

NEWSLETTER Term 2 Week 4 2016



Marble run problem solving; gross motor climbing and balancing; Wedgit construction; and discovering 5 children fit inside.

CURRICULUM

Literacy Packs - Inside the entrance we have a variety of literacy packs available for you to borrow. They are stories with adjuncts to make the stories more meaningful and interactive and provide avenues for discussion with your child. Reading with your child has many benefits. As you read with your child take time to stop, ask, listen and explain. This helps your child to go deeper into the book and encourages them to share their thoughts and ideas as you read. Reading with children in this way: stimulates their imagination; encourages conversation that goes back-and-forth; develops vocabulary and oral language skills.

Range of Activities - At kindergarten we offer a broad range of learning opportunities for you child in both our indoor and outdoor environments. One way you can support your child to risk-take and try new activities is to talk with them on the way to kindergarten, about what they might like to do that day, other activities they have seen, and their favourite activities.

Literacy - The children have been participating in the telling of fairy tales (for example *The great big enormous turnip*, *The three billy goats gruff* and *The gingerbread man*). The children have enjoyed taking on the roles and helping to act out these stories, and many have joined in saying the repetitive lines such as "run, run, as fast as you can ... you can't catch me I'm the gingerbread man." This week we will be converting the home corner into the three bears' house so that the children can delve deeper into the language and story of *Goldilocks*. To further support your child's literacy skills look for the leaflet in your parent pocket titled *Conversations: a great way to learn language*.

Numeracy - The concepts of number and quantity have been incorporated into our small group gross motor activities, and we have reintroduced our number walk and talk groups (taking the children for a short walk and noticing the numbers in our community). **Noticing** attributes is one of learning processes highlighted in the Department of Education *Numeracy Indicators*. The children have been noticing and describing what they see about the visiting chicken (it has two legs, it is brown, it has a beak).

INCURSION - This Week, Week 4, 23rd and 25th May at 1pm (details on the next page)

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Nature Education will be visiting our centre bringing with the a collection of eggs from various birds/animals and live oviparous animals to enhance the children's current interest in the life cycle of living creatures. If your child does not usually attend on these days you are welcome to bring them in during this time so that they can be involved.

FRUIT TIME

Some of our children are asking for extra food in the afternoon. We think it might be the cold weather and our bodies adjusting - could you please have a conversation with your child and send along more food if their lunch box is coming home empty and they are saying they need more. Thank you!



GOVERNING COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held here at the kindergarten on Wednesday, 15th June, 2016 at 7:30pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

CLOSURE DAY

Just a reminder - there will be no kindergarten session on Friday, 27th May, 2016, as the staff will be undertaking training that day.

i AM IN PRESCHOOL

I am not built to
sit still,
keep my hands to myself,
take turns,
be patient,
stand in line,
OR keep quiet
all of the time.

I need:
motion,
novelty,
adventure,
and to

engage the world with my whole body.

LET ME PLAY.

(Trust me, I'm learning!)

KINDERGARTEN PHOTOS - Tuesday 14th & Thursday 16th June, 2016.

Professional photographers will be here on these days to take individual and group photos of the children. If these are not your child's usual kindergarten day, you are welcome to bring them (and stay with them) while the photos are taken. When the photos are ready you may to choose none, some, or the whole package in a folder which is \$35. Additional photos additional copies can be ordered. You will be able to view the photos at the kindergarten, and can take them home once payment has been received.