

## HACKHAM WEST CHILDREN'S CENTRE

18.9.19 (Week 9), Term Three 2019

### Family Events

Our next Family BBQ is this week & the learning focus is *The Power of Playdo*. Sometimes playdo is viewed as messy and hard to handle, but with a few tips (see *Jo or Skye on the night*) it can be made easily, cleanly, cheaply and offer hours of fun, sensory wind-down and creativity for young and old. Come and enjoy some activities that you can use at home.



As usual the BBQ and salads are free and the children will entertain you with their beautiful singing. They say it takes a village to raise a child...well if that's true... come to our village gathering this week for fun, friendship and learning.

### Learning is Everywhere

Have you had a look in the Over 3 and Under 3 rooms lately? Lots of examples of our children's work are on display, as well as photos and prompts for children to look at. If you want to know more about your child's learning and development, or the focus of the room, there are a few things you can do:

- Look at the **displays** on the wall
- Look at the **Learning Program** of activities
- Look in your child's **Learning Portfolio** (ask an educator to show you if you haven't seen it lately)
- Talk to an educator about the **goals** for the group, or your child's personal goals
- Come a little early, or stay a while, and watch your child in play.
- **Talk to your child** about their day- we can help you with hints or clues to get the chatting going
- Read the **newsletter**
- Look at the **Facebook** page

We know you will see some fantastic learning going on!

### Centre Facebook Page

If you haven't already, please check out our Hackham West Children's Centre Facebook Page. We post reminders about events and updates about our Community Programs.



Photos of all our learning go on here!

### DIARY DATES

Family BBQ  
and Learning Night

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept

5:30pm -7pm

(please do not arrive till 5:30 as  
childcare is still operating)

**Preschool Finishes Term 3**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept

**Term 4 Begins**

Tuesday Oct 15<sup>th</sup>

School Transition for  
all school begin in  
term 4. Check your  
enrolment is  
complete.

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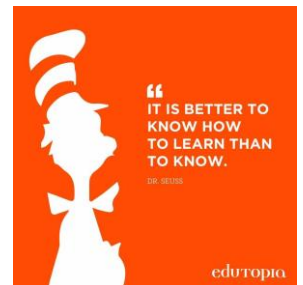
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## From our Under 3 Team

In the under 3's its all about getting messy and enjoying the feeling of different textures. We weave this through messy play activities like *finger paint, cloud dough, shaving cream*, and also by adding soap, sand, bark etc to the regular water play and sandpit. We offer a range of food to explore. Developing an ability to touch many textures helps our children's *nervous system mature* and supports their self-regulation in later years. Its also *sooooo much fun*. The Unders are learning about farm animals as a way to build *important word-banks*, engage with new books and to be able to play in both the Over 3 space and the Under 3 space *confidently*. It has been wonderful to see how much learning transfers from one to the other. The little kids learn from the big kids, but then the big ones learn from the little ones. Our *Indigenous lullaby* song for the BBQ is a favourite to sing at a quieter time and the children are learning other nursery rhymes to perform at the BBQ. Come and look at the slideshow near the kitchen to see their *smiling faces*

## From our Over 3 team

In the Over 3's we have been focusing on building the children's understanding around healthy foods and *thoughtful* choices through a *book-based* focus on the Very Hungry Caterpillar and *Tasting Thursdays*. Our children look at the range of foods in this favorite story and explore the ways in which they can be eaten (raw, cooked, sliced, whole). They give them a personal rating. This encourages risk taking with new sensory experiences, widening food preferences, understanding of "healthy" and "sometimes" foods. It also encourages a range of *maths processes (ways of learning)* including: independent thinking and reasoning about our views, creating & reading data (charts and lists), evaluating and comparing, sorting and grouping. These are critical maths skills that develop *BEST* in a *playful* and *REAL* context. They are learnt faster because the child is already motivated to learn. Our goal is always to enhance children's learning in all areas through *engagement* and *motivation*, which comes from real-life uses, and learning in a *positive relationship* with others.



## Family and Community Program News

Next term we will be offering:  
See our *WHAT'S ON?* Its attached. Did you know we offer all these free things you can do through our Centre. Some happen up here and others in our space down at the school. Check it out!

Thank you for reading me! 😊