



# Early Learning & Development Service Kensington

## Highlights

Welcome families to the July edition of the Ngala Early Learning and Development Service Newsletter.

To give you an update of our Early Learning and Development Service at the Perth Airport, preparations are well underway in terms of setting up each play environment. Margaret, Sapphira and a team of volunteers have been working hard to ensure the Service was ready for the visit from Child Care Licensing last week, which went extremely well.

We continually seek feedback from families and use this feedback to plan for the future and implement change within our Service and Ngala as a whole. The newsletter is a great tool for us to give you and your family information about our Service and Ngala. If you have any suggestions about what you'd like to see in the newsletter, please feel free to contact me or speak with the educators in your child's room.

Please remember to check your communication mail pockets, located in the foyer, for important information on a weekly basis.

Thank you,

Karen



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### Upcoming Staff Leave Dates

Norma Housekeeper:  
8th July to 6th August

Tennille Holiday Relief:  
4th to 9th August

Yolanda 2-3 room:  
11th to 13th August

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Relief  
16th Aug to 3rd Sept



## Educator Changes

We'd like to introduce a new support educator to the team - Banita. Banita has been employed on a contractual part-time basis for inclusion support in the 2-3 room, and commenced her orientation at Ngala on Tuesday. Banita has had some previous experience working in child care in Australia and prior to this she has worked in schools in India. She holds a Certificate 3 in Children's Services. Welcome Banita.



It is with sadness that I inform you that Helen, team leader from the 2-3 room will be leaving us, her last day will be Friday 6th August. Helen has worked at our Service for a year and a half now and she will be missed greatly. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours. We are in the process of recruiting and will keep you informed when we have found a replacement.

## Children's Mealtimes

We have now been utilising the services of Brightwater catering for about four months. The feedback we've been receiving from the children and the educators about the cooked lunchtime meal that Brightwater have been providing has been very positive.

Morning Tea consists of either cereal and milk, yoghurt, fruit bread or muffins.

Lunch is a hot cooked meal with a meat or vegetarian portion and vegetables.

Afternoon Tea is a platter of seasonal fruit.

Late snack is an option that Ngala decided to provide as a light snack (slice of vegemite bread) for those children who stay late in the evening to tide them over until they have dinner at home. We have previously had many comments from families asking that this snack be very light so children don't fill up before their dinner.

Please see the schedule below for an general outline of timings for each room:

	0-1 room	1-2 room	2-3 room	3-6 room
Morning Tea	8.30-9.30	8.30-9.30	8.30-9.30	8.30-9.30
Lunch	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.30-12.30
Afternoon Tea	2.00-3.00	2.00-3.00	2.00-3.00	2.00-3.00
Late snack	4.30-5.00	4.30-5.00	5.00-5.30	5.30-6.00

Pease refer to the menus displayed in each room for further details about each meal.

## Security

A gentle reminder about the process we have in terms of security for the children on our care. Upon enrolment, details of authorised persons (name, address, etc) are recorded on individual children's enrolment forms.

When a person attends the Service requesting to collect a child from care, our educators are required to check photographic identification (driver's licence) of any person unknown to them. The educators will cross reference the details on this identification with the information the enrolment details form.

Unfortunately, if a person is not carrying photographic identification and the educator does not know the person, then for the safety of the child, we are not able to release the child to this person. Please remind any authorised persons to collect your child of this process.

Thank you.

## 0-1 Room Profile

The children have started to imitate adults in their play by carrying handbags and saying "bye-bye". The children have been caring for the dolls in the environment by dressing them, putting them to bed and patting them to sleep.

Music and dancing is another great interest of the children in the room, they really enjoying moving to a variety of different songs. There is a magical door in the indoor environment that the children love to crawl through, press the different buttons, and open and shut the different compartments.

Just a reminder as the weather is quite cold at the moment and the children love exploring the outdoor environment, so please pack some jumpers, long pants/leggings and socks with grips on the bottom, and remember to label all items of clothing.

The children have been busy in the 0-1 room and the educators have been taking lots of photos of the children, so please check out the photo board next time you're in. We also invite you to approach any of the educators in the room if you'd like to have a chat about your child.

We welcome some new families to the 0-1 room and look forward to getting to know these children in the weeks to come.

Amiee, Sriyani & Debra

## Ngala's Tip Sheets

Ngala has recently produced a new range of tip sheets covering a variety of themes such as:

- Nutrition
- Sleep
- Behaviour Guidance
- Learning Through Play
- Toileting

A sample of each of the Tip Sheets is available on the resource shelf in the foyer. Please feel to have a browse through. The Tip Sheets are also available to download from the website - [www.ngala.com.au](http://www.ngala.com.au)



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## Ngala's Parenting Workshops

Ngala provides several two hour education workshops for parents, grandparents and carers of children 0 to 6 years. Ngala particularly encourages fathers and mothers to attend groups together where possible or to bring along a significant support person who also cares for your child/ren on a regular basis.

Ngala has 2 NEW parenting education workshops:

- Parents Working Away - for parents who work away from home and their partners. Come and explore the issues that families find challenging when a parent works away. We will discuss practical ideas to help your family make the most of time together and remain connected during times apart.
- Families Moving for Work - for fathers, mothers and families of children of all ages. Are you moving away from family and friends or thinking of doing so in the future? How will you and your children manage this change? This workshop will explore the issues and look at how best to cope with this experience.

Other workshops presented by Ngala include:

- You and Your Baby
- Food Glorious Food
- Building Brains
- Tasty Toddler
- Toilet Education
- Guiding Children's Behaviour
- Smart Steps
- Managing a Baby and Toddler
- Growing Baby
- And So to Sleep
- Now in a Bed
- Skilled Dads



For further details about any of these workshops, please visit our website <http://www.ngala.com.au/course/Parenting-Workshops> or call Ngala direct on 9368 9368.

Further details regarding these workshops can be found on the notice board in the foyer at the Early Learning and Development Service.