

Families and Children's Newsletter

April & May 2024

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Monday – Friday 7:00am – 6:00pm

National Sorry Day

When is National Sorry Day 2024?

National Sorry Day 2024 falls on **26th May**. In fact, it has been held on this date since 1998.

It happens on this date as it marks the anniversary of the Bringing Them Home report.

What is National Sorry Day?

National Sorry Day for Australia is a special day that occurs in Australia every year. It is a day of remembrance and commemoration to highlight the impact of past policies of forcible removal on the Stolen Generations.

National Sorry Day for Australia as a whole is very important, but it is of particular significance to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Australia. The day is an opportunity for all Australians to remember past mistakes and build bridges for a richer, stronger future together.



National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

27 May - 3 June

National Reconciliation Week's theme for 2024 is

"Now *More Than Ever*", is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people must continue.

What is National Reconciliation Week?

The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27th May to 3rd June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey: the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively. We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.



Dates for your Diary

*Term 1 ends Thursday 28th of March
School holidays

*Good Friday 29th of March (centre closed)

*Easter Monday 1st of April (centre closed)

*Responsible Pet Education Program ~

Tuesday and Wednesday **Yellow/Purple/Green** and **Red** groups- 16th -17th April

***Term 2 begins 15th of April**

*ANZAC Day -Thursday 25th of April (centre closed)

*International Dance Day – 29th April

*Greek Orthodox Easter 5th of May

* Mother's Day Stall: Friday 10th May



Dear Families

Many thanks for all your patience and support during the transition from Xplora to Qkids. Just a friendly reminder to please pay your fees. If there are any issues or concerns, please speak to the office. The daily fee is \$136 per child.

Family Contribution

Our service welcomes families to come in and share their talents and interests with the children and educators. E.G 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 Check Card before attending.



To our families celebrating Ramadan
Ramadan Mubarak! May your fasts be easy, your prayers be accepted, and your heart be filled with gratitude.

Message from the Educational Leaders

During the first term we have been busy working alongside our teams with the ongoing planning documents, including resources and providing mentoring support as required. Recently completing our School Readiness Funding, ensures we will have available Professional Development sessions and shared learning with Early Childhood agencies for 2024.

The Child Protection Training with Helen Haydock, (Growing Futures Support and Training) on Tuesday 19th March, and Animal Fun Program (Imagine, Move and Improve) with Sue McLaren, were both informative and supported the Social and Emotional wellbeing of children and staff.

Special events will be organised with the monthly Calendar of Events and we are always interested in extending our Family Community Partnerships. Nanisi and Jenny.

Useful websites

<https://www.growingfutures.com.au/>

<https://www.orangedoor.vic.gov.au/>

www.animalfun.com.au

As we celebrate “**Harmony Week**” we welcome all cultures and traditions in our Centre for you and your friends and family.

This term we have included: International Women’s Day, St. Patricks Day, colourful Holi Day, Happy Nowruz, Ramadan and Easter.

Mother’s Day Morning Tea.

In celebration of all the special people in our children’s lives, the service will host a Mother’s Day Morning Tea on Friday 10th May.

A table will be setup near the entrance in the foyer with morning tea provided. Please help yourself to the morning tea provided.



Child Safe Standards

On the 19th of March all Educators undertook Child Protection Training with Helen Hancock, Principal consultant, Helen Haydock (BSc Psychology, MSc Forensic Psychology), has spent her career providing counselling and support to children, families and organisations.

Child Safe Standard 4: Families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing.

The service supports families and communities to take an active role in promoting and maintaining child safety and wellbeing by communicating about their role in child safety and wellbeing within the service. (4.4 and overall outcome)

The service is open and transparent with families and communities by:

- o providing accessible information about the service’s child safety and wellbeing policies and practices (4.2 and 4.4)
- o providing information about the service’s governance and operations, how complaints are handled and how the service manages disciplinary actions and child safety risks. (4.4)

Families have an opportunity to participate in decisions made by the service that impact the safety and wellbeing of their child. Communication with families supports the full diversity of families to participate. (4.1)

Opportunities are created for families and community members to provide feedback on the service’s policies, procedures and practices including the service’s approach to child safety and wellbeing. (4.3)

The service takes the feedback and involvement of families and communities seriously and takes their views into account. (4.3 and links to 7.3)

Orange Door

The Orange Door network aims to be **accessible, safe and welcoming**, providing quick and simple access to support for: adults, children and young people who are experiencing family violence. families who need support with the care and wellbeing of children and young people. perpetrators of family violence.

<https://www.orangedoor.vic.gov.au/>