



6th July 2017 Term 2 Week 10

It is hard to believe that it is nearly the end of term 2. Some of the highlights include

- Celebrating Mother's Day
- Autumn adventures
- Reconciliation Week with Mulga Street PS
- Simultaneous Storytime celebration
- Dion Drummond cultural workshop
- Wally and the Wipe out Waste Wizard
- Creative Arts: working with local artist, Deborah Rogers; wire projects, palette painting, weaving and nature cubby
- Shared learning conversations with families
- Excursion to Gardenarium (Thursday 29th June)
- Excursion to Pangula Mannamurna to celebrate NADOC week (Wednesday 5th July)
- Pizza and games night for families

We would like to say a BIG thank you to all our families for your support, ideas and assistance. Your involvement in the Kindy curriculum and community excursions helps us to provide valuable learning experiences for the children.

We value working together with families and keeping open effective lines of communication as well as understanding that many families have very busy lives. To assist information sharing we are currently following up on parents' suggestions for a digital app on which to post a daily reflection of the children's learning.

2018 enrolments

Families are encouraged to enrol children for Occasional Care and Preschool as soon as possible. Children who turn 4 before 1 May 2018 are eligible to enrol and will start school at the beginning of 2019.

Lost Property

Please check the lost property box and collect drink bottles. Unclaimed items will be dispersed. Please label all belongings.

Education Summit

On 20th June all educators across the region attended the Education Summit. This was a valuable opportunity to listen to global leaders in educational research.

The keynote speakers highlighted the need to reflect on education for the 21 Century. Key messages included reflecting on our teaching practices, a commitment to ensuring children are connected and compassionate in their learning and caring for each other and our planet with a global perspective.

They emphasised the need to move from a knowledge based system to an education system that promotes creative and critical thinking – 'Google' holds lots of knowledge the key is to learn how to utilise that knowledge for innovation and solutions.

4 key competencies were highlighted as essential

- Critical problem solving
- Cooperation
- Communication
- Creative thinking

This affirms the importance of developing children's learning dispositions in the early years through open ended projects and loose parts to develop curiosity, experimentation, creativity, cooperation, communication, problem solving and persistence.

In the afternoon we attended a Bookmaking workshop with Matt Glover focused on children as young writers. The session focused on the importance of oral language, storytelling and book making. We would encourage you to speak with your children, share a love of books, enjoy making picture books and making up creative stories together.

Diary

Last Day of Term 2: Fri. 7th July

First Day of Term 3: Mon. 24th July

Thursday 3rd August 9am - Kindy photos

**Yours in Education and Care,
The Children's Centre Team**

Program in Pictures

I have a strong sense of identity to challenge myself and my creative talents



I am curious to learn about the world around me



I am connected to others with an appreciation of Aboriginal culture - NAIDOC week.



I am a confident and involved learner with good learning dispositions of curiosity and investigation



I connect with nature and contribute to my world... by caring for our environment



I am an effective communicator ... I enjoy book making and am an author and an illustrator

