



# Families and Children's Newsletter

May & June 2024

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Monday – Friday 7:00am – 6:00pm

## NAIDOC WEEK.

When is NAIDOC Week 2024?

NAIDOC Week is held across the country from the 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> July. NAIDOC Week will celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The theme this year chosen by the NAIDOC Committee, is Keep the Fire Burning? Blak, Loud & Proud.

This year's theme celebrates the unyielding spirit of our communities and invites all to stand in solidarity, amplifying the voices that have long been silenced.



**KEEP THE FIRE  
BURNING!  
BLAK, LOUD  
AND PROUD**

**7-14 JULY 2024**

## Dates for your Diary

\*2<sup>nd</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> July NAIDOC Week

\*Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June Public Holiday Kings Birthday  
(Centre closed)

### Kangaroo Kindergarten

Monday **Yellow** and **Green** group

Tuesday **Yellow** and **Red** group

Wednesday **Red** and **Green**

Harriet would love 45-to-100-piece jigsaws for her Kindergarten group.

Please hand them into the office

### Crocodile Kindergarten

Thursday and Friday **Blue** Group

\*Term 2 ends Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> June

## Updates from the Educational Leader.

As we approach midyear, please make sure if you have a child enrolling in 3- or 4-year-old Kindergarten for next year 2025 that you have done so with Hobsons Bay Council.

I have attached the link so you are able to make sure you have enrolled, Thank you.

The link to Central Registration System  
Hobsons Bay City Council.

<https://kinders.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Public/Login.aspx>

## Staffing updates at The Range!

We are very excited to welcome back Aiden who has been on personal leave for the past few months.

We know we will have some very excited children and parents when he returns next week.

Our wonderful Educational Leader Nanisi has gone on long service so we have Ashleigh stepping into her role on a Monday and Friday.

Rachel and Megan will continue working in the Joey Room.

We would also like to welcome Katrina, Mystic, Tash and Tattiani to our team.. you will find them working throughout the centre.

## *Mother's Day Stall*

In celebration of all the special people in our children's lives, the service will host a Mother's Day Stall on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of May. A table will be setup near the entrance in the foyer with morning tea provided. Please help yourself to the morning tea provided.



## 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 Check card.



To our families celebrating Shavuot.  
Happy Shavuot! May you enjoy your candle lit dinner and other festivities.

### Winter Menu

As winter is approaching, we will be getting a wonderful delicious new menu. If you there is any feedback or question about our new menu, please email the office.



### We are looking for Donations!

To our wonderful families we are looking for some donations of recycled materials we do have boxes at the front of the centre or if they are full, please give them to either Purple or Sessional Kinder.

The Koala Room are looking for magazines, whether it's magazines about food, animals, clothes or the world we are wanting them all.

As we have the Art Show coming up we are asking families to see if there is any photo frames that aren't being used to please be brought it preferably without the glass. On the same note we are also looking for small ceramic clay plant pots.

The Purple Kindergarten Room are looking for any dress ups sizes 4-6 to please be donated. We have lots of small dress ups but are needing some big sizes or any old accessories that aren't being used.

Thank you.

### Car Safety

We just wanted to give a friendly reminder to our wonderful families to keep your eyes peeled while driving towards and into The Range. We have lots of families walking, riding and scootering to our centre and it's important to be safe.



### Future Events At The Range

#### Art Show- September 20<sup>th</sup> 2024

We look forward to seeing you all to celebrate the wonderful art work created by your children that we will have presented throughout the centre. We will share more information closer to the date.

#### Christmas Dates 2024

Last day for long day care will be on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> December and we will welcome back children on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

### Professional Development Animal Fun!

"Animal Fun" was presented to us by Sue McLaren for educators to engage in a specialised program developed by Curtin university aimed to strengthen and improve the motor skills and social skills of young children aged 3-6 years.

This fun engaging program promotes imagination (pretending to move like various animals) and also goes over the importance of gross and fine motor skills to help promote social confidence in their physical and emotional development. Staff were active participants sharing creativity, skills and knowledge with Professional Development-Imagine, Move and Improve.



### 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.