



NEWSLETTER 7 - August 2018

Have you read?

- The white board
- The program on the pinup board inside the kindergarten. You can get a hard copy as well.

Your check list:

- Close the gates when you come and go
- Pack a hat, water bottle, lunch and 2 snacks in your child's bag
- Apply sun screen on your child each day
- Place your initial next to your child's name each day on the attendance sheet when you arrive and depart (attendance sheets on podium)
- Any changes to pick up please write a note in the day diary on the podium next to attendance sheets on the verandah

'Have a cuppa' with coffee and biscuits continues on Friday morning
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CURRICULUM

Our focus this term will be on *'our place in the community'* and we will be building upon children's interest in maps and safety in their neighbourhood.

A variety of activities will be presented to children as per the program you received in your child's pocket and which is displayed in the centre. These program is reviewed and updated every fortnight.

These activities are linked to the **Early Years Learning framework** which is Australia's early childhood education framework and the **National Quality Standards**. So at the writing table children will work together in groups to plan and design community maps. In the block corner children will use straight and curved blocks to build roads for cars. These activities foster and enhance children's **literacy development** as they experiment with the writing of letters and words and write labels for the buildings they draw. The numeracy **focus of reasoning and problem solving** will occur as children experiment with block building to make a roads of various sizes, shapes and dimensions within the mat area of the block corner. This is followed through at mat time when we will be discussing the importance of knowing your address. You can reinforce this learning by pointing out to your child the numbers on your letter box and the letters in your street name.

Literacy activities encompass oral language so we encourage children listen to and recognise the sounds letters make by emphasising rhyming words through songs and poems. Children will learn **Kaurna** words for colours and native Australian animals as we continue our focus on **Australia's Indigenous heritage**.

We continue to focus on children's upper body strength and gross motor skills by providing a variety of outdoor activities such as climbing, punching bag, scoot boards, rope pulling and ball games.

Our garden will flourish as children continue to care for plants and notice seasonal changes in our playground. Our **Science focus** will be on the properties of water, starting with discussions on **how we use it, where is comes from and flows**.

The **Child Protection Curriculum** continues with our focus continuing on friendships, privacy, appropriate touching and introducing trust networks.

Library borrowing continues on Mondays and Tuesdays each week.

Shared fruit happens on Wednesdays and Thursdays so please place a piece of fruit for children to share with others in the named basket outside on the verandah.

School Visits to Woodend Primary School have started this term as part of our transition program with the school. In Term 2 reception classes visited the preschool to play with our children and this term the children in a group of 10 with a teacher will visit a reception class. Every child will have at least one turn as we go down our list. There are 58 children enrolled so it will take some time to complete as there will be only one reception class visit per week at different times during the week. A schedule is worked out with the teachers. The first visit was on Thursday 2 August, 10 children with Joanne Welch to Mrs Olgilvie's class. The visits last approximately 45 minutes and the teacher provides activities. If you do not want your child to attend please speak with staff.

Please look at the big floor books just inside the centre for more information about our daily activities and follow us on face book. We are reviewing your child's portfolio books this month to add information we have gathered so please note they are not on display for the month of August.

OCCASIONAL CARE

We have vacancies for children under 2 years on Mondays. Please ring direct on **83220677** and leave a message and staff will get back to you. Occasional care program continues to focus on children's self-regulation using sensory activities such as play dough, finger painting and music through relaxation and song.

DATES (please read these dates and make a note)

Excursions to Road Safety centre on Monday 20 August and Tuesday 21 August in the morning.

Please return your child's excursion permission slip to the Road Safety Centre. There is no cost to you and if you would like to come along to help please speak with staff.

Our next **Governing Council meeting is on Tuesday 14 August at 7 pm at the centre**. The Governing Council forms part of the management of the centre and these parents are your representatives. Their photos are display by the centre entrance. You are welcome as a visitor at any meeting.