



NEWSLETTER 2 – March 2018

Have you read?

- The white board
- The program inside the centre

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
- No hat no Play outside - we do not have spare hats
- Sign your child in and out on the daily attendance sheet (they are on a table on the verandah)

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Occasional Care Sessions on Monday am and pm and Tuesday am.
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CURRICULUM

During the past month the children have settled and are becoming aware of routines and safety of the playground. The curriculum has focussed on 'me' and how I function within the centre with other preschool children, occasional care children and all staff. There have been many sensory activities such as, water play in troughs and water in the sand pit and in the water course to help children relax and form friendships.

Their **Science learning** has been about germs as they affect our health with children being excited to see germs when we used our digital microscope and have watched how 'mouldy' the bread handled with washed and unwashed hands became over time. Children have enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year with activities such as a Lion Dance, cooking fried rice, making red lanterns and having the home corner with Chinese adjuncts including bowls, steamer and dress ups.

As part of our **Literacy focus** the children learnt about 'The Rainbow Fish' story and how feelings influence our behaviours and showing empathy for others is important. Our familiar story has been 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' with children drawing the story especially the caterpillar and playing 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' card game. **Many parents have been asking about children's pencil grip and handwriting so I have attached some information and a sheet of activities for you to do with your child.**

Our **Numeracy focus** has been on children reasoning and problem –solving and activities have included number games, parachute game and the ball game. Reasoning and problem –solving is all around us so children have had to use strategies like waiting their turn and their language to describe their needs and feelings.

Physical activities continue to focus on balance and posture with children using outdoor climbing and we will introduce with Yoga for young children in the coming weeks.

Musical Muscles (Caleb Mason) is coming 3 times a term to work with all the children on appreciation of music and dance. He has started using instruments with children and simple songs like 'clicking the claves'. He has concentrated on rhythm and dynamic sounds.

Our Aboriginal focus has been on children being aware of Kurna Language in song, story and words. They have learnt Kurna words for body parts.

Excursion

To extend children's knowledge of Aboriginal culture we are planning an excursion to **Colebrook Memorial** in Blackwood to visit the sculpture of the **Aboriginal women of the stolen generation** and then onto **Wittunga Botanical Garden in Blackwood** to feed the ducks and have our lunch, information will come out soon and you need to sign a permission form for your child to attend and let staff know if you want to attend. There is no cost as this is included in your fees.

Excursion are Tuesday 20 March and Wednesday 21 March 9.15 am – 1.00pm. Children attend as normal from 8.30am – 3.00pm as the excursion occur during the day.

LUNCH

Please pack a **healthy lunch** for children and pack extra lunch like two snacks and one and ½ sandwiches for the day as some children are hungry during the day. Lunches stay in their bag so please pack an ice box to keep them cool. *We are a nut free preschool so please check on packaging for nut traces.*

LOST PROPERTY

Please look at the Lost Property (red tub on the verandah table) as there are many items which you must be missing!