

Families and Children's Newsletter

July & August 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 7th-14th July. NAIDOC Week celebrates and recognises 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

Podcasts & Resources

We had a wonderful Occupational Therapist attend our centre, and she shared some really informative podcasts and information about parenting concerns, behaviour management and some great resources in regards to toilet training.

Here is the link to the podcast and resources!

- <https://www.popcultureparenting.com/>

- <https://www.kelly-mahler.com/free-resources/>

Pre-prep Roll Out

From 2025 Four-year-old kindergarten will gradually transition to Pre-prep, with programs across Victoria increasing from 15-30 hours each week.

In 2026 children who identify as Aboriginal will be able to access 16-25 hours of Pre-Prep per week. There is a state roll out which you can see and read more about at this link

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

Farewell Janice, Nanisi & Belinda



We are wishing the best for our wonderful Educators Janice, Nanisi and Belinda on their next adventure. Although The Range will always be your home, and we want to thank you for the dedication and commitment to the centre's families and children.

Janice, thank you for the support to families and educators we will continue your dedication to The Range, and know you will do great things.

Updates from the Educational Leader.

Jenny the Educational Leader has updated our Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) you will find a copy of the QIP in each room and will also see it on the wall outside the Kookaburra Room - where we ask for feedback from our families so, please feel free to read and give your feedback.

The Orange Door.

The Orange Door is a service in Australia that provides support for adults, children and young people who are at risk or need assistance. It serves as a new entry point for accessing necessary services.

Personal Development Days.

Antoinette and Nam were able to attend a two-day course with Anthony Seman called, Survival Skills for Management and Room Leaders.

They said it was fantastic and has put a real hop in their step.

The educators at The Range are currently working on both Food Safety Course and Red Nose Safe sleeping. It is important all our staff are knowledgeable and up to date in both aspects.

In July we are having a meeting with the wonderful Catherine Hydon where we will discuss our goals and team building.

Facebook!

It is paramount that we keep communication with families at The Range and we are always seeking alternate ways to do that. We are currently working on a new Facebook Account for the families to access special events happening at The Range. There will be no photos of children on this page, just another avenue to communicate and let families know what is occurring



Future Events At The Range

22nd July – Mister Ants 4year old Kindergarten
26th July- 11th August – Olympics

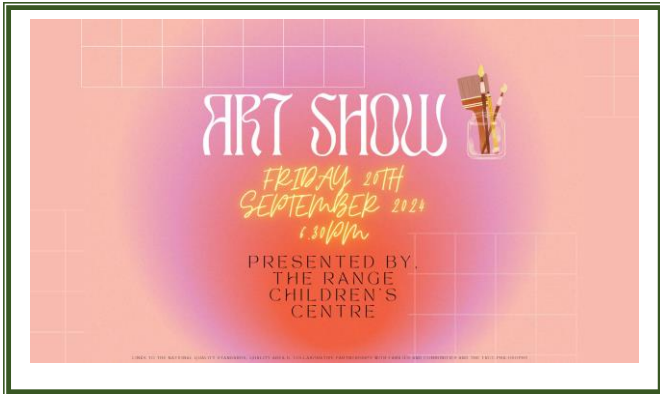
5th August – Vision Portraits

Please use the QR code located on all room doors to register for photos.

10-18th National Science Week

17th-23rd Book Week

We will create a flexible timetable for this week so keep an eye out in the rooms.



SAVE THE DATE!!

Thank you, to our families!



Thank you to the parents who have come to centre and dedicated time to spend with both their child and their friends in the room. The children get so much joy having a special guest come into the room.



If any parent would like to come and read a story or perhaps show the children a talent, we only require a working with children check, Thank you.



Committee & Volunteers

We are so pleased to let everyone know that we have found a wonderful volunteer to become our gardener. Beautiful Catherine has been a part of our centre for many years, and before becoming our gardener was our chef for 15years. We are so pleased to have her on board at The Range.



We wanted to welcome Jane & Sara to the committee and look forward to your contribution.

Summative Assessments

The Teachers and Educators have been working hard on writing the Summative Assessments this year. Our aim is to get them out to you families in July, please fill in our survey and choose two new goals for your children to help us educators and teachers plan, Thank you so much.

Winter Menu

We have been enjoying our new Winter Menu- the children have been eagerly excited to see what is new on the menu. The educators have been enjoying discussing the new menu with the children at meal times. If you have a query about the menu, please email the office.

