



Week 2 Term 2 2019

Future dates to watch...

Preschool times

Mon – Thurs 8.30-3.15

Fri 8.30-11.30

IPP

Mon / Tues 8.45 - 3.15

Weds (odd weeks) 8.45 - 12.45

Occasional Care

Thurs 8.30-11.30, 12.15-3.15

Fri 8.30-11.30

Fri 10th May - Student Free Day (Mili group)

Thurs 16th May - Governing Council @ 7pm

Fri 17th May - Parent First Aid course 1-2.30pm

Wed 22nd May & Mon 27th May - 4 yr old Health Checks

Fri May 24th - Speech Workshop 1.30 - 2.30pm

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Dear Families,

Children, families and staff have come back refreshed and enthused. The children have enjoyed exploring the new learning areas particularly the camping area and repositioned piano. We welcome new staff members Lloyd and Michelle (who are working mainly in the IPP with children in the Waroo and Galda groups) and Marissa who is working with the Mili group.

The programs in the Community Area have had a busy start, with more enrolments in Occasional Care, new families engaging with the playgroups, Song Time, Word Play and Circle of Security. All parents are welcome to attend Majella's Let's Talk Speech Workshop on Friday 24th May where you can learn about communication development in the early years, and tips on how to support your child.

This Friday is a **Student Free Day** so there will be **NO Preschool or Occasional Care**. Community Playgroup will run as usual. Staff will attend a 'Numeracy in the Early Years' workshop.

Weeks 2 & 3 of each term is when the Department for Education collects attendance data. If parents can make a very special effort to have their child come to Kindy during these weeks we would be extremely grateful. Attendance numbers affect our staffing and centre funding. If your child is away can you please let us know the reason e.g. unwell/ family reasons/ medical appointment etc.

The focus this term is 'Connecting and Engaging with Nature'. It is planned that the children will go on weekly bush walks (in the scrub next door) where they will collect, sort and analyse natural materials. Children will also use the fire pit, be scientists examining items at the light table, recycle, and extend their vocabulary through conversational book reading and focus books such as Wombat Stew. The **Numeracy focus** for the term is 'I quantify my world' (counting, number, patterns, subitising) and the **Literacy Focus** is 'I understand the language of my world' (asking, following instructions, concepts e.g. more and less, sign language). For more details a term planner will be displayed in the foyer and "like" our Facebook page.

Thank you to the parents who looked through their child's Learning Folder and wrote a comment. The staff really value your point of view. If you didn't get the chance to record a comment we invite you to do so when you are dropping your child or collecting them. We look forward to another term of new opportunities and learning. Keep those Woollies Earn & Learn stickers coming in.

Regards **Pam** (Director)



Check out our new play spaces



Can you play the piano?
We welcome anyone that is able to play a tune, as the children would love to hear you.



BUSHWALKING

By getting out into nature it's teaching children to notice their surroundings and to collect, sort and analyse natural materials.



Simulated Gambling Games

Sue Olson, gambling counsellor at Uniting Country SA spoke to staff about the links between gaming and gambling addiction later in life.

She informed staff that some children's online games have the same music as poker machine and gambling games. While many games are free to download, some can include in-game costs that can be purchased often without parents being aware.

Gambling content sometimes appears in a game by linking to another site that lets you win extra credits for your game.

What you can do – tips for parents and carers

Being proactive is the best way to protect your child.

Many of the things parents already do to keep their children safe in the cyber-world will also help protect them from the risks of simulated gambling games. Young children need a high level of supervision when accessing the internet.

There are some extra things you can do to minimise the risks of simulated gambling.

Don't underestimate the value of talking to your child about their attitudes towards gambling. Keeping the lines of communication open and sharing your views about gambling can help young people build general resilience and manage exposure to gambling-like features in the online

environment.

Depending on your child's age you may wish to:

- Negotiate time limits for playing these games
- Discourage your child from playing simulated gambling games or other games which include some gambling along the way.
- Find out if there are any classifications, warnings, or advice associated with the games your child or teenager is playing. This might alert you that the game includes simulated gambling.
- Does your child talk about these games a lot?
- Does playing a game take up all their free time? Are they choosing to play a game over being involved in other social, sporting or family activities?
- Be a good role model in terms of the games you play and download. Young people are more likely to do what you do, than do what you say!
- Do not give your child your credit card details or password. Make sure your child asks permission every time they wish to 'upgrade' in a game or turn off in-app purchase options by changing the settings on your phone. This will allow you to ask them questions about the game so you can decide if they should be playing it.

Keep electronic devices in a room that is open so that you can monitor the games they are playing.

For more information please visit www.nogame.com.au

Why Nursery Rhymes teach kids more than you think!

