



Ngura Yadurirn Children and Family Centre

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Term 1, Week 4, 2024

Welcome back to 2024. What a fabulous start to the year we have had. We welcome the children and families who have started preschool this year and welcome back children and families who have been with us in 2023. We welcome Montana Scott to our staff team and are excited that everyone else is back for a new year.

EYLF Version 2 - There is a new version of The Early Years Learning Framework Curriculum document birth to 5, which is exciting curriculum news. This document is available online or if you want a printed copy let us know. There are many changes and we have chosen culture and sustainability to add to our Oral Language focus for 2024. We do deliver the whole curriculum in preschool and across our site. Each year a focus improvement goal is chosen. Oral Language is our Improvement Goal for 2024.

Learn Play Thrive - Thankyou to our staff who collaborated with other agencies to deliver the Learn Play Thrive event. This is a big event and involved many hours of set up and pack up to make the day happen. Well done everyone.

Marc Armitage (Play Consultant) - The whole NYCFC team were involved in training in week 0, before preschool returned. We explored outdoor play and how children learn through the environment with global expert Marc Armitage. This involved some ways "risky play" increases children's confidence, persistence and resourcefulness, all dispositions for learning for life. The focus on play aligns with our nature space development planned for 2024. The plans/ideas have been worked on by children, community and staff over the last 5 years and will be finalised soon. We have saved for this project for 10 years, so we are very excited to have this progressing.

Annual General Meeting - The Annual General Meeting is Wednesday 13th March, come along for a chat and hear about what's happening at NYCFC. Please consider nominating for Governing Council 2024. We need your voices, it is only 8 meetings per year, 16 hours maximum. There is a nomination form on bottom of attached flyer, if you need a new nomination form let me know. This Governance team is vital to running our centre.

If your child attends on a bus and is going to be absent, please call or text to let us know they are away. Ph 0409791807 (bus phone) or the centre 86252294.

Our Little Free Pantry - Please take what you need from our pantry. More and more families are feeling financial pressure with the rise in expenses. At the start of the week or end of pay week this might help you through. Enquire at the front desk if you would like a voucher to shop at the Ceduna Foodbank. It is a cost saving way to get you by in the tricky times.

Regards Susie



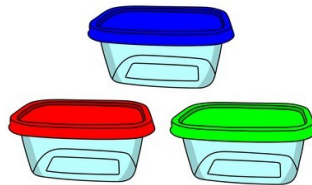
Staff at
'Learn, Play, Thrive'



Here's Montana
re-stacking the pantry.

Important Dates:

- ♦ **AGM, Wednesday 13th March, 5.30-6.30pm.**
- ♦ **Harmony Day morning tea, Thursday 21st March.**
- ♦ **Public Holiday, Easter Friday 29th March**
- ♦ **Public Holiday, Easter Monday 1st April.**
- ♦ **Jump 'N' Jive on the Foreshore, Wednesday 3rd April.**
- ♦ **Last Day of Term 1, Friday 12th April.**



Labelling

Please **label** all your child's items, from **backpacks, lunchboxes, sml containers, water bottle, shoes and clothing**, this would help prevent loss and mix-ups, this will also help staff to identify your child's belongings.



Preschool reminders:

- Preschool starts at 9am (**8:50am at earliest**) and finishes at 3pm.
- Our staff ratios and set up times do not allow for us to have children on site before or after these times.
 - Please pack a **healthy lunch**, piece of fruit and water only in a drink bottle (frozen on hot days).
- Please **label** all your child's items, from **backpacks, lunchboxes, sml containers, water bottle, shoes and clothing**, this would help prevent loss and mix-ups, this will also help staff to identify your child's belongings.
 - Clothes that are able to get dirty are best and shirts with some sleeves to avoid exposure to the sun.
 - Please apply **sunscreen** every morning before Preschool and we will reapply at lunch time.
- Please send your child in **safe shoes** that your child can put on & off independently or work towards this.
- If your child comes on the bus and will not be attending, please **contact** the Centre **8525 2294**, Bus Mobile **0409 791 807** and/or Susie the **Director 0408 859 542**, to let us know, thanks.

CONNECTED BEGINNINGS

"Together we can grow up strong babies & minya kids ready for deadly learning today & tomorrow"

Who will Connected Beginnings assist?

- Indigenous children from birth to school commencement age
- Indigenous pregnant women, Indigenous Mothers and Indigenous Families

How can Connected Beginnings help?

Our Connected Beginnings team aim to increase the number of Aboriginal 3 and 4 year olds accessing preschool and support children and families as first educators.

We can connect you with;

PRESCHOOL ♦ SCHOOL ♦ PARENT GROUPS ♦ FAMILY SUPPORT ♦ HEALTH SERVICES

and other supportive Community Organisations.

CONNECTED BEGINNINGS TEAM

Cecelia Cox ♦ Nicol Rohl ♦ Montana Scott

Little Free Pantry

Take what you need!

More and more families are feeling the financial pressure with the rise in cost-of-living expenses so we hope our little pantry can help take the pressure off when needed.

Please help yourself to whatever you need.

Enquire at the front desk if you would like a voucher to shop at the Ceduna Foodbank.

Please feel free to donate to our pantry.

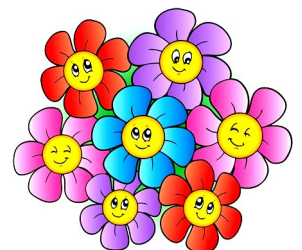


Hi everyone, my name is Montana Scott,
I am the new Learning Engagement Facilitator
For Connected Beginnings.

