



Salisbury Heights Preschool Newsletter



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Children in the Tuesday/Thursday wombat group have observed and drawn eggs and silkworms.



By Gaige



By Ella



By Matthew



By Daniella



At kindergarten:

Our silkworms are growing quickly and keep us busy providing mulberry leaves for them. They should start spinning cocoons soon. In our group times we have looked at, held and discussed silkworms (their life cycle, caring for them, handling them). Children have also enjoyed picking mulberry leaves for them from our tree. We will continue to observe their development over the coming weeks.

The mulberries on our tree are also ripening. Many children will enjoy eating them over the coming weeks. If you notice red/ purple stains on their fingers it is from the mulberries. Rubbing hands with green mulberries will remove the stains.



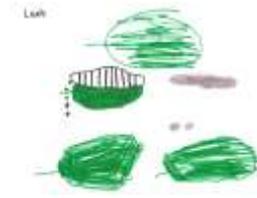
By Rose



By Levi



By Marianna



By Lexie



By Carlisle



End of year celebration and graduation

Invitations will be distributed shortly. With the children off to school at the beginning of next year, this event will acknowledge and mark this transition point in their lives and celebrate their time at preschool with their educators and immediate families. Following the graduation families are invited to stay for a chat and cake (made by the children) as well as ice blocks for the children. Hopefully we will be able to hold our celebrations on the outside. You might like to bring a rug to sit on.

The celebration for the Monday/Wednesday children will be on

Wednesday, 4th December at 6.30pm

The graduation for the Tuesday/Thursday children will be on

Thursday, 5th December at 6.30pm

If you are unable to attend, please speak to one of the staff, so that we can make an alternative arrangement for your child eg at the end of session.



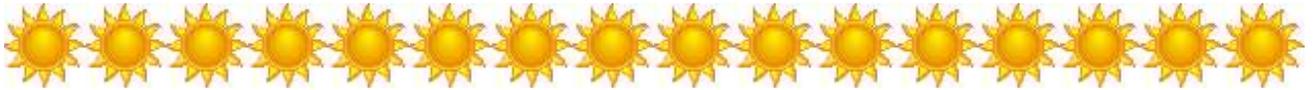
Don't forget – there will be no preschool session on Monday, 18th October as educators will be involved in reviewing our Quality Improvement Plan and developing plans for 2020.



School visits: During this term, children will be participating in transition visits at their schools in readiness for next year. Please let us know if your child will not be attending preschool on these days. Also please let us know if the school your child will attend has changed since completing their enrolment

form. **Children are welcome to come to preschool after their school visits.**

Our new preschool children for 2020 will have their kindy visits on days when your children have their school visits.



On days when the forecast temperature is over 35degrees we will change our outside play time around. On these days we will go outside at the beginning of the day while it is not so hot and then come inside for the remainder of the day. On these days it is helpful if you apply sunscreen on your child before coming to preschool.

Also don't forget to wear appropriate sun safe clothing. This means tops, T-shirts or dresses with short sleeves (no tank tops, sleeveless vests or strappy sun dresses. This is in keeping with Cancer Council recommendations.

Also don't forget those hats.



Christmas Raffle

Please collect your ticket book from your communication pocket for our Christmas Raffle.

There are 10 great prizes.

Each family is asked to sell a book of 10 tickets. Tickets are \$2.00.

Funds raised will go towards the cost of topping up the softfall mulch under the swings and climbing equipment.



With so many new babies on TALK's team let's highlight the greatness of reading to your baby.....

Mem Fox reading tips to share: reference: <http://www.kidspot.com.au>

- ☉ Spend at least ten wildly happy minutes every single day reading aloud.
- ☉ Read at least three stories a day: it may be the same story three times. Children need to hear a thousand stories before they can begin to learn to read.
- ☉ Read aloud with animation. Listen to your own voice and don't be dull, or flat, or boring. Hang loose and be loud, have fun and laugh a lot.
- ☉ Read with joy and enjoyment: real enjoyment for yourself and great joy for the listeners.
- ☉ Read the stories that the kids love, over and over and over again, and always read in the same 'tune' for each book: i.e. with the same intonations on each page, each time.
- ☉ Let children hear lots of language by talking to them constantly about the pictures, or anything else connected to the book; or sing any old song that you can remember; or say nursery rhymes in a bouncy way; or be noisy together doing clapping games.
- ☉ Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books for young children. Make sure the books are really short.
- ☉ Play games with the things that you and the child can see on the page, such as letting kids finish rhymes and finding the letters that start the child's name, remembering that it's never work, it's always a game.

Treasure maps



By James



By Finn

This term we are exploring Measurement with the children as our Numeracy focus.

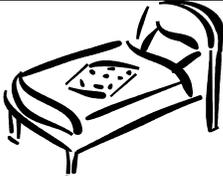
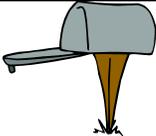
Measurement is about comparing and describing size. It involves:

- Being able to choose whether to estimate or measure
- Knowing what to measure (objects, spaces, events)
- Knowing the measurable attributes of objects/spaces/events (linear, mass, capacity, volume, time, temperature, angle, perimeter, circumference, area)
- Being able to choose and use the most appropriate measuring tool for the purpose
- Being able to choose the most appropriate language for the purpose (big, small, minutes, seconds, millimetres, centimetres, etc)

What can you measure in your home? What measuring tools do you use at home?

Can you estimate or predict the answer before you use the measuring tool?

You might like to work out the answers to some of these questions and return them to preschool?

Who has the biggest feet in your family?		
Who is the smallest in your family?		
How long is your bed?		
Who has the widest hand in your family?		
How many jumps can you do in 1 minute?		
How long does it take to read your favourite book?		
How tall is your letterbox?		
How long does it take to get to preschool?		