



Kalaya Newsletter- February 2017

Friday 10th
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2017

Kalaya Children's Centre AGM

5—7pm on Wednesday 22nd March

Please come along to the 2017 AGM.

The evening will be a great chance for you to:

- Hear about Kalaya's activities and operations
- Volunteer for the 2016 Management Committee
- Meet and chat with other Kalaya families
- And enjoy some food and beverage.

Come and enjoy a special Children's Performance!

Please find enclosed a nomination form for the Management Committee.

We encourage you to self nominate and become a part of the decision making team.

Kalaya Children's Centre Open Day 2017

3:30—6:30pm Friday 31st March

Come along and spend some time having fun at the centre.

Current Kalaya families and extended families, previous Kalaya families ALL WELCOME

BBQ—Bouncy Castle—Face Painting—and more

Close the Gap Day 2017

Community Event—23rd March 11:30-2:30

Closing the Gap Day is an important opportunity to bring people together, to share information — and most importantly to inspire meaningful action to in support of achieving health equality for Aboriginal people.

This year for Closing the Gap Day children from Kalaya will be attending a community event at Tauondi College (1 Lipson St Port Adelaide). The event runs from 1130-2:30pm on Thursday 23rd March.

What's been happening in the Kuranye Room?

Welcome to Term 1.

For the moment we are all busy welcoming new children into our room.

We said goodbye to 18 children, they are now settling into the Toocketja Room.

This term we are really following the children's interests—focussing on music and dance. The children have all enjoyed playing with different musical instruments.

On the 14th of Feb the babies were lucky enough to participate in the rehearsal of the 'Our Corka Bubs' Dance Experience. Made by renowned South Australian Aboriginal choreographer Gina Rings (Bangarra Dance Theatre) – and performed by Caleena and Taree Sansbury the babies will be led (using movement and play) through a story telling grounded in Australia's First Nation's culture.

Thankyou to Dad—Daniel Johnston for bringing in the keyboard, playing songs and allowing the children to dance. All parents are welcome to come and be a part of group time if you have something to share.

Kuranye Room invites all parents to chat with staff if you have concerns or would like to chat about your child's progress.

Welcome to term 1 2107 in the Toocketja Room

We have had a great start to the new year in the Toocketja Room. Many of our children have moved up to the Muna room and we have welcomed Ashton, Olive, Lorenzo, Eva, Munarra, Tyrell, Lola, Iwana, Royce, Byron, Jordi, Desiree, Brendon, Martin, Ella and Mitchell.

Our focus for the first term is going to be built around building trusting, respectful relationships and getting to know each other.

We have sent out family surveys to gather information about your child and their family, their routines and things they like doing to support us in working together to program for their interests and to meet all of their needs. Please feel free to chat to us about any concerns you have or if there is anything you would like to know.

If you have the opportunity please send along a photo of your family or family pets so that we can display them in our room to encourage conversations and to provide a sense of belonging.

We are looking forward to spending the year with you.

The Toocketja Team Bec, Amy, Carmel and Cassi



Welcome to 2017 in the Muna Room

Myself (Jennifer), Deb, Sue and Jessie look forward to getting to know your child and your family. It's going to be a year full of wonder, discovery and special memories.

We are all developing a sense of belonging to the Muna room as we explore the environment; get to know each other and what happens in the Muna preschool. I have sent home *All About Me* bags as a way to get to know the children further. We are very excited to be able to share them all, if you have not received one yet please come and see one of the lovely Muna staff.

The children have been very engaged with our dreamtime story *When The Snake Bites The Sun*. They have asked to read it many times and have enjoyed being able to create their own mural based on the story. We will be continuing on with this dreamtime focus in our group times for the next couple of weeks.

The children have also been enjoying the new box making area and have created some very interesting things. This area gives the children the chance to extend on their own interests and ideas, manipulate resources to construct and apply a wide variety of thinking strategies. Please feel free to bring in your recyclables to Kalaya for this area, they will be much appreciated, ie. Cereal boxes, tissue boxes etc.

This week we will also be introducing a very special member of the Muna preschool. He will be coming home with your child soon and cannot wait to meet all the children.



What's been happening in the Parto Preschool?

Welcome to 2017!

We have started off the year learning about friendships and developing our sense of belonging. Together we have created some wonderful artwork, played in meaningful settings, enjoyed some collaborative activities and engaged in interactive group times. The next few weeks we will be learning about our Parto children and their families. We will be creating a family tree display, so would love if you could share a picture of your family. Please bring in a photo or send us a copy via email jenna.knapman676@schools.sa.edu.au. During this program we will be sending home a camera for you and your child to take photos. Once the camera has been returned, we will create a family book for you to share at home.

We look forward to learning more about you and your child.

Jenna, Elouise, Jess & Amy.

Hot weather

Just a reminder about our Sun Protection Policy. Please ensure you send your children to Kalaya wearing a **sleeved t-shirt**. It is also worth packing a spare set of clothes for the days we engage in water play.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Monday:

Playgroup for children (0-4) 10am-12noon in the Community Room

Tuesday:

'Come & Try' Cirkidz 5 week program 1st March—29th March 11am (3 year olds) 11:30am (4 year olds) in the Community Room at Kalaya

Wednesday:

Connected Families Program (11th May—29th July) 10:30-12noon in the Community Room.

Friday:

Artist in Residence Program 10am—1pm in Kuranye, Tooketja, Muna & Parto Room

We need your help:

We are currently reviewing the Quality Improvement Plan. If you are wanting to assist us with this process—please speak to Lynette.

Your ideas will help us focus our energies for 2017.

Kalaya Annual General Meeting

The Management Committee plays a very important role in our Centre. The AGM is on Wednesday 22nd March 2017 from 5-7pm in the Community Room. This meeting will be a culmination of our Management Committee members work and the time to elect a new Management Committee. If you are interested in nominating for our Management Committee, please complete the section below and return to the box in the foyer before the meeting date.

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AGM Management Committee Nomination Form

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Position on the Committee: _____



Artist Inawinytji Williamson starts at Kalaya

Senior traditional woman Inawinytji Williamson from Fregon, Anangu Pitjantjatjara / Yankunytjatjara Lands has started working with the children at Kalaya on Fridays. The children in each of the rooms have enjoyed practising painting skills, making animal tracks in the sand and practising the Pitjantjatjara words for the different animals.

Ina will be working with the children at Kalaya every Friday from 10am-1pm during Term 1.



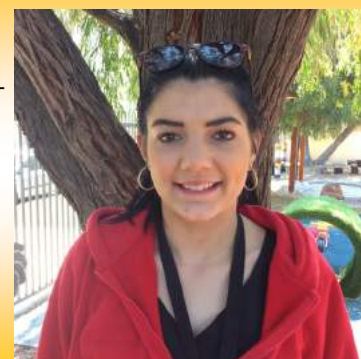
Staff Spotlight

Amy is a Narungga woman, she is 20 years of age and works in the Tooketja Room as well as being our Work, Health & Safety Representative.

Amy is currently studying her Diploma in Children's Services, and is aiming to become a teacher.

Amy enjoys her netball, playing in Port Adelaide and Modbury.

Amy loves spending time with family and friends.



The Kalaya Photo Board!

