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Term 1, Week 11, 2024

Week 11 is here and we have had a wonderful first term of the year.

Friday 12th April is the last day of Term 1 and we start back at Preschool and for groups for term 2 on Monday 29th April.

Our Early Years Learning Framework play based curriculum guides our learning and includes everything that we do from greeting at the door to saying goodbye at the end of the day. The children's interests as always forms a foundation to the learning and has included interests in cooking, bikes, doctors, science experiments, insects, South Africa and more.

Our Preschool Quality Improvement Goal: To develop children's ability to use increasingly sophisticated language to connect and communicate with others both verbally and non-verbally, is a focus in everything we do. Oral language is incorporated in every part of the day and embedded in language, numeracy, physical, social and emotional parts of our curriculum.

We thank Nana Joy for the amazing story times on Friday mornings this is truly a highlight of the week.

Beach Kindy has been fabulous with the weather being kind to us most weeks and the children learning and exploring On Country. Thankyou Leanne Haseldine and Nana Sue Haseldine for leading the exploration on these days.

Thankyou to all those who attended the Annual General Meeting. Below are the elected members of Governing Council for 2024. Our Centre cannot run without these amazing members commitment of their time to our Centre.

I am on Long Service Leave for Term 2 and Cheryl Coote will be Acting Director. Nicol is off on maternity leave and baby girl has arrived, congratulations Nicol and family.

Bus Travel - If your child attends on a bus and is going to be absent, please call or text to let us know they are away. Ph 0409791807 (bus phone) or 86252294. Have some amazing family time over the holidays.

Regards Susie

Governing Council 2024

Council Member: Carissa Wotton - Chairperson
Council Member: Kadisha OLoughlin
Council Member: Bec Loidl

Council Member: Serena Gunter
Council Member: Dyanna Webb
Council Member: Casey Hughes
Council Member: Corrine Cummings
Council Member: Alecia Tapps - Secretary

Council Member: Rhian Ashton
Staff Member: Simone Spreitzer
Finance Officer: Annette Karam
Director Member: Susie Bowden

Important Dates:

- Last Day of Term 1, Friday 12th April.
- First Day of Term 1, Monday 29th April.
- Term 2, Sorry Day Morning Tea, Monday 27th May '24.
- Term 2, Wednesday 29th May '24, Reconciliation Breakfast.
- Term 2, Public Holiday, Monday 10th June '24, King's Birthday
- NAIDOC Fancy Dress, 4th July '24, watch this space for more information.

Jump 'N' Jive

Last Wednesday, Ngura Yadurirn Children and Family Centre hosted a special Jump 'N' Jive Playgroup on the foreshore! Over 40 Jumpers and Jivers from birth to 5 years of age with their families enjoyed a beautiful morning outdoors.

Activities and games were planned to encourage different gross motor movements, which is not only important for physical development but also helps language, fine motor and cognitive skills. We love watching the children build their confidence in a fun atmosphere and develop foundation skills for learning! "A moving child is a learning child". Stay tuned for Term 2 Jump N' Jive!





Harmony Day

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds.

It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Our Harmony Day celebration was on Thursday 21st March (Week 8) in Preschool and families were invited.

Children, staff and parents wore orange shirts to show their support, we had cupcakes and cookies that the children decorated themselves and they took them home. A mum, who came in and cooked with the children, they cooked a Vietnamese stir fry. Thanks Hoa (Roy's mum).



Kindy on Country

This term, the star group have had their turn at learning On Country. Beach Kindy is embedded in the Preschool Program in Term 1 and Term 4.

All 4 year olds will get multiple experiences of Beach Kindy (depending when they started their 4 yr old year). Learning On Country provides endless opportunities for exploration and inquiry-based learning.

Beach Kindy invites open-ended interactions, spontaneity, risk taking, discovery and connection with nature. Children can investigate crustaceans, observe wildlife and explore natural phenomena like changes in the tides and weather. By children having uninterrupted time in nature they are able to develop stronger peer friendships, a lifelong love for learning and a deep connection to the natural world.

Thank you to Nana Sue and Aunty Leanne for joining us and sharing knowledge about different food sources and culture.



Mums With Young Bubs

Young Mums have been swimming to build confidence around water for babies, visited the Foodbank to familiarise themselves with the purchasing of goods and completed Easter craft.



Grapes and Choking Risks

Whole grapes are considered to be a choking risk for children because they are round and a similar size to child's throat. Plus, they are slippery and can be hard to bite into for little mouths.

The best way to prevent any issues with grapes is to cut them-and also make sure the children are sitting down when eating them. Primary school children may still have small airways, though they're better at chewing and swallowing. There's no fixed age for cutting up children's grapes.

How to Serve Grapes to Kids

lest tips for serving them safely to



Nunga Nannas

Our Nunga Nanas have continued to do amazing work around building a stronger community. It is wonderful to be able to check in with them around our Centre but also the broader community.







