

NEWSLETTER

Week 3, Term 2 - 2024

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 27 MAY - 3 JUNE

**NOW
MORE
THAN
EVER**
#NRW2024

**NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK (NRW)
IS A TIME FOR ALL AUSTRALIANS TO
LEARN ABOUT OUR SHARED HISTORIES,
CULTURES, AND ACHIEVEMENTS, AND TO
EXPLORE HOW EACH OF US CAN
CONTRIBUTE TO ACHIEVING
RECONCILIATION IN AUSTRALIA.**

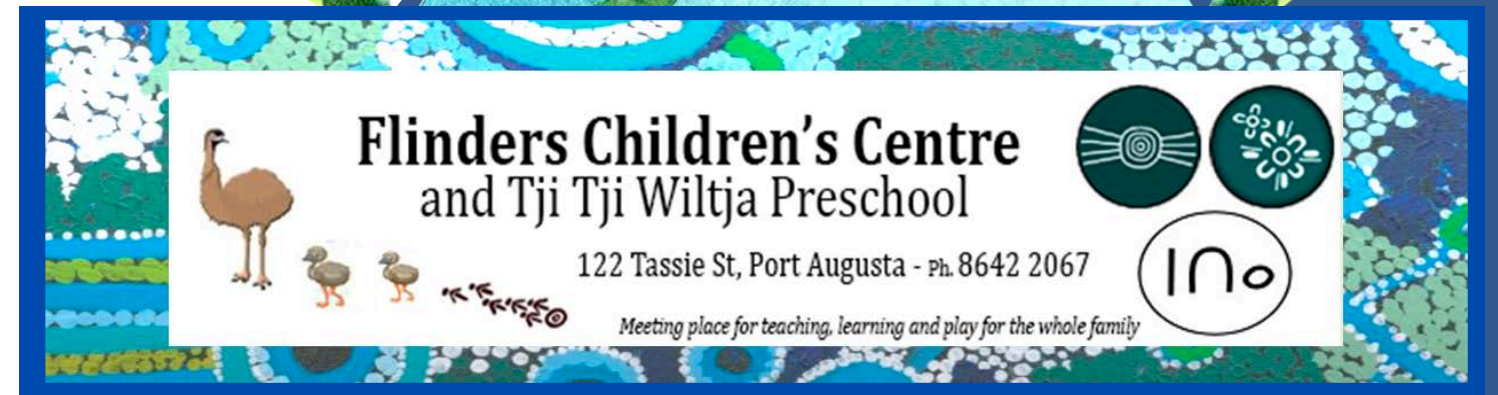
From May 27th to June 3rd, we have the opportunity to celebrate National Reconciliation Week, a time dedicated to fostering understanding, respect, and reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and all Australians. This year's theme, "**Now More Than Ever**", serves as a poignant reminder of the ongoing journey towards justice and reconciliation for Australia's First Nations peoples. National Reconciliation Week presents a wonderful opportunity for our kindy community to come together and reflect on the importance of understanding and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. Through meaningful actions and activities, we can work towards building a more inclusive and equitable society for all Australians.

To celebrate National Reconciliation Week (NRW) at preschool, we're opening our bush kindy from May 27th to June 3rd. This special week is dedicated to connecting children with nature, fostering empathy, and respecting all living things.

As part of our commitment to reconciliation and sustainability, we are delighted to invite you to join us for a **special Community Gardening Day on Wednesday, May 29th**. This event aligns with our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and our ongoing efforts to incorporate sustainable practices into our curriculum.

During the Community Gardening Day, families will have the opportunity to plant native flora in our yard and bush kindy alongside their children. It's a fantastic chance to get your hands dirty, connect with nature, and contribute to the beauty of our preschool environment. To add a delicious twist to the day, we'll be cooking stew and dampers over an open fire in our bush kindy. It's a wonderful way to celebrate our connection to the land and each other.

Stay tuned for more details about this exciting event, including how to RSVP and what to bring. We can't wait to see you there as we come together to celebrate National Reconciliation Week and create lasting memories with our preschool community.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



- Student Free day - Tuesday the 28th of May
- National Reconciliation Week - the 27th of May to the 3rd of June
- Public Holiday - Monday the 10th of June
- 2 Students from Caritas College on work experience at kindy - Monday the 1st of July to Thursday the 4th of July
- School Photos - Monday the 24th of June and Wednesday the 26th of June

Happy Lunches, Happy Kids!

We value the importance of healthy eating for our little learners. Please help us by packing nutritious lunches and snacks for your child.

We kindly request:

- No lollies, roll-ups, sweet biscuits or chips in the lunch box
- No products containing nuts to ensure the safety of every child.

Together, we're shaping healthy habits that will last a lifetime!

Have you checked out our website yet?
www.flinderscc.sa.edu.au

WORDS GROW MINDS

The "Words Grow Minds" campaign in South Australia is focused on early childhood development and positive engagement with children in their first three years. It aims to increase awareness among parents, caregivers, and the community about the importance of activities such as talking, playing, reading, and singing with babies and young children from birth.

The campaign emphasizes the simple yet impactful ways parents and caregivers can support children's development, highlighting the importance of interactions in the domains of talking, playing, reading, and singing. It provides resources and support for parents and caregivers to engage in these activities with their children, promoting bonding and stimulating cognitive, social, and emotional development. Additionally, the campaign offers access to early years services throughout South Australia, providing parents with opportunities to seek further support and resources to give their children the best start in life. It also encourages participation in community events and activities that promote family engagement and support early childhood development.

The "Words Grow Minds" campaign aims to empower parents and caregivers with the knowledge and resources they need to support their children's early development and create nurturing environments where children can thrive. you can access to the website through the link or scan QR code.



<https://wordsgrowminds.org.au/>



TALK. PLAY. READ. SING.



School Fees



We recently sent out tax invoices for the Term 2 school fees. We kindly remind all parents to ensure that payment is fulfilled **by the end of Week 4 (24th of May)**.

Our school fees directly contributes to our nutrition program at kindy. This program ensures that your child receives nutritious and balanced meals and snacks, supporting their growth and development.

Your Child's Learning Journey

We document your child's learning at preschool and believe that it is important to keep you closely involved in your child's learning adventure. Here's how:

1. Fortnightly programming folder
2. Weekly Program Book
3. Individual Communication Book
4. Facebook updates

These channels are designed to enhance our partnership in nurturing your child's growth. We value your involvement. Please speak to any staff members if you have any questions.

Spare Clothes

With the changing weather, we want to ensure that your child stays warm and comfortable at kindy. We kindly request that you pack a few sets of spare clothes for your child, including:

- tops
- bottoms
- underwears
- socks



From unexpected spills to outdoor play in the mud kitchen or sandpit, having spare clothes on hand ensures that your child can continue to explore and learn without any interruptions!