

Woodside Preschool NEWSLETTER



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DIARY DATES

WEEK 9 TERM 2 2019

June	
27 th	Bush Kindy at Belair National Park
July	
2nd	Governing Council 7.30pm
3 rd	Kindy Disco 6-7pm Last Day of Term
23 rd	First Day of Term 3
24th	Mud Day celebrations- wear old clothes!
30 th	Child Youth Health screening

Please note-Father's Night- August 28th

Pupil Free Day – Wednesday September 4th

Grandparent's Day- November 12th

Robyn's News

CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT WE ARE HALF WAY THROUGH OUR LEARNING YEAR ?

Staff met last week to review our progress towards our Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) goals and to plan our next steps.

Later in the newsletter Denise has written about the amazing work we are doing in relation to recycling and sustainability which is part of our first goal- **Goal 1. Staff will work with children in an authentic way as co-constructors of their learning.**

I would like to share with you the progress we have made towards **Goal 3. Staff will engage in regular processes of formative assessment to monitor children's literacy and numeracy development**

At the end of first term all children had their Oral Language development measured using the Phonological Awareness Screening Measure (rhyme, syllables, initial sounds). From that individual learning goals were written for each child and articulated to families through their learning plans and sharing meetings.

Group times have focussed on developing explicit skills in the area of rhyme, syllable differentiation and initial sounds as these skills are recognised as the building blocks to successful reading later. In our groups we have had letter tubs, made rhyming books,



jumped into hoops to recognise syllables and many more activities.



In our free play we have had story tables, music activities to keep the beat, rhyming songs and games, learnt new words (like magma and extinct) made books and read books, books and more books.

Next steps this week we will re-screen all children to document their progress. Any children still needing additional support to get to age appropriate levels will receive 1:1 support in term 3. Progress will again be recorded in their learning plan review (going home in week 5 Term 3).

What can parents do to support the development of oral language skills?

Make rhyming fun- there is so much rhyme in books and the environment- rhyming words don't even have to be real words- they can also be nonsense words (making up rhyming words is another skill progressing after recognising rhyme in language).

When we talk about **syllables**- it isn't actually important *how many* syllables are in a word- the skill is breaking a word up into the different parts by tapping, hopping, jumping, clapping, drumming- the list goes on.... Music and keeping a beat are great activities to support this.

Initial sounds- it is important to recognise that *naming letters* and *knowing the sounds* are 2 different skills- to support early reading (and overall language development) children need to be able to *recognise the sound* being made. Once the *first* sound is recognised with ease, we support children to recognise the *middle* and *last* sound (using the words first, middle and last and understanding them is also a valuable skill).

Library Borrowing –an analysis of our library borrowing has demonstrated clear links between our PASM results and the children who regularly borrow books on Tuesdays. Children who don't borrow consistently on Tuesdays are generally also more challenged by the early concepts of rhyming and syllables. **So please remember to send along the books each Tuesday, and when you get them home read them with your child throughout the week.**



The most important thing you can do is read to your child every day and talk with them about the books.

Our Learning

We are halfway through our 2019 preschool journey and what a fantastic journey it has been so far! We have been amazed by the growth and development of all our preschool children over the past two terms. It is so rewarding to watch each child's confidence grow as they work towards and achieve their individual learning goals. It is also wonderful to observe that a strong sense of community has been established within the preschool group - we work together each day to care for each other, our preschool and the environment.



Over the past few weeks we have been exploring the concept that we are *custodians of our environment*. We have been learning how we can take action to care for the Earth and nature through sustainable living. We have already developed clear understandings about HOW to recycle eg. reusing materials, sorting rubbish into appropriate bins, and now we are learning WHY we need to recycle. The children have been involved in many discussions and activities relating to what will happen to our planet, nature and animals if there is too much rubbish in the environment.

At preschool, we plan a range of activities that encourage children to develop a love of nature. Through exploring, examining and interacting with the natural environment we are encouraging each child to develop respect for the environment and a sense of responsibility to take care of it.

