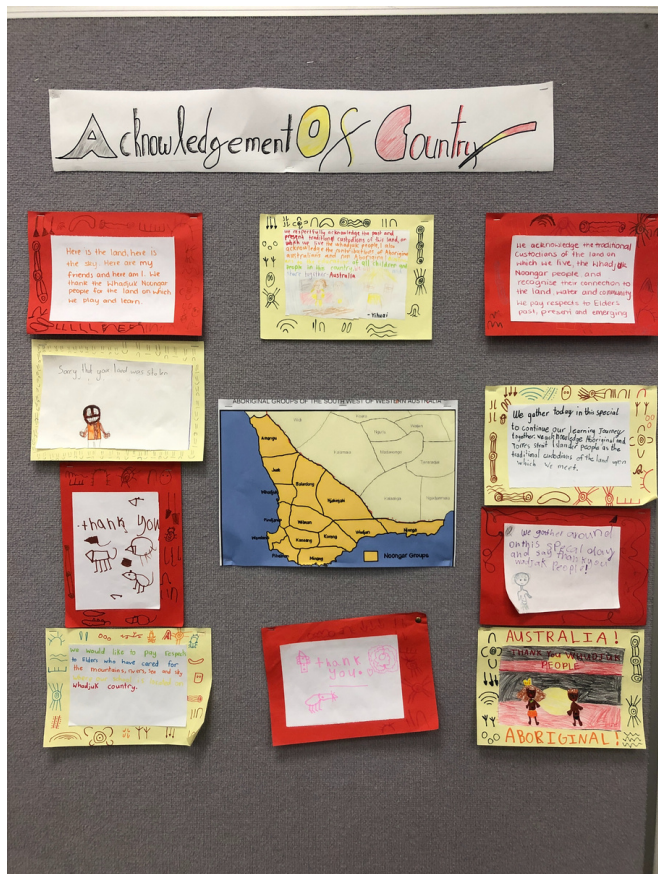




# NEWSLETTER

August 2022

## Intentional Teachings



This year we've implemented a stronger focus on our intentional teachings. These are new topics each term that we intend to educate the children about through new and fun activities. Last semester, the topics were culture and music. The image above is an example of how we taught the children about Indigenous culture. During NAIDOC Week, we discussed what an Acknowledgement of Country means and its importance, and the kids wrote their own Acknowledgements based on what they learnt.

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We've also been introducing new cultures through our lunches and afternoon tea. During the recent vacation care, the kids had lunch choices like teriyaki chicken with vegetables, lentil and sweet potato enchiladas, and sweet potato, chickpea and spinach curry. These options introduce the children to cultures by allowing them to experience different cuisines.

## Moving into Djilba

Did you know that we are now in a new season of the Nyoongar seasonal calendar? This season is Djilba, extending from August to the end of September. We will be seeing a mix of cold, clear days and nights, and some warmer days. We discussed Djilba with the children at the beginning of August.

# VACATION CARE HIGHLIGHTS

The July Vacation Care was packed full of exciting new incursions and excursions. We started off our first week with a bunch of dancing activities. The Bollywood Dance incursion was cancelled, so instead we taught ourselves some cool dance moves. The kids enjoyed limbo, musical statues, musical bobs, and other games!

It was great to see everyone coming to vacation care in their pyjamas for pyjama day! We stayed cosy and warm while making our own dream catchers and doing other activities to keep ourselves relaxed. We spent some time doing meditation, listening to relaxing sounds and some kids tried out yoga.



We had a challenging but exciting time making our very own rocket cars with help from Edgy X. The kids had to follow steps to make their cars before we took them outside and made them fly using water and air. Some of us got very wet but it was great fun.

The kids got to try a bunch of different activities at Beach House. There was an indoor playground, obstacles courses, arcade games and even scooters to ride around!

To end the first week of vacation care, CodeKids came to teach us all about coding. The children worked in pairs using computers to make their own video game that they could play together. They could also try each other's games too.

"The coding activity was very interesting. We got to challenge our brains while working with others" - Yihuai

Our second week of vacation care started with a "Minute to win it" day in which the kids tried a bunch of different challenges that we had set up throughout the day. The challenges tested their skills as they had to try to see what they could achieve in just one minute. Some of these games had the children working in teams too.

"I liked that we were able to get prizes and play as a team!" -  
Aahana on  
Minute to win it

Another great incursion we held was the First Aid incursion. Cube Sports came to our centre to teach everyone about the importance of First Aid procedures, as well as how to help someone in need. The younger kids learnt how to tie bandages and got to practice on each other's arms. The older kids learnt about DRSABCD and practiced performing CPR on dummies.

We watched a play called "Cicada", an adaptation of Sean Tan's book, at the State Theatre. This told the story of a lonely cicada working amongst humans. The ending was very thrilling and enjoyed by all.

We also went to the cinemas to watch "Minions: The Rise of Gru", a story about a boy who desperately wants to become a supervillain, and his little minions who help him. This fun prequel to the "Despicable Me" films had everyone laughing.

"I liked Bounce because you could nearly jump on everything -  
Avika

We finished the holidays off with a trip to Bounce, where the kids had hours of fun on huge trampolines! They watched the instructors teach them how to do cool tricks, then had a try themselves. They also had the chance to play dodgeball, see how high they could jump, and jump into massive foam pits.

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## KIARA'S DEPARTURE

Our Assistant Director, Kiara, has recently left our centre due to new career opportunities. A small celebration was held on her last day. She was a valuable member of our team and we thank her for all of her efforts both as an educator to the children and as our Assistant Director, over the many years. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

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# MEET OUR NEW EDUCATORS

## Allie

I have had the absolute privilege to be working at the Subiaco Children's Centre since May 2022. Although I have only been working here for a short amount of time I have absolutely adored getting to know all the children on a personal level and have loved getting to know their interests and hobbies. I am currently studying early childhood at Notre Dame University. This role has given me the opportunity to put what I have learnt thus far in my degree into how I engage with the children. Whether it is creating new crafts or playing new sports with the children, I have absolutely loved watching the children discover new interests and can't wait to watch them grow and develop.



## Renee

My name is Renee and I am originally from Malaysia. I have been living in Australia for more than 9 years. It is my great pleasure to join and be part of the team at Subiaco Children's Centre. I have completed a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care at North Metropolitan TAFE, Leederville, WA. I also have a Bachelor's Degree (Honours) in Business Administration that has trained me to be a highly organised person. My passion is to care for and develop trusting relationships with children. I enjoy engaging and interacting with them. While helping the children to form strong and confident identities, I believe the children have the ability to teach educators to see the world in a different way and this makes our job so amazing. I look forward to meeting and getting to know you all.

