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# **NEWSLETTER: TERM 2, WEEK 9 2021**

Hello Families!

Week 9 already! And we are almost half way through the year. We have had a wonderful, yet busy term! We are looking forward to the next half of the year, hopefully it doesn't go as fast as the first half has gone.

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

#### June:

• Tues, 29<sup>th</sup> June: Kindy to join RPS Sports

## July:

- Thurs, 1st July: Last day of Kindy for Term 2
- Tues, 20<sup>th</sup> July: First day of Kindy for Term
- 19<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> July: As NAIDOC week falls in the school holidays we thought we would celebrate this in our first week back in Term 3, with both our Rural Care and Kindy children
- Tues, 27<sup>th</sup> July: School Transition visit (1 1:50pm)

#### August:

- Tues, 10<sup>th</sup> August: School Transition Visit (1 1:50pm)
- 16th 20th August: Science Week
- 17<sup>th</sup> August: Life Education Van excursion to the town hall.

## **September:**

- Tues, 7<sup>th</sup> Sept: Receptions visiting Kindy (STEM challenge learning together)
- Wed, 15th Sept: CaFHS checks
- Tues, 21st Sept: School Transition Visit (1 –

#### **CHILD ILLNESS**

A quick reminder to families to please keep your children home if they are exhibiting cold and flu like symptoms. This crucial in ensuring our staff and the children in our care stay healthy!



#### **TERM 2 CURRICULUM**

This term we have had a focus on developing children's healthy eating habits through our Eat a Rainbow program. Children have had opportunities to try fruits and vegetables over the seven weeks of this program from each colour of our rainbow. This starts the conversations about fruit and vegetables and why they are important for us to eat.





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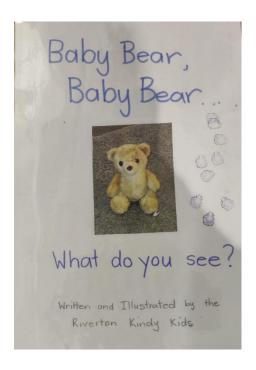
By giving children the opportunity to be brave and explore fruits and vegetables using multiple sense we are also helping them to develop their expressive language around what they can feel, see, touch and taste.

We have re-launched our inquiry into our stick insects. Using what children are saying to us about their observations and wonderings to guide where we go. We have been exploring the stick insects using our sense, sight and touch. We are developing new ways to describe what we are seeing or feeling, such as "he has a spikey tail" or "they tickled me because they have little claws".



Our inquiry has led us to finding out more about other insects. We collaborated with children after reading the book "The big book of bugs" to create a bug family tree to sort and classify the different sorts of bugs.

We have had a focus on book making this term. Children have had opportunities to make their own stories. They have also had opportunities to collaborate to create a retelling of the classic "Brown Bear, Brown Bear". Children were asked to pick a stuffed animal and describe something about it. We had a lot of fun writing this story and singing it with the children.







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#### **QUALITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATE**

This term we have continued to develop our practice in co-construction with children, which was the focus of our last Pupil Free Day. Co-construction is an educational word to describe interactions with children that support children to have a voice during their learning. It is about educators and children learning together and from each other. This practice is a focus for us, as our improvement goal is around increasing children's expressive language. That is to say the amount of oral language they use to express their thoughts, ideas and feelings throughout their day.

Part of our reflections around our Quality improvement included how we are communicating our quality improvement to our families. We would like to start a Quality Improvement wall that would invite you all to not only gain insight into what we are doing to improve our practice and by extension your child's learning experience, but also to join in the conversation. We are hoping to get this together within the next few weeks. If you would like to know more about Quality Improvement or what our staff team is doing in regards to this, please see Cass.



#### SCHOOL TRANSITIONS

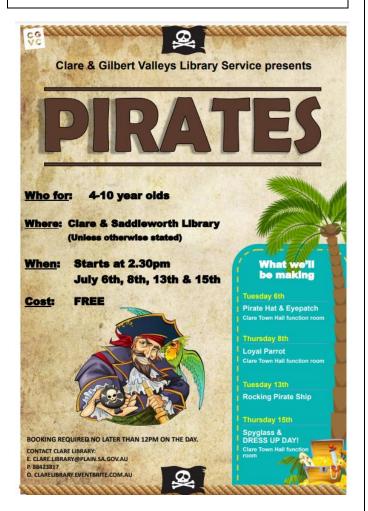
Our Riverton Primary School visits will continue next term. We have just had our second transition meeting with Cheryl and Miffy at the School and the Term 3 program will come out this week.

Miffy will be setting up a class for the Kindy children on Class Dojo which will be available from next term onwards. This will allow you as parents the opportunity to start building relationships with school staff and receive updates from them about what your child is up to during their transition visits. There will be more information on this next term.





#### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY



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# SATURDAY July 3rd

- 9.00 am- 9.45 am Primary school children = \$15 per child
  10.00 am- 10.30 am Pre school children = \$10 per child
- All equipment provided
- BYO drink bottle

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