



## 20 March Week 8, Term 1, 2017

Wow, time goes fast when you're having fun! The children have been highly engaged in lots of environmental and scientific learning with hands on learning opportunities including crayfish and a visit from a bearded dragon, green tree frog and a ring-tailed possum. Following up on the children's interest in sea creatures we will learn about the mussels living in the fish aquarium and our new hermit crabs.



**HARMONY DAY : 'Everybody Belongs'** meaning everyone is a welcome part of our community, regardless of their background. Harmony Day is a time to reflect on South Australia's progression as a state while recognising the traditional owners of this land.



Following the children's interest in fishing we will share the traditional Aboriginal Dreaming story of Thukeri, about catching Bony Bream in the Murray River, highlighting the importance of sharing and helping others.

To help celebrate "Harmony Day" on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March we would like to invite the children to wear something orange. We will also enjoy sharing fresh oranges as part of healthy snack time.

## THANK YOU

We now have fresh beach sand in our sandpit



Thank you to the families of Logan, Aleisha, Paige, Tayla and Alexis for their help.

## FAMILY EASTER EVENING

We would like to invite you to a fun family evening to celebrate Easter on Wed 12 April at 5:30pm. An invitation is attached to this newsletter. Please RSVP by 31 March to assist with catering.

As part of the evening families are invited to join in **LOOSE PARTS PLAY** - materials that can be moved, carried, combined, redesigned, lined up, and taken apart and put back together in multiple ways such as stones, stumps, sand, fabric, twigs, wood, pallets, balls, buckets, baskets, crates, boxes, logs, stones, flowers, rope, tyres, balls, shells and seedpods. 'Loose parts' empower critical thinking and creativity. Children playing with loose parts are using more creativity and imagination and developing more skill and competence than they would playing with most modern plastic toys. We would welcome any donations for Loose Parts Play.

## DIARY

Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 March  
9am to 9:20am MJ Dance session with Maria

Wednesday 12 April 5:30 to 6:30 Family Evening  
and Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 14 April Good Friday Last Day of Term 1  
Monday 1 May First day of Term 2

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

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

We now offer online ordering and payment (LOOP) please follow the instructions, any questions please phone 1800 021 23 Monday to Friday 8:30 to 4:30 or see staff. You can still order through the school front office if preferred.

# Book Club LOOP

**LOOP** is the Scholastic Book Club **Linked Online Ordering & Payment** platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

or



Follow these **easy** steps!

**1** Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.

**2** Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.

*Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.*

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**3** Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

**4** All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

*That's it!* There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

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## School Library

We work in partnership with the school to support the children's literacy skills, with access to borrowing books from the library each week on Monday afternoon and Thursday morning.

The children each have their own library card and learn how to scan the books into the computer and where to return their books.



Visiting the library and working with Mrs Pink, helps to build the children's confidence and supports their successful transition to school.

## TALKING TIP



### Children learn new words by hearing them lots of times!

Teaching words in a range of situations will help your child learn them and understand their meaning.

It's good if you can provide different opportunities (e.g. seeing, hearing, touching, tasting and smelling) to help your child understand new words.

For example if you wanted to teach your child the names of different fruits you could name fruit:

- ◆ when you put it in the shopping trolley
- ◆ as you put it in the fridge/ fruit bowl
- ◆ as your child eats it
- ◆ seen in books and supermarket catalogues

Let your child hear the name of, see, touch, taste and smell fruit.

Harriet Wallis - Speech Pathologist

Camilla McFarlane and Tracy Molenaar (2011), Speech Pathologists, Department of Education & Children's Services (S.A.)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### TUNE-UP YOUR RELATIONSHIP

BUILD BETTER CONNECTIONS AND COMMUNICATION

TUESDAY, 28TH MARCH | 5:30pm - 8:30pm



This workshop offers couples wanting to improve their relationship an opportunity to build ways to connect with each other; strategies for healthy relationships and strategies to improve their communication.

This group session offers an opportunity for couples to learn together and is facilitated by Dianne Doll and Dee Yeates, both experienced Family Relationship Counsellors from ac.care



Cost per Couple  
\$10  
Light tea provided



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