

NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO THE SECOND OF OUR 2017
NEWSLETTERS - JUNE EDITION

HI EVERYONE, HOPE THIS NEWSLETTER FINDS YOU ARE ALL WELL! THE YEAR IS MOVING ALONG VERY QUICKLY SO I WILL RECAP WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

Kangaroo Group -



have been practicing their fine motor skills – drawing, writing their name, colouring with pencils, crayons, chalk and in our art and craft area with glue sticks, paint brushes. We are encouraging our Kangaroos to write their own name on their art pieces, and upon arrival in the morning thank you to all parents who are encouraging your child at home with their writing skills and name identification – our children’s skills are really improving toward the transition to school phase.

Our Kangaroo group have been making choices on resources they would like out to play (especially during quiet time) and the afternoon, and choices for outdoor play – giving the responsibility of decision making and caring for our environment to the children. Outdoors construction, sand play and cooking is still a favoured play. Indoors the children love painting (we have extended this play to outside using spray painting, bud painting, finger painting and brush painting which is very popular with all the children.

Our kangaroo children have been working very hard on their social skills, how we talk to each other, taking turns and using our words. We have been talking about our emotions and how to control how we feel, that it is OK to talk about how we feel. We have been talking about “Stranger danger” and saying “No” if asked by a stranger!

Our Kangaroo group have been working on improving upon their “Fundamental Movement Skills” e.g. Ball skills, hopping, running, jumping, balancing & ball games – which is a lot of fun - we are hoping to put something together for all parents (a little further into the year) to come and have fun, maybe even joining in – stay tuned to future newsletters and internal news!

Joey Group—



have been engaging in singing, playing instruments and learning to interact in a group environment for story time.

Our Joeys are partaking in writing their names, and building on their development skills – fine and gross motor, social and emotional - practising basic fundamental movement skills such as jumping, hoping, skipping, throwing, balancing bean bags, twirling and catching large balls. Intentionally taught topics have included Road Safety, colour matching & recognition, counting to ten, toilet training and talking about eating healthy foods.

Our music sessions are always lots of fun & most children are now eagerly joining in. We love to sing— “I wonder what your name is”, “ABC song”, “Three jelly fish” & “Heads shoulders Knees and Toes”.

Soft fall area: children recognised there was a difference with the mulch area – and our children who attended on the day the mulch was delivered were very excited watching Andrew working hard to distribute some of the mulch that afternoon into the outdoor play area.



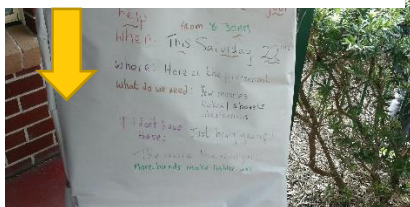
We would all like to say a very BIG “THANK YOU” to all who came early on the Saturday morning to help shovel mulch into wheelbarrows, offload into the play area, and rake level. It was truly a great collaborative effort and all was completed in less than one hour demonstrating the hard effort that was put to completing the task by all who dedicated their time to help our pre-school outdoor area for our children.

BEFORE



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Appeals went out for support from anyone who could spare an hour or two to help shovel mulch into our outdoor play space



Volunteer Helpers

| | |
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| Tony Waller | Andrew |
| Paul Bodley | Teresa |
| Tristan Cox | Tony |
| Shelly Byrne | Tim |
| Cynthia King | |
| Shaun Cottee | |



DURING

AFTER

"ALL AT CULBURRA BEACH PRE-SCHOOL WOULD LIKE TO SAY A VERY BIG THANKYOU TO MICHELLE – SETH AND ZAYVIAR'S NANNA FOR DONATING RESOURCE AND PLAY ITEMS FOR USE IN OUR INDOOR PRE-SCHOOL PLAY ROOM AND ART & CRAFT ACTIVITIES. ALSO, A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO LAURA – NASH AND NELLIE'S MUM FOR DONATING MATERIALS NICELY CUT FOR USE"



Michelle and Laura

If you feel you are able to help our pre-school by donating items for use, or assist our children in any way please speak with one of our friendly staff.



Dates for your diary

What's coming up !!

"School Photos" will be on Monday 5th June & Friday 9th June with individual photos at 9.30am & group/class photos at 10am.

