hand, we'll miss you dearly. You've been an invaluable member of our team, and your contributions will never be forgotten.

Birthday Cakes

Birthday Cakes for the Children can be provided for Birthday Celebrations. Please see the following instructions to ensure the health and safety of the children.



- Purchase directly from the supermarket
- Packaging is clearly labelled with all ingredients
- NUT FREE
- As plain as possible with minimal icing or cream
- Provide a receipt with purchase

Updates from around the Service

New Members in the Committee of Management

President: Aislinn
Vice President: Lauren
Secretary: Rebecca
Treasurer: Matt
Kindergarten Consultative: Ana
Reconciliation Action Plan Representative: Daniel & Adrian
Garden Representative:
General Members: Kirsten and Bridget, Emma
 If you would like to join the Committee of Management and find out what happens behind the scenes, please speak to Janice or Nellie. You can also send an email: committee@therangecc.org.au

Educators for 2024

Joey Room	Possum Room	Koala Room	Kookaburra Room
Nanisi Team Leader	Antoinette Team Leader	Belinda Team Leader	Donika Team Leader
Rachael	Kat	Barb	Gianne
Megan	Taryn	Sara	Elisa
	Dolly	Mel	Elpis
	Megan		
Purple Group Kindergarten All weekdays	Red & Green Group Kindergarten Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.	Blue Group Kindergarten Thursday & Friday	
Nam Teacher	Harriet Teacher	Heather Teacher	
Xiao	Jennifer	Rebecca	
Elpis	Aiden	Aiden	
Lena			
Jade			
Kitchen Team			
Kammy Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday		Angie Friday	
Breaks/ RDO/ Planning Cover			
Lulu	Polly	Alicia	Sam Mel

ACECQA Newsletter

StartingBlocks.gov.au - helping families find quality.

StartingBlocks.gov.au is the national government one-stop-shop for families. They're using our free government website to shortlist early childhood education and care services, view fees and quality ratings, and estimate their CCS entitlements and out of pocket costs.

Feedback

We welcome feedback! If you have something you would like to share, please feel free to speak to the leadership team. You can also email us on office@therangecc.org.au or you can give us a call 9397 8244. Please visit our website to find out more information about our service and to access online forms <https://www.therangecc.org.au/>

Message from the Educational Leaders

Planning is at the forefront of all the experiences your child participates in everyday while in Childcare/Kindergarten. Because of this, any information we receive from families about their children's interests help shape and mould our programs in each room. Educators have a planning framework that is outlined by the Victorian Early Years Framework and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) that guides our cycle of planning.

<https://www.acecqa.gov.au/nqf/national-law-regulations/approved-learning-frameworks>

Educators take this planning cycle and the information given to us by the families and our own knowledge of children's individual interests and needs, then create an individualized program from this information. We create experiences which help develop the skills and concepts highlighted by the parents in the "All About My Child" forms. We observe the children in these specific areas, write learning stories to show the progress of development, create additional experiences to help support the learning further and the cycle continues.

Professional Development

Early Childhood consultant Catharine Hydon recently met with the kindergarten groups, educational leaders and all staff members to discuss the Victorian Early Years Learning Framework V2.0. In light of recent changes, she focused on "Collaborative Leadership and Teamwork" emphasising its crucial role in fostering high-quality programs for children.

Catharine highlighted the power of teamwork and how effective collaboration between educators and families can drive significant growth.

The session sparked valuable discussions and reflections among staff members encouraging them to strengthen collaboration within the team.



For more information on the new version of The Early Years Learning Framework please visit the website: <https://www.acecqa.gov.au/nqf/national-law-regulations/approved-learning-frameworks>

Reminders

Buying and Selling Days

Just a reminder to all families that the centre allows for the buying and selling of days. If you want to buy or sell a day, please notify Nellie in the office by email. Nellie will then organise (on a first come, first serve basis) to sell available days for someone requesting it. Emails about buying and selling days can be sent to nellie@therangecc.org.au

Car Park Safety

Just a reminder to all families that the car park has a speed limit of **5 kms**.

Please be careful when entering and exiting the car park as children sometimes detach themselves from their parents/guardians and can run off. Also please keep an eye out for pedestrians on the foot path.

Immunisations

Families are required to provide a copy of current immunisations for your child that attends care/kinder. This information can be accessed via your MyGov account and can be emailed or brought to the service for us to make a copy. It is very important to keep our records up to date to stay in line with **No Jab No Play** regulations.

Celebrations

To ensure the service is acknowledging and celebrating cultural events which are important to the children, we invite families to share with us information about their celebrations such as what is the meaning of the event and how do you celebrate at home with family and friends?

Family Contribution

The service invites families to come in and share their talents and interests with the children and educators for example, playing a musical instrument, speaking another language, singing, gardening, cooking etc.

However, please ensure you have a current volunteer or employee Working With Children's Card.

SunSmart Policy

It is summer in Australia and that means we are wearing a lot of sun protection. Children and staff are wearing sun hats and sunscreen and reapplying every few hours. If you could please ensure that your child has a sunhat and is wearing the appropriate clothes, (no spaghetti straps or sleeveless tops or dresses).

The Centre does provide sunscreen but if you want/need to provide your child with their own sunscreen, bring it in labelled and left in the room for the year.

Menu

Based on your feedback, our yummy new menus are here! Thanks to families, children and educators, we've updated our menu for the year and you can find out what is on offer for the day by looking through our website, the big sign in the foyer, or the menu poster that's up on display by the wall in your child's room. If you have any feedback about the menu, please let us know.

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