



NEWSLETTER 2 – March 2020

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

It has been a busy time with children settling into routines including lunch & snack time, toileting and packing away. They learnt about caring, sharing and playing together at kindergarten. They have enjoyed paintings, working with play dough, using the blocks, puzzles and home corner inside and sand pit and climbing outside. Children have become familiar with one another's names as they participated in such activities as measuring the heights of friends and using comparative language to describe their observations. The children's language and literacy has been promoted by learning rhymes and songs like *Everyone Clap Hands, Count to 100, Banana, Banana Meatballs and Days of the week*. Each day the children have small group story time where listened to stories like *Brown bear brown bear, Rainbow fish, Koala Lou, Hairy McLary and Pas the Jam Jim*. The literacy books for each week have been *Possum in a Hat, Kangaroos Hop. How the birds got their colours and Going for Kalta*.

As part of our multi-cultural program children discussed the Kurna culture and are learning to sing the song- *Heads Shoulders Knees and Toes* in the Kurna language, Acknowledgment of country and Kurna greetings. The children also learnt about the significance of Australia day, and Chines New Year.

All these interests will be expanded in the coming weeks as we focus more on literacy and numeracy development.

The child protection program has as its focus the children's awareness of fair and unfair behaviour, rights and responsibilities and feelings. Children listened to the story *The Rainbow Fish* and brainstormed feelings. Children made hand prints and considered using 'gentle words and kind hands' when playing with their friends.

Harmony Day activities on Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 March by wearing Harmony Badges and making friendship bands in red ,black and yellow. The theme this year was **everybody belongs** and is part of what we are at the centre.

LITERACY

Children's library borrowing is on Monday for Kookaburra group and Tuesdays for Koala group. Please remember to bring your library bag on these days.

COLLAGE

Please donate boxes for 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.

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 13 March 2020** (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 / Coronavirus

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>.