Please remember to bring your envelopes with correct monies.



"STEPS State-wide Eyesight Pre-schooler Screening" is booked for **Friday 30th June at 9.30am**. If your child does not normally come on this day please ensure a parent/guardian remains with child whilst attending the eye test.

Due to popular demand "Chicks R' Us" will be returning this year. On **Monday 19th June**, our eggs will arrive in an incubator which will hatch at preschool over a **two week period** (to be picked up on 30th June). Over previous years this has been a fantastic display the children have enjoyed—they were able to watch the eggs hatch and hold them during the day. Listening to the chicks "peep" whilst still inside their shell is especially exciting and finding tasty treats for the chicks to eat has kids digging up our garden for some juicy worms.

Children are welcome to come and look at the chickens on days they do not normally attend, PROVIDED their parent/ guardian stays with them the whole time they are here.

3rd – 7th July is Naidoc Week – if you have any items to donate during this week, for display or use, we would be very grateful.

Friday 21st July is National Pyjama day – we will be asking all our children if they would like to come to school in their pj's on this day.

On **Tuesday 29th August at 10.30am** we have "Tapstar Show" performing for us about how to be a Water-Saving Superhero!

On **Monday 13th November** at 10.30am we have "Swag full of instrument" show coming to perform for our children.

NOTE: Management will be paying for the full costs incorporated in making these performances happen for our pre-school possible.

ITEMS TO REMEMBER FOR CHILD'S BAG



HATS
FOR OUTDOOR
PLAY

WATER BOTTLES

SPARE CLOTHING

THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR CHILD'S LUNCH BOX



NO SUGARY OR
CHOCOLATE
FOODS

HEALTHY FOOD
CHOICES
FRUIT & VEGIES

NO UNHEALTHY
CHIPS or SALTY
FOODS

Thank you to all our parents who are truly supporting our 'transition to school' programme, supporting your child learning how to recognise the letters of their name and supporting your child with their writing techniques – the children are active participants and are coming along really well. During roll-call we encourage letter/name recognition during our transition to wash hands for



Thank you to all who have created your own child's "About me" profile and brought into school – these are on display on the window by the sign-in sheet.

Culburra Burra Festival was a lot of fun, and I was very privileged to watch a few of our children perform in the Burra dance.



All the children enjoyed making little Burra birds for the Culburra Festival.

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK

On 4th July we will be saying a very sad farewell to Emma our trainee – she has been working very hard in completing her Certificate III in Early Childhood. Emma has been a true asset to our pre-school, and all our children have enjoyed all that Emma has taught.

STAFF TRAINING

- 7th May Teresa completed her full first aid training HLTAID004.
- 5th June Teresa will be attending 'Managing Infectious Diseases in Childcare Centres' workshop
- 6th June Glenda and Sarah will be doing their CPR training
- 14th June Teresa will be attending Munch & Move Healthy Eating & Active Play conference.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

All staff are currently participating in our self-assessment process for Quality area 2 (Health and Safety) so that we can draft a Quality Improvement plan for 2017. We would like you, our parents and guardians, to take the opportunity to play a bigger part in this quality area. Our new process means that you will receive your child development observation via email (for those who do not have email, you will be provided with an opportunity to view the observation on our laptop). This will be sent each month as each individual development observation is completed for your child. When you receive your child observation there is an area for your comment. We hope that you will take this opportunity to comment about the observation. Please let us know of any areas of development that you would like support with. Please don't be shy with your comments!



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REMINDERS

Please remember to label ALL your children's belongings, drink bottles, hats, clothes etc. Sometimes items of clothing are the same as another child which can cause child distress during the confusion.



In your child's backpack please supply:

several changes of clothes for your child daily and a plastic bag tied in a knot for dirty washing. It makes the staff's job difficult when they go to do a toilet change and a child's supplies are incomplete. Some children become quite upset when required to wear preschool clothes-they do prefer to wear their own as I'm sure you know.



BRING YOUR OWN HAT

Please Bring your own hat as all our spare HATS are disappearing.

NO HAT NO PLAY!!

It is important to provide a hat every day for you child (even during WINTER), as we have a **SUN SMART POLICY** and are educating the children to prevent skin damage due to the sun exposure.