



NEWSLETTER 3 – March 2019

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
- 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 are on Mondays, am and pm and Tuesdays are. **Phone 8322 0677.**

CURRICULUM

During the past weeks the children have been interested in the world about them, as they were wondering and noticing changes to the environment and lifecycles of butterflies and stick insects. To continue with their interest in learning we surveyed the children on what they wanted to learn and what they want to continue learning about. Their answer was the environment and `mini beasts. Children participated in **Harmony Day** activities on Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 March by wearing Harmony badges and making friendship bands in red ,black and yellow. The theme this year was belonging together and is part of what we are at the centre.

LITERACY

Literacy idea sheets are attached to this newsletter for you to try at home and also some information about pencil grips. **Please remember** your child follows their own path to learning, on their own time frame not on what `others' think they should be doing so rejoice in their learning. **The Literacy tree** is filling up with leaves, thank you for bringing them into the centre. Ask your child to re-tell the story you have read as this adds to their learning by developing oral language of recounting which is important for reading.

COLLAGE

Thank you to everyone who gives us boxes for the children's pasting. Please do not send along toilet rolls, medicine boxes and boxes with chocolates or food which have nut traces. We need lots of boxes due to a high demand by your children.

Some cooking for you....

PLAYDOUGH RECIPE

Parents have also asked about our play dough recipe:

4 cups Plain Flour	Colouring
2 cups Salt	4 cups boiling water
6 heaped tablespoons Cream of Tartar	(halve amounts if you'd like)
8 tablespoons oil	

Mix well – flour the board – knead really well (helps to preserve it).

PUPIL FREE DAY

The centre is allowed **4 PUPIL Free Days** per year by the Department for Education and approved by the Governing Council. These days are for staff to attend staff development. On these days there is **NO PRESCHOOL or OCCASIONAL CARE PROGRAMS.**

This year your **Governing Council** approved the first day being **Friday 3 May 2019** (this is the Friday for the Monday/ Wednesday group).The staff will be attending training on Early Years Literacy development for children and will be off site

The other pupil free days are under negotiation, with one being scheduled for Terms 2, 3, and 4. Further details are coming your way as soon as they are confirmed with Governing Council, our Education Director and staff. We aim to spread out the days throughout the year with 2 days allocated for each group and giving you at least one month's notice as required by the Department. **You will need to make other arrangements for your children on these days.**

FLU and Colds

Please remember to notify the centre if your child has an illness. For further information use SA Health Web page <http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au>. Influenza fact sheet displayed at the centre.

PHOTOGRAPHER

The Simon Fleming Photography are coming to take the children's photographs on **Tuesday 14 May morning and Wednesday 14 May.** **Please let me know if your will be absent on their day so we can make an alternative arrangements.**

