



NEWSLETTER 5 – June 2019

CURRICULUM

Educators are preparing the **digging patch** for the children to use so you will need to pack a pair of gum boots and rain coats on rainy days so they can dig outside.

WAY TO A Behaviour Programme

Educators will be implementing a behaviour program for all children called **WAY TO A**. This program is designed for children ages 3 to 9 years old, presents a simple, logical, and systematic strategy that clarifies and sequentially teaches the child how to manage their behavior by engaging in forethought and self-analysis before acting out.

There are two pathways in this program called **A and B**.

Pathway A is the positive and appropriate choice: children learn to ask for a break, or are taught to relax when confronting a challenging and potentially stressful situation. They are encouraged to use **A** choices.

Pathway B is the inappropriate choice: a child is aggressive or throws a tantrum, including hitting, kicking or screaming. The child is taught cause and effect and visually understands consequences related to **A and B choices**.

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We are reinforcing A choices by focussing on children's emotions (happy, sad, angry and scared) and working with the children on feeling safe. Related activities include asking children to observe facial expressions in the mirrors and using puppets and stories.

Reconciliation Week from Monday 27 May – Monday 3 June

Children will explore 'Iconography' that is symbols used in Aboriginal Art and its meaning and how these symbols are used in art.

Incursion

'**Wilbur's Wildlife**' is coming on **Tuesday 18 June and Wednesday 19 June** to show up to 10 animals which may include frogs, insects, lizards, snakes, turtles and hopping mice. These visits happened during session time and there is no cost to families.

Excursion Term 2 Visit to Hallett Cove Library

The Koala group (Tuesday/Thursday) is booked for a visit to the library on **Tuesday 25 June** and the Kookaburra group (Monday/Wednesday) is booked on **Wednesday 26 June**.

These visits are **for children to come with parents for a tour and story-telling from 3.30 pm – 4.15 pm**. Staff will be present on both days. **Parents must accompany and stay with their child as this is outside preschool hours and out of the centre.**

This is a community event so please RSVP to Emmy via e-mail and so she can give numbers to the librarian.

PUPIL FREE DAYS

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. So far this year your Governing Council approved the first day being Friday 3 May 2019 (this is the Friday for the Monday/Wednesday group). The other pupil free days are **Thursday 1 August (Term 3), Thursday 12 December and Friday 13 December (last week of Term 4)** as approved by Governing Council and confirmed by our Education Director.

We have 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. *Please put these dates in your calendar and you will need to make other arrangements for your children on these days.*

Photographer

The Simon Fleming Photography has taken children's photos and the cost is **\$45.00 per album** of 3 photos and group photograph. Single photos and doubles can also be purchased. Albums will be available for viewing soon you can view them at the centre & collect your payment envelope. **You cannot take photos home before payment as this is a condition of the photographer.** Payment is directly to the photographer who provides an envelope with payment details. The centre will collect the envelopes for the photographer and if you pay by cash **you need correct money as we cannot provide change.** Once you have paid we can give you the album.