A little about me, I grew up most of my life in Ceduna, and moved away to Adelaide for boarding school where I successfully completed Year 12 at Loreto College. After the completion of Year 12, I moved back home where I began a traineeship working with Far West Community Partnerships.

I am so excited to be apart of the Connected Beginnings team at Ngura Yadurirn Children and Family Centre. During the short time I have been working at the Centre, the staff have made me feel so welcomed by looking out for me and making me feel part of the family.

As the Learning Engagement Facilitator, I look forward to meeting and forming connections with families across our Connected Beginning communities to help support and strengthen their relationships with early years education, health and play group spaces. By strengthening these relationships, I will be helping families give their little ones the best possible head start in life. I look forward to meeting you all soon out in the community.



'Learn Play Thrive'

Hello Everyone, just a quick update from the Connected Beginnings Team.

The Connected Beginnings Team would like to thank all families within our growing communities of Scotdesco, Koonibba and Ceduna for attending our Learn Play Thrive - Back to learning event on the 22nd January 2024, the event was a huge success. This was due to the working collaboration by the Connected Beginnings Champions Group which is made up of the following education and healthcare site across our region Ngura Yadorirn Children Family Centre, Penong, Koonibba, Ceduna Childcare Centre, Minya Bunhii, Crossways Lutheran School, Ceduna Area School, YADU Health - Child Health and the Connected Beginnings Team. By joining forces, the event provided a holistic approach for families addressing diverse needs within the community. Collaborative efforts enhanced the events impact, creating a supportive network for families and individuals. The event offered a diverse range of activities and resources for our families in the community. The back packs, lunch boxes and water bottles where well received by families and having the lunch boxes filled with yummy food options provided by YADU Health Team was an exciting activity for children to engage in and learn about healthy options for lunch. Families also benefited from Connected Beginnings funding new school T-shirts, school hats and for teachers to connect and reconnect with families. The events success underscored the importance of community collaboration in promoting holistic well-being and lifelong learning. Again, we would like to say a big thankyou to our partners Connected Beginnings Champions group, our community organisations that participated and helped on the day and to our families for coming along and participating and supporting this event. Please keep an eye out for our Learn Play Thrive feedback survey, we would love to hear everyone's feedback negative or positive.

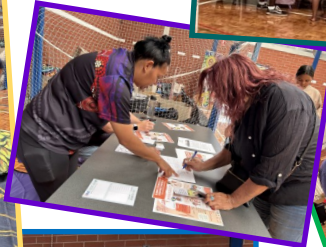
Connected Beginnings has a new Facebook page, please like our page and get all the update information on what's happening in our space, thanks.

Cecelia, Nicol and Montana - Connected Beginnings Team





LEARN PLAY THRIVE



Learning Together Playgroup

We give a very warm welcome back to all our Playgroup families this year. Familiar and new faces! There have been many fun and interactive opportunities for children and parents to play and *learn* together! Children are so happy when their special people are “with them”.

We have been busy creating a group mosaic (cutting and pasting with all different colours) and learning a new scarf song at group time! We welcome any new families to join us Tuesday 9:30am—11:00am! We always finish with snack time, story books and songs. Amazing early literacy! This routine also ensures predictability for our children and successful transitions. We welcome any new families to the group.



Jump N' Jive

Children need to move to learn! Movement facilitates the process of “wiring” the brain. At Jump N' Jive we have been having lots of fun balancing, pulling, throwing, jumping—you name it! Everyone has been building their confidence and skill development while enjoying being with their big person. See you every Wednesdays of the term at 10am! Ella and Alysha welcome any new families!



Creepers 'N' Crawlers is a relaxed, informal, fun playgroup with your baby.

Playgroup is **GREAT** for babies because they can:

- Participate in new experiences with you
- Develop and increase their social skills with other babies
- Watch other babies doing the things they might do next like crawling and walking! This can be a very motivating way of learning for babies!
- Enjoy learning more about their world

For adults playgroup is a good time to talk to other parents and Early Years Educators. It can be a good opportunity to share experiences and ideas and of course play with your bub and nurture a spirit of being together. We love song time to finish every week!

We welcome Dads, Mums, Grandparents and Carers every Friday of the school term 10:30am-11:30am.



Term 1 Preschool News



What an amazing, fun and exciting start of the 2024 year it has been in the Preschool space. Educators have been busy getting to know and connect with all our children and their families. Our mornings have been spent developing children's independence by learning daily routines such as unpacking our bags and taking care of our belongings. This year our PQIP goal is to develop children's ability to develop increasingly sophisticated language to connect and communicate. Children have been immersed in a range of intentional learning activities such as reading stories, singing songs and counting the syllables in our names. We love to see and connect with all our families and welcome you all into our amazing learning environment.



Annual General Meeting

Our Centre needs you!

on

Wednesday 13th March

5:30-6:30pm

Crèche available

Tea/coffee and nibbles provided.

Come and hear about our achievements in 2023 and our start to 2024.

If you are interested in nominating for the 2024 Governing Council, please fill in the nomination form below and return to Susie. All you need is to be interested and a good listener, we will support you with everything else.

I am willing to commit to the Ngura Yadurirn Governing Council in 2024. I can attend 8 meetings during the year. The time will be decided by Governing Council members.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Signature: _____