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Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to thank all the families who came to our working bee on the 2nd of May. It was a very successful and well organised day. Were there any sore muscles the next day? A lot of soil, mulch and river rocks were moved in a very short space of time. The children are really enjoying their new mud kitchen too. Such a collaborative effort. The garden was truly in need of some tender love and care particularly as last year we were not able to do anything like this.



PUPIL FREE DAY

It seems a long time ago now that we had our pupil free day. We achieved a great deal through our critical reflection session while reviewing our preschool quality improvement plan. We were very pleased with the children's learning and progress on emotional regulation and phonological awareness. We went through a collection of documentation to find evidence of learning. As a follow on we are now using a template for each child based on our success criteria on: -

- their capacity to self-regulate and manage emotions,
- how they are contributing to play experiences,
- their dispositions for learning and
- how the educators are responding to their needs.

We will use the information we gather at our parent discussions at the start of term 3.

24th May 2021

Our review process also included compiling the data from the survey on our communication processes which was sent out via email. Thank you to the parents who responded to this. We had a total number of 16 responses.

Overall, the responses were very positive.

What will do as a result of the responses?

We have started to put out an iPad or laptop at the end of the day so that you can view pictures of the children's play experiences. Sometimes we have technical or time restraints with this, however we will try to do this as often as possible.

A regular curriculum newsletter will continue to be sent out to keep you in touch with the program and children's learning.

We are planning a 'Walk and talk learning adventure.' You will be invited to book in a time to look through your child's journal in more detail and to go for a tour of the kindergarten with your child. More information will be emailed out and a booking sheet will be displayed for this event soon. Watch this space.

Please remember that we post pictures on Facebook each week. These can be a very good talking point if you want to find out more about daily activities at kindergarten.

If at any stage, you need to discuss your children's needs with an Educator please do not hesitate to email or call to make a time.

STAFFING

Roxanne will be on leave from week 7 till the end of the term. Kirsty, our regular relief teacher and Alexandra will be taking on Roxanne's teaching role during this time.

We have had to employ a new cleaner for the kindergarten. Her name is Ellie, she started last week. We are very happy with the cleaning that she is doing 😊 She has let us know that she will not bring the bins back into the kindergarten on a Monday after they have been emptied. So, if you notice them still out on the street at collection time, we would really appreciate your help.

THANK YOU

Thank you to our Nature Education Centre volunteers. Without your support we would not be able to run this program. The children learn so much about all the different animals that we borrow. As I am typing this newsletter, Oscar has found a book in our reading area with information on hopping mice. He came in excitedly to tell me and is now with Roxanne, asking lots of questions and doing his own little research project.

DIARY DATES

TUESDAY 1 ST JUNE	GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING 6PM
MONDAY 14 TH JUNE	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
THURSDAY 1 ST JULY	LAST DAY TERM 2
TUESDAY 27 TH JULY	KINDY PHOTO DAY
THURSDAY 5 TH AUGUST	PUPIL FREE DAY
MONDAY 19 TH JULY	TERM 3 BEGINS