



19 June 2017 Term 2, Week 8

The children have really enjoyed participating in the great cultural and environmental awareness workshops with Mulga Street Primary School.

The children showed great confidence in the school setting and actively joined in alongside the school students. Dion Drummond shared tales and artefacts from his cultures, teaching us about the different traditions of both Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal storytelling, song and dance.



The children created patterned necklaces with the colours of the Aboriginal flag; red, yellow and black.



Wally and the Wipe out Waste Wizard encouraged the children in sustainable practices: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

- Reducing food packaging by using 'nude food' containers in place of bringing in packaged foods
- Reusing materials such as 'junk' materials for making things at the collage table
- Recycling bottles, cans, paper, glass etc.



The Wipe out Wizard taught us that the tube/sachet yoghurt packets are a big problem for land fill. He encouraged the children to ask their families to buy yoghurt in bulk and bring it to Kindy and school in a reusable container.

Did you know that you can recycle plastic materials at your local supermarket?

"Recycling is like magic. Something old can be turned into something new. We need to reduce our waste and use less of everything."

The Wipe out Waste Wizard

EXCURSIONS

We have planned two great excursions to extend on children's interests and learning this term:

- Thursday 29th June - Visit to Gardenarium Plant Nursery
- Wednesday 5th July - NAIDOC Week celebrations at Pangula Mannamurna

Children have received excursion notes according to the day they attend Kindy.

You and your child are also welcome to join us for an excursion that is not on their Kindy day. If you wish to do so please see staff and a parent / carer is required to attend with your child.

COFFEE and CHAT MORNING TEA

Monday 26th June at 9am Come along and join us for a casual morning tea in the community room. All Welcome.

Diary

Tuesday 20th June - KINDY / Schools CLOSED for staff professional learning day

Thursday 29th June Gardenarium Plant Nursery

Monday 3rd July CAFHS Preschool Health Appts.

Wednesday 5th July NAIDOC Week celebrations

Friday 7th July Last day of Term 2

Monday 24th July First day of term 3

Thursday 3rd August Kindy Photos



Program Guide



The children have been developing an appreciation of Aboriginal art with earthy colours and traditional dot painting. The children have been relating to symbols representing Craitbul's journey including hunting for kangaroos. Children have been busy making soup in the volcano 'cooking pots' and setting up pretend camp fires.

As educators we recognise the importance of real life learning experiences and so we have supported the children in having a real campfire. We contacted the City Council to gain permission and talked to the children about safety measures; a fire blanket, bucket of water, sitting still around the campfire and that only the teacher was to add the leaves and twigs that they collected for the campfire.

The children learnt that leaves need to be dry and looked for brown leaves to add. They learnt that fresher leaves tended to make the fire smoke rather than burn. They learnt about wind direction as they noticed which way the smoke was burning and most importantly they were respectful of the fire and stayed safe.



The children continue to be very interested in trees and have enjoyed reflecting the colourful changes of autumn. They have shown very detailed artwork, incorporating their knowledge and observations of tree structure including the tree trunk, branches and leaf formations.



Local artist, Deborah Rogers, was impressed when she came to visit and saw the children's artist work. She said it reminded her of the French work of 'Plein Air' which is the art of painting outdoors.

We showed Deborah the children's nature cubby that they have completed with woven fabrics. She was impressed by their work and also noticed their artistic weaving on the fence.



The children have enjoyed camping in the nature cubby and had lots of fun incorporating puppets in their role play. The children have been learning about the importance of trees in providing food and shelter for birds and wildlife. We noticed that the children incorporated this learning into their pretend play as they perched the kookaburra, cockatoo and possum at the top of the branches of the cubby. The children flew the birds down to look for food and showed us how the possum climbed down to eat flowers.

Keeping safe :Child Protection Curriculum

Role playing with puppets, learning to be assertive and speaking up to say "Stop. I don't like it".

Sensory play:

- Clay sculpture - working with sticks and clay to create an autumn tree

Fine motor skills:

- Patterning and Linking links

Gross motor skills:

- Tai Chi

Communication skills

Rhyme: Silly Soup

Counting Rhyme: Oliver Twist

Creative expression: Painting 'Plein Air', sculpture work with wire, beading with natural materials.

Numeracy skills: Measurement

Developing a new garden area; involving the children in brainstorming ideas, design work, mapping and measuring.