



NEWSLETTER 8–October 2020

CURRICULUM

Our **Literacy focus** is from our Preschool Quality Improvement Plan (PQIP) **Goal 1: children will choose to engage with a diverse range of text in the learning environment.**

Book Week 19-23 October 2020. This year's theme was *Curious Creatures Wild Minds*. Children dressed up in an array of wild creatures, super heroes and brought their favourite creature books to preschool on Monday 19 October and Tuesday 20 October. Teachers continue to read the Children's Week shortlisted books.

Breakfast at kindy on Wednesday 21st October and Thursday 22nd October had the children arrive in their pyjamas and have breakfast at preschool. They had toast with honey or vegemite, raisin toast and a small bowl of porridge and apple juice. They all enjoyed the experience with staff serving them in their pyjamas. They changed into day clothes for the rest of the day.

Our **Numeracy focus** is from our Preschool Quality Improvement Plan (PQIP) **Goal 2: children will use standard and non-standard objects and tools to explore, compare and measure in their learning environment.**

The measurement focus continues with children measuring their feet and hands for length and width with handprints and footprints. They are measuring weight and volume using water play vessels. They used words like full/empty, half and quarter full and comparative language of heavy and light to describe weight.

The vegetable garden is blooming with lettuce, spinach, beetroot, carrots and strawberries. The children have been observed 'watching' plants /vegetables grow and helping to pick the vegetable to eat at lunch times

Educators continue with the **Child Protection Curriculum** in particular the right to be safe and privacy. You may have heard your child talk about 'their bubble' when they sit on the mat. Being in 'their bubble' on the mat means they are not touching others and have a space around them. Educators continue with the **WAY to A** 'behaviour program.

Children know about germs and hygiene as through our Covid 19 health practices and so to reinforce the importance of washing hands they have participated in an experiment where they touch a slice of bread with clean hands and another with dirty hands. The bread grows mould from germs on dirty hands bread and is relatively clean with the clean bread. This has been a valuable experience for all children.

Kurna Language Program continues with children saying the Kurna Welcome at the beginning of the day at group time and learning *Happy Birthday and Twinkle Little Star in Kurna* the children now are able to say the welcome and sing these songs independently.

Green Tree Frog (s) Nature Education Centre

Due to the unavailability of green tree frogs to be purchased from pet stores the centre has become a member of the Nature Education Centre for \$115 and each time we borrow once a fortnight there is a fee. Due to asbestos removal at the Nature Education Centre in the holidays I could not borrow the Green Tree Frogs till Saturday 17 October. They will be returned on 31 October where I can borrow another animal hopefully a lizard if there is one available. The Nature Education Centre is located at Urrbrae Agricultural College at Netherby so I will borrow on Fridays after work or Saturday afternoons when they are open. Other fundraising monies have gone towards food for the breakfasts and for the *Bubble man* performer booked for December costing \$364.50 per group that is \$729 in total.

Pupil Free Days

Term 4 Thursday 10 December & Friday 11 December.

Covid 19/ FLU and Colds

Please remember **if your child is unwell they must not attend**. Children presenting with coughs, sneezing, runny nose or other symptoms will be sent home. 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>. Department for Education Covid -19 updates for the centre continue a daily cleaning of high touch surfaces and toilets during the pre-school by Department for Education cleaners & **Practice physical distancing at all times in the workplace**. This is for all adults so we always reviewing how this works for staff and parents. This is a changing situation so we will keep you posted.