

Quarterly Newsletter

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Manager's Message

The past few months have been incredibly busy, with a number of changes occurring behind the scenes, including our recent AGM, welcoming new Management Committee members, ongoing governance improvements, and planning for the future of our centre.

Through all these changes, our dedicated team has continued to provide high-quality programs and support for local families, and I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished together.

Our community has also shown amazing support through fundraising efforts, including our recent Art Expo, Billie G Cookie Dough fundraiser, and upcoming Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. Every dollar raised helps us continue to improve our programs, resources, and facilities for children and families.

Within our Pre-Kindy program, children have been busy exploring, creating, and learning through play, while our playgroups and community programs continue to provide valuable opportunities for families to connect and build friendships. It is wonderful to see so many familiar faces returning each week and new families joining our community.

Looking ahead, we have plenty to be excited about, including National Science Week activities, Book Week celebrations, excursions, incursions, and community events. We encourage everyone to get involved and make the most of the opportunities available throughout the term.

Thank you to our families, volunteers, staff, Management Committee, and community partners for your ongoing support.

Chloe
Centre Manager



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Upcoming Events

Community Clothes Swap 1000-1200	Thurs 06/08 Thurs 03/09 Thurs 01/10 Thurs 05/11 Thurs 03/12
Tales in the Garden Playgroup 0900-1030	Mon 24/08 Mon 21/09 Mon 19/10 Mon 16/11 Mon 14/12
Curious Kids Science Lab 0900-1100	Mon 10/08
RU OK Day with Helping Minds 0930-1030	Fri 11/09
Fathers Day BBQ lunch and Activity 1130-1330	Fri 04/09
Pre-Kindy Open Night 1600-1730	Mon 19/10
Halloween Disco 1630-1800	Fri 30/10
WA Senior Week - Bingo Event 1300-1500	Fri 13/11



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Community Notices

New Committee members on board

A warm hello from our new Management Committee including two continuing members. The Committee, which meets monthly, sent a formal letter of thanks to the Centre Manager and whole team for providing excellent service to the community every day.

Recent HR and financial reviews have highlighted where improvements will make the Centre even stronger. This work is progressing, including tidying up policies, strengthening financial processes, improving systems, and promoting positive staff culture.

New Chair Fiona Lee said: "We're passionate about working together to support a thriving neighbourhood Centre that provides connection for all families. We also acknowledge former Chair Ljupco Taneski and other resigning board members for their contributions as dedicated volunteers over the previous year."

Read more about the new Management Committee on our website:
<https://joondalupfamilycentre.com.au/our-committee/>



Pre-Kindy Highlights

After noticing the children's growing interest in art, we explored the work of a different artist each week. Throughout the inquiry, the children experimented with a variety of art mediums including watercolour painting, still-life drawing, collage, wire sculpture and clay.

Our inquiry concluded with our Mid-Year Learning Celebration and Art Showcase, where families were invited to admire the children's artwork, explore our inquiry journey, view their child's portfolio and chat with educators about their learning and development.

During literacy, we focused on identifying syllables in words and introduced the Peggy Lego Pre-Writing Program as a foundation for early writing skills. The children thoroughly enjoyed this program and demonstrated fantastic engagement each week as they learned new formations through a combination of gross and fine motor activities.

In numeracy, we focused on number formation and explored 2D shapes. Each week, the children met a new shape character, such as Suzy Circle, and learned about each shape's unique attributes.

Holly
Early Childhood Teacher



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Centre Fundraising

Get Ready for Our Scholastic Book Fair!

We're thrilled to announce that as part of Book Week celebrations this August, Joondalup Family Centre will be hosting our very own Scholastic Book Fair!

When: Monday 24th August – Friday 28th August

Where: In the Reception Area – open daily!

The Book Fair is a magical opportunity to ignite your child's love for reading, explore exciting new titles and grow your home library all while supporting our centre. There'll be books for every age, interest and reading level

We can't wait to see you there and share the joy of reading with our wonderful community. Let's make it a fun and memorable Book Week together!



Playgroup News

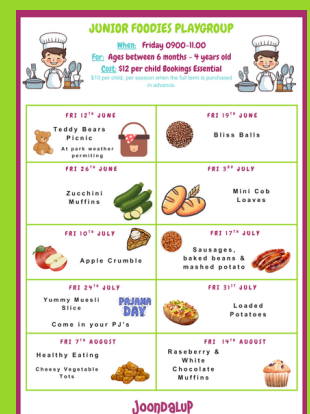


Our Nyat Djena and Junior Foodies Playgroups are the perfect place for little ones to explore and have fun!

They run Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 am to 10:30 am.

Don't forget term tickets come with a discount, so it's a great way to join in all the fun!

We also have our new Tales in the Garden playgroup running monthly in our amazing front garden on a Monday morning 0900-1030



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