



NEWSLETTER 9 – October 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

Following the children's interest our theme for the first five weeks of this term is **WATER**. We began this by participating in a water safety session conducted by Blue Dolphin Swimming and Water Safety School. The children were introduced to the five safety rules to be followed when around a pool or water through a song and story.

Our **Literacy** focus continues on rhyming and rhythm. The children will explore these important pre-reading concepts through circle games, stories such as *Hairy Maclary and Zachary Quack* and songs such as *An elephant sat on*?

Our **Numeracy** focus is continuing to explore the concepts of measurement using various methods such as rulers, tape measures and measuring cups. (*Numeracy outcome: measure and compare our world*) This is done through building Bridges and Jetties in the block corner, measuring cups in the water trough. Children are considering changes in their outdoor learning environment as they notice our spring garden. The children's interest will be extended as they grow their own seeds. Children will notice, reason and problem solve as they consider the requirements of growing plants.

Children are exploring the Kurna language by learning the Kurna words for native animals and colours. They are also learning Kurna language as they listen to dreamtime stories about the Milky way and water cycle, and indigenous language when singing *Twinkle, Twinkle little Star* and *We are Australian*.

For more information about the program please reads your copy of the program and the lager books by the double door entrances and follow us on our face book page.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 25th - Plate Orders

Templates for plate orders must be into the centre to ensure we have them delivered before end of Term.

November – TBA

Transitions to school will be occurring during the Month of November. You will receive notification of these days and times from your chosen school. Children are welcome to attend parts of the day if these times and dates fall on your usual Preschool Days. Preschool staff are not able to transport your children to and from the school, this must be done by parents/caregivers.

December 4th and 5th- Christmas/End of Year Concert and Party

Caleb Mason from Musical Muscles will be leading the children in a concert showcasing their musical learning experiences. Kookaburra Group will be held on Wednesday 4th December and Koala group will be held on Thursday 5th December. Details are to be advised.

December 9th and 10th - Last Day of Term and Graduation

Last day of Term for the Kookaburra Group is Wednesday 10th December.

Last day of term for the Koala Group is Tuesday 9th December.

This will include a small graduation at the end of the day. Details to come.

December 11th and 12th - School Closure Days

Just a reminder that December the 11th and 12th are closure days. This is so that staff can prepare for 2020 and ensure that the next year children have a quality program.

Hats and Spare Clothes

Due to the nicer weather can you please remember to pack a hat for your child. Children must be wearing a hat during Term 4 as per our skin protection policy. We also advise a set of dry clothes due to water play outside. The centre has a limited supply of spare clothing.

Library Borrowing

Library days are Monday and Tuesday. Please provide a calico / book bag so your child can borrow a book.

Child And Youth Health Screening

Child and youth health have organised another session at Woodend Primary School on 27th November. Booking sheet will be available for this soon. Please speak to staff if you are interested in this service.