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Curriculum Newsletter.

FUNNY HAT GROUPS

Reflections on learning – particularly after our science microscope experience with Tessa.

Phonological awareness activities around syllables, rhyme and beginning sounds.

Numeracy activities - number blocks, number recognition and shape.

The Colour Monster. Discussions about our emotions, representing the Colour Monster in our own unique ways.

Painting – preparing for SALA using crayon resist and water colours. Using different mediums for artwork and representational drawing.

NEC animals voting for our term 3 animals.

Daily story time before lunch time. Big books and recorded stories as part of the literacy program after lunch time.

Gross motor – ball skills – catching /throwing. Parachute games outside.

Child Protection curriculum. The children drew a picture of their house. We asked if they knew their address. This is something that is very important for your children to know. Perhaps a good holiday activity if they don't know where they live. To follow on the children were asked to name 5 people (if they could) who they feel safe with or feel that they can talk to if they have a problem. The children traced their hands and we wrote the people's names in the fingers. This part of the curriculum is ongoing.

CHILD VOICE

The children have really been enjoying playing matching and memory games. These are all part of their pre reading skills and very important for the development of proficient reading to recognizing differences and sameness in pictures, shapes, words and letters.

Big floor puzzles have been a frequent request. Fantastic for cooperative and collaborative problem solving.

The interest in number blocks has been developed and scaffolded by the Educators from 2D to 3D. In the last week of term, the children had to find 3D Duplo number blocks in the garden and match them up to their recording sheets. Great problem solving and extended numeracy activity involving coding. Seeing patterns in objects is the work of a computer programmer. The children are recognising the number blocks by their shape, colour and pattern. Some of them were very keen to build their own 2D number blocks, using squares of paper and pasting them together in their colour sequence.

Magnets have been investigated. Which objects attract and which objects repel?

Experimenting with Bubbles and volcanoes – using vinegar and bicarb soda for an eruption – but wait; if we add soap the eruption lasts longer.

Making pinwheels – how does air make the pin wheel spin. The children got great joy running with their pinwheels and seeing them rotate. On the days when it wasn't windy, they had to use air from their lungs.

SALA (South Australian Living Arts)

The children have been very busy preparing their artwork for the SALA exhibition. Today we will start framing them ready to go up on the walls of Rise and Grind. Huge thanks to Nat, Pam and Sally for all their help so far. The opening will be on the 5th of August, 4pm at Rise and Grind.

We think that you will love it.



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WALK AND TALK

It was lovely to see the children taking a lead role, showing you their journals and taking you around the kindergarten. They all had a real sense of pride and belonging. Thank you for all the feedback.

KINDY PHOTOS

Just a reminder to return your photo envelopes by Thursday the 22nd of July if you wish our child to be photographed by the professional photographer. Photo day is on Tuesday the 27th of July. There is a booking sheet in the front veranda area for children who do not usually attend on a Tuesday. All this information was handed out in weeks 8,9 and 10.

STAFFING

We will be back to normal next term. Roxanne will be back on deck. A big, huge thank you to Kirsty who did a wonderful job as our replacement Educator.

NEC

The children have voted for the next round of animals. The guinea pigs the most popular, followed by the huntsman spider, bearded dragon and native fish.

We have also booked the Nature Education Centre for a visit next term. On Tuesday the 3rd of August at 10.30 they will bring an assortment of animals to show the children. It will be a great experience for the children. The kindergarten will cover the cost of the incursion.

Thank you to all our volunteers with the exchange of animals. If you would like to help in term 3 please let us know. It is a wonderful experience.

HEALTH

There were a lot of children attending kindergarten at the end of term with coughs and sniffles. 😞 As much as they don't want to miss out on kindy we need to consider the health of everyone around them including the Educators. The department's COVID action plan states that even if your symptoms are mild you must stay at home. This is for staff, students and parents. With the latest outbreak we need to be extra vigilant. Hopefully the holidays will help to rest and recover so that everyone can come back healthy. We want to avoid making phone calls part way during the day to send children home.

Thank you to the parents who do keep their children at home when unwell. 😊

SEESAW

You will have received a communication from Pam about Seesaw. Kindly send through your permissions to Pam so that she can send you a QR code to get started in term 3. A lot of you are likely to be using it with your school children. It is a very quick easy and confidential way to send reminders, regular newsletters, 'In the Moment' documentation, fill rosters etc.

LOST and FOUND PROPERTY

Please check regularly next term.

BIKE DAY

Bike day will be **Wednesday** in TERM 3.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Thursday 5th August is a pupil free day. There will be no kindy sessions.

MONDAY 19TH JULY	TERM 3 BEGINS
THURSDAY 22ND JULY	PHOTO ENVELOPE RETURNS
TUESDAY 27TH JULY	KINDY PHOTO DAY
TUESDAY 3RD AUGUST	NATURE EDUCATION CENTRE VISIT
THURSDAY 5TH AUGUST	PUPIL FREE DAY – no kindy sessions. SALA OPENING 4PM RISE AND GRIND