Singing nursery rhymes to kids with actions seems like a natural thing to do – you probably know “Incy Wincy Spider”, or “This Little Piggy”. But did you know they are also very important for communication development, too?

Here's why.

If you think about words, they come and go in an instant, and we're only using one sense – hearing.

To learn what words mean and how to communicate them, it helps to use more senses, like touch and vision. Especially for kids who may be experiencing delays in communication development, **using more senses can be extra important.**

Speech Pathologist and Practice Leader at Novita, Penny Miller, says:

“Children learn language in many different ways. Music is a great way to engage kids in language activities and using gestures, and ‘fingerplays’ help to ‘make the language visible’.

“When we use movement with language we’re engaging so many more of the senses, like vision and touch.”

From a therapy perspective, a speech pathologist may encourage ‘interactive’ rhymes, songs and games with your child, depending on the outcomes you want to achieve. **It could assist to develop ways for your child to communicate, create enjoyment in communication, or enable them to join in.**

“Using songs with actions can ‘get the interaction happening’, plus support kids who may have difficulty getting their message across, to be able to participate,” adds Penny.

“When we use many senses to learn new words we make learning much more visible.”

You can and should make up your own words and actions to any rhymes or song you choose – whatever your kids like best!

Here's a game we love that you can try at home – it encourages understanding between the words and actions, while also being fun.

Rosie Went for a Walk Rhyming Game

Rosie went for a walk

(walk fingers across your hand)

Across your head

(walk fingers across child's head)

Around your face

(walk fingers around child's face)

Over your arm

(walk fingers over child's arm)

Past your belly

(walk fingers then tickle child's belly)

Through your knees

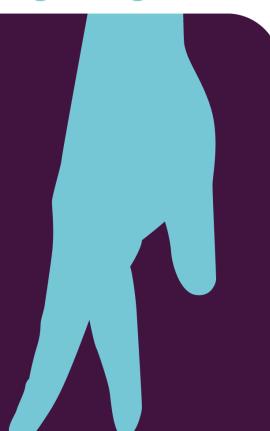
(walk fingers under child's knees)

Under your toes.....and

(walk fingers down to child's toes and wait)

Run, run, run, all the way home

(run fingers up to underarm, and tickle)



Woolworths Earn & Learn program

You can drop your stickers in the box at Woolworths marked “Kirton Point Children’s Centre” or the box here at the Centre just like Leo has.

SHOP - For every \$10 you spend you'll get an Earn and Learn Sticker

GIVE - Give your stickers to local schools so they can redeem them for new equipment

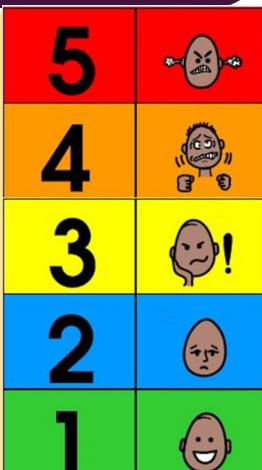
COLLECT - Collect as many stickers as you can between now and 25th June



The 5 Point Scale

The scale helps us communicate our feelings with each other and is an extremely helpful parenting tool.

If you are interested in learning about using the 5 point scale at home with your children, please let staff know.



Intergenerational Playgroup

A FREE, fun interactive playgroup for every generation!
Suitable for children aged 0-5 years and their parents/carers/grandparents



Ph. Matthew Flinders Care Services 8682 4122
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GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Every donation can save three lives.

The Blood Service Mobile Blood Donor Centre will be visiting:

Port Lincoln

Bowling Club
1 Bowling Avenue

Monday 27 May
Tuesday 28 May
Wednesday 29 May
Thursday 30 May

11:00 am – 3:00 pm
11:00 am – 7:30 pm
11:00 am – 7:30 pm
7:30 am – 12:30 pm

To make a group booking call **1300 886 524**



To make an appointment call **13 14 95**
or visit donateblood.com.au



Thursdays 10:00-10:30 AM
(after Song Time)



Kirton Point Children's Centre
63 Stevenson Street, Port Lincoln

A time to learn some handy tips for communicating with your little one through play!

Come in for an opportunity to chat and practice some strategies through fun activities together.

Suitable for 0-3 year olds

Facilitated by Speech Pathologist, Majella



Circle of Security Parenting

Mondays
1pm-3pm
Kirton Point Children's Centre

Circle of Security is an 7 week program to assist parents to support children to:

- Have better relationships
- Get along better with other children
- Turn to their parents when in trouble
- Learn to trust others and their world
- Know that most problems can be solved, or how to cope when they can not

*Free crèche is available for under school aged children.
Bookings required.*

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