



THE NSEYC BUZZ

The Official Newsletter of the Northern Schools Early Years Cluster



Hello from our CEO

Welcome to the first edition of the NSEYC Buzz!

2021 has presented more challenges for our teams and our families in staying connected with our kindergarten communities, with many children learning from home during COVID-19 restrictions. So, we think it's more important than ever to find new and better ways to communicate and share the great things that are happening here at the NSEYC to benefit our families and children.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and I look forward to seeing families back at kindergarten this term.



Sigi Hyett,
Chief Executive
Officer

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Have you enrolled for kinder or school next year?

It's not too late! And we're here to help.

Remember, if your child is attending 3-year-old kindergarten this year, you must submit an enrolment registration to secure a place in a 4-year-old program in 2022. And if they are attending 4-year old kindergarten and will go to school next year, you must enrol at the school. **This does not happen automatically.**

- To enrol in a 3-year-old program for 2022: contact the NSEYC Office on 9306 1662 or email us at office@nseyc.org.au, and Kirti or Amira will assist you to enrol.
- To enrol in a 4-year old program in the City of Hume: [click here to go to the Council's website](#) and complete the registration form.
- To enrol in a 4-year-old program in the City of Moreland: [click here to go to the Council's website](#) and complete the registration form.

You can also pick up enrolment forms from our office, our kindergartens or school offices. If you need any assistance to register, please contact our office on 9306 1662. We are always happy to help!



Preparing for school in 2022

Now is the time to start preparing for 2022!

During 4-year-old kindergarten, your early childhood teacher will assess your child, plan for their move to school and identify any developmental areas that may need additional support.

Most children will transition to school the next year, while some children will benefit from a second year of 4-year-old kindergarten.

Your child's early childhood teacher will be discussing the options with you and will work with you to develop a Transition Learning and Development Statement to pass on to your child's school, or to apply for a second year of 4-year-old kindergarten if necessary.

Funded Three-Year-Old Kindergarten is coming to all of our services in 2022!

Do you know a child who will be three in 2022? Every child deserves the opportunity to have the best start. That's why funded Three-Year-Old Kindergarten will be available at all of our kindergartens from 2022. This means an extra year of learning, playing and making friends for children. From next year, NSEYC kindergartens will be offering five hours a week of a funded Three-Year-Old Kindergarten program. Contact our office to enrol on 9306 1662!

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News from our kindergartens...

NSEYC kindergartens have been recognised for Exceeding the National Quality Standard

Every few years, kindergartens (and other early childhood education and care services) across Australia are assessed and rated by their state and territory regulatory authority to make sure they are meeting the required standards and providing a high quality learning experience for children. In Victoria, this is done by the Department of Education and Training.

Services are assessed against the seven quality areas of the National Quality Standard, which include:

- **1. Educational program and practice** - Children are supported to participate in play and learning
- **2. Children's health and safety** - Children are protected from illness and hazards
- **3. Physical environment** - Children play in a safe and well maintained environment
- **4. Staffing arrangements** - There are enough qualified staff to give children the attention they need
- **5. Relationships with children** - Children are made to feel supported and welcomed
- **6. Collaborative partnerships with families and communities** - Local community involvement and respect for the beliefs and values of families
- **7. Governance and leadership** - Children are cared for in a positive and well managed environment.

Services can be rated as:

Significant Improvement Required

Working Towards National Quality Standard

Meeting National Quality Standard

Exceeding National Quality Standard



Four of our kindergartens were by assessed by DET in Terms 2 & 3 this year, and we are very proud to announce that all four were rated as **EXCEEDING** the National Quality Standard!

- **Upfield Kindergarten** (at Dallas Brooks Community Primary School) was rated as Exceeding in 5 out of 7 areas.
- **Will Will Rook Preschool** was rated as Exceeding in all 7 areas.
- **York Street Kindergarten** (at Glenroy West Primary School) was rated as Exceeding in all 7 areas.
- **Glenroy Central Kindergarten** (at Glenroy Central Primary School) was rated as Exceeding in all 7 areas.

What an outstanding achievement! This is a wonderful reflection of the high quality learning that is provided at all of our kindergarten services, and the dedication of our educators to providing the best start for children in our communities.



For more information about our services, for help with enrolling, or any other queries please contact us on 9306 10662 or email office@nseyc.org.au and we'll be happy to help!



Kindergarten facility upgrades are underway!

The NSEYC is getting new 3-year-old kinder rooms and outdoor play spaces through the "Building Blocks" initiative.

There are lots of exciting things happening at NSEYC kindergartens this year! Many of our kindergartens are receiving upgrades through the Victorian Government's 'Building Blocks' initiative, to create additional spaces for our 3-year-old programs and improve the quality of the learning environments. In fact, we were fortunate to receive over \$7 million in Building Blocks funding for our kindergartens! This is a great win for our children and families.

During late 2021, construction starts on projects at:

- Bethal Primary School Kindergarten (new three-year-old kinder room and outdoor play space)
- Belle Vue Park Kindergarten (new verandah, outdoor play space and toilets)
- Lorne Street Kindergarten (new outdoor play space)
- Meadows Primary School Kindergarten (new three-year-old kinder room and outdoor play space)
- Will Will Rook Preschool (new three-year-old kinder room, upgrade to existing rooms and new outdoor play space)



We received over \$9 million in funding for our kindergartens!



- Broadmeadows Preschool (new outdoor play space)
- Dallas Kindergarten (new outdoor play space)
- Upfield Kindergarten (new three-year-old kinder building and outdoor play space)

Our kindergarten programs will continue as normal throughout the builds, with minimal disruption. Watch this space for updates as these exciting projects progress!

NSEYC to offer Long Day Care at Glenroy Community Hub from 2022!

We are proud to have been selected to operate a brand new education and care service at the Glenroy Community Hub currently under construction.

We'll be offering long day care for children from 6 weeks to 6 years of age, with two years of integrated kindergarten for 3 and 4 year old children.

Registrations are now open for 2022 via Moreland City Council's [online registration form](#) or by emailing centralenrolments@moreland.vic.gov.au





Free kindergarten for children from refugee or asylum seeker backgrounds!

Good news for families from refugee or asylum seeker backgrounds who have three year old children. We would like to let you know that starting from this year 2021, your children can receive 15 hours per week of FREE kindergarten through funding called Early Start Kindergarten.

Early Start Kindergarten is available in all kindergarten programs delivered by qualified teachers. You can enrol your children by contacting our office, your local Council or any kindergarten that is near to you and asking about Early Start Kindergarten funding. If you need a free interpreter, you can ask for one.

Early Start Information in Arabic

بشرى سارة للعائلات من خلفيات اللاجئين أو طالبي اللجوء الذين يعيشون في ولاية فكتوريا ولديهم أطفال بعمر الثلاث سنوات. نود إعلامكم بأنه اعتباراً من هذا العام 2021، يمكن لأطفالكم الحصول على خمسة عشرة ساعة أسبوعياً من خدمة رياض الأطفال المجانية من خلال منحة تسمى روضة البداية المبكرة للأطفال. إن روضة البداية المبكرة للأطفال هي متوفرة في جميع برامج رياض الأطفال التي يقدمها معلمين مؤهلين. يمكنكم تسجيل أطفالكم عن طريق الإتصال بأي روضة أطفال قريبة منكم وطلب الحصول على منحة روضة البداية المبكرة للأطفال. إذا كنتم بحاجة إلى مترجم شفهي يمكنكم إعلام مركز رياض الأطفال لتأمين خدمة الترجمة الشفهية لكم عن طريق الهاتف.

يك خبر خوش برای خانواده های پناهنده و پناهجو در ایالت ویکتوریا که اطفال 3 ساله دارند. از شروع امسال 2021 اطفال شما می تواند 15 ساعت در هر هفته کودکستان مجانی داشته باشند.

این برنامه به نام کودکستان وقت آغاز Early Start Kindergarten می باشد. برنامه کودکستان وقت آغاز در تمام کودکستان ها با معلمین مسلکی مهیا می باشد. شما می توانید اطفال تانرا در نزدیک ترین کودکستان زیر نام برنامه کودکستان وقت آغاز یا Early Start Kindergarten ثبت نام کنید.

اگر شما در جریان ثبت نام ضرورت به ترجمان دارید، کودکستان مربوطه را در جریا بگذارید، آنها برای شما ترجمان تلفونی می گیرند.

Early Start Information in Dari

Learning from Home tip sheets

The Hume City Council Preschool Field Officer team has developed some tip sheets for activities that you can do with children at home, using everyday objects to support your children's learning - especially when they cannot attend kindergarten. The tips sheets include activities such as:

- Building a cubby
- Making an obstacle course
- Having fun with nature
- Teddy Bears picnic
- Exploring petals and bulbs...
- And lots more!

You can access the tip sheets via the link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/yeoellohf6uxgnt/ACV2DjgXpO9DEbgURHqf7da?dl=0>

Get involved at kindergarten through ARDOCH's Curious Young Minds program

If you're looking for a way to become more involved with your local kindergarten or community then we've got just the thing!

The NSEYC is partnering with Ardoch to deliver the "Curious Young Minds" program across our kindergartens, which targets children's developing understanding of their world by engaging them in explorations of normal STEM experiences (STEM = Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

We're looking for volunteers to become part of the program and get involved at our kindergartens. Could it be you? Get in touch via the link below!

<https://www.ardoch.org.au/programs/education-volunteers/>