The following are some of the preschool activities that have extended our understandings of the environment, how the world functions and how precious the Earth is:

- Observing the growth of pea and bean seeds that have been planted in zip-lock bag "greenhouses". We hope that these seedlings will continue to grow when planted in your gardens at home.
- Learning about volcanoes and building a range of volcano models to use for volcano experiments. It was lots of fun watching our volcanoes "erupt" using bi-carb soda and vinegar.
- Extending what we know about dinosaurs by researching and discovering new information. Did you know that "dinosaurs" that fly or swim are not classified as real dinosaurs. They are actually flying and swimming reptiles!
- During Reconciliation Week Phoebe's Mum came to preschool to share a range of Bush Tucker food with us. We used our senses to smell, touch and taste these natural foods and staff were amazed by the number of children who enjoyed eating Green Ants! Thank you for coming in Kiara 😊
- Denise and her gardening helpers have been busy planting carrots, silverbeet and beans in the veggie patch. We have also planted new flowers in the preschool yard.
- We have been observing, recording and mapping the preschool and local community environments.
- There was much excitement and delight when the children arrived at preschool last week to find frost and ice in the yard. We observed how the change in season has affected the environment and examined frozen leaves, plants and water.
- We will be immersing ourselves in a new natural environment during our Bush Kindy visit at Belair National Park this week.



We are all looking forward to celebrating the end of term at our Kindy Disco next week. We have been practicing our dance moves and learning some new dances. The children have already started requesting their favourite songs for our DJ to play! We can't wait to get down and boogie together!!

Enjoy the holiday break,

Jodie, Robyn, Kathy and Jane 😊

Sustainability



After attending the East Waste Circular Economy Tour, I am very confident that Woodside Preschool Sustainability practices are on the right track.

As educators we are always attending training, researching and role modelling practices to support children's development, learning and life skills.

The East Waste circular economy tour was a 6-hour workshop where I learnt about what happens to the rubbish after it is collected from our property by the rubbish truck and taken away.

There are a few different plants where the waste is taken, one where the waste is not recycled and other ones where they maximize waste reduction.

Blue lidded bin waste goes to landfill. Landfill is our worse enemy, because the waste that goes to landfill will never be recycled, producing toxic gases that affect the environment.

Yellow lidded bin waste goes to VISY. At VISY the waste is called resources because it can be used to make a different product. VISY sorts the resources to bales and sends them to other plants in Australia or overseas where can be turned in a new product.

For example:

APR (Advance Plastic Recycle),

CDL Recycling (Statewide Recycling),

Replas, etc.



The sorting process is not always easy if we don't recycle correctly. For that reason, Woodside Preschool children are learning why we recycle and why it is so important to recycle correctly. This will give them support with the skills they need to be in charge of their environment (**Custodians of the land**).

APR and Replas are recycling plants that use recycled plastic and wood to make building materials that are normally used for footpaths, bridges in recreational areas, playgrounds, etc. These two companies are Australian own and operated and they are open to public. Statewide Recycling plant it is the place where all your 10 cent cans and bottles are taken to.

They said that every day $\frac{1}{2}$ million plastic bottles and $\frac{1}{2}$ a million aluminum cans are collected and sorted in bales and send to other plants in Australia and Oversees to turn into new products.

Juice boxes are sent away, and some become toilet paper.



Green lidded bin resources go to Jeffries. It is dumped into a big pile and then turned into organic soil that we can use in our garden.

At Woodside Preschool we take our waste/resources like soft plastics to Coles or Woolworths, batteries to Battery World, plastic gloves to Terracycle and our food scraps to the worm farm and chook at the Centre.

We also use recycling materials for art and craft. At the moment we are looking at Crayola ColorCycle to send our used textas and markers to.

We implemented a system where the children documented the number of blue lidded bins we put out each week and we are happy to say that we can now return one blue bin in place for an additional yellow lidded and green lidded bin. Children helped to paint the bins to have an easy way to identify the bins from the center.



We are always improving our plastic use and recycling system and when we don't know which bin we consult on the My Local App and Adelaide Hills Council waste. There is lots of information to keep you in the right track.

Let's do this together because the biggest problem at the moment is plastic products so avoiding and using alternative products is the key to a sustainable environment.

Feeling Brave??? Join the plