

### Events

During the school holidays on the 1st and 7th of July the pre prep children joined other community members at the local Town Library to join in the activities. The children enjoyed taking turns to select stories which were then read as a group, they also participated in making furry monsters. Everyone created their monsters with different colour wool then decorated them with googly eyes. This opportunity refined the children's fine motor skills and enhanced their language and listening skills.

On Tuesday the 30th of June the Nanango Ambulance Service came to Community Kids, this visit promoted awareness of an important community service. The two Ambulance officers Lachlan and Wayne discussed general health and how to look after ourselves. After the discussions the children got a tour of the Ambulance looking at all of the different medical equipment on board. This was an educational and informative experience for the children.

On Friday the 10th of July Community Kids had a visit from Carla's Carnival. This involved two hours of testing the children gross motor skills, team work, hand eye coordination and promoted physical skills with activities including juggling, tricks, and games. After a very active hour and a half Carla then set to the task of transforming the children with face painting into butterflies, tigers and flowers. The end result looked amazing!

### Important Messages

Please be advised that the newsletter will now be handed out every two months instead of monthly.

Parents please take the time to check your parent pockets. Your statements are placed there each

Monday, so you can collect and make payments each week upon receiving your statement. As per centre policy accounts are to be two weeks in advance.



## 0-2 Nursery

As the frost has set in, it was time for us to clear out our garden bed. The children helped to pull out the weeds, wilted plants and lay fresh soil. This was a great sensory opportunity for the children to explore the different textures of the dirt, plants, barks etc. Once the garden was cleared it led into conversation and research as to what will be planted next? What it would look like? Lettuce seeds were the winner, so the children planted and watered the seeds and now it is time to watch them grow!

As an extension from our gardening, the children created collage gardens. You can see the display in the 0-2 room.

As some of our children will be welcoming new siblings into their families, we have created a section of the room which has high chairs, cradles and babies. The children have been displaying signs of care and empathy as they play and interact with the babies and each other.

## 2-4 Cheeky Monkeys

In recognition of National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) week the children painted cardboard cylinders, that soon transformed into rain sticks with a little masking tape and some rice. The children painted boomerangs and created collage in traditional indigenous colours.

Through an extension of interest from a sensory experience where the children felt rough and smooth texture, came shell creations. The children selected different shells to form a collage and from there it extended into sand collage. This experience has refined the children's sensory skills along with fine motor and hand eye coordination.

The children have been using their gross motor skills, special awareness and coordination skills through physical activities such as stretching, hopping, hula hoops and dancing. Although this has been challenging it has also been fun for the children as seen through their smiles and laughs.

## Pre-Prep

Pre-Prep spent the first two weeks of July participating in the vacation care program which included Carla's Carnival and mystery walks as well as other great activities.

The children have been learning about Australian animals, their habitat, what they eat, their colour and the texture of the animal. The children have used their recall of knowledge and fine motor skills as they research their way through this project. It has led to the children creating geckos, they selected their own colours to draw on each of their geckos and then folded them to look like they were crawling out of their environment. Next we will extend this by making echidnas, kangaroos, crocodiles, dingos and wombats.

The children's language and listening skills were enhanced through reading a range of stories, including Wombat Stew and Possum Magic.

## School Aged Group

The vacation care program ran for the first two weeks of July. Along with the visitors mentioned on the front page, vacation care was full of activities and experiences. The children began to make piñata's which has become an ongoing project over the next few vacation cares. The final result will be completed in time to use at our end of year celebrations.

The children enhanced their physical and problem solving skills with a Mystery Chalk walk. They had to follow the pre drawn arrows to a secret destination before arriving back at the centre.

Nature walks, bikes and scooter riding were also part of the vacation care program.

The 5th –12th July the children participated in activities in recognition of NAIDOC week. This involved refining their fine motor skills and hand eye coordination with dot painting, boomerang painting and rock paintings. This also enhanced children's awareness of different cultures and sparked conversations about traditional indigenous heritage.



## Recipe of the Month – Berry and Mango Buttermilk Muffins

### Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups self-raising flour
- 1/3 cup caster sugar
- 1 1/3 cups buttermilk
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 egg
- 200g frozen mixed berries
- 1 small mango, peeled, sliced

### Method

Preheat oven to 200°C/180°C fan-forced. Line a 12-hole, 1/3 cup-capacity muffin pan with paper cases.

Combine flour and sugar in a bowl. Whisk buttermilk, oil and egg together in a jug. Stir buttermilk mixture into flour mixture until just combined (mixture should still be lumpy). Fold in berries. Spoon into prepared muffin holes. Top with mango.

Bake for 25 minutes or until a skewer inserted in centre of 1 muffin comes out clean. Stand in pan for 5 minutes. Place on a wire rack to cool.



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# Events Calendar

## August

- **4 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day**
- **7 Jeans for Jeans Day**
- **17 Cupcake Day - RSPCA**
- **22 - 28 Book Week**
- **28 Daffodil Day**



# Reminders

Sun Safety – remember to bring wide brim hats  
 Winter Clothes – now that the weather is cool make sure your child has warm clothing with their name clearly labelled  
 Send along a named water bottle with your child each day  
 Children's belongings to be clearly labelled  
 Please bring shoes each day for your child.



## CTC CHILDCARE BUS SERVICE

CTC Childcare Service offers a bus service to the immediate Nanango district for children who attend Community Kids or the Nanango Childcare Centre. Using the service incurs a small cost of \$2.00 per child per day. For more information please contact Megan or Renae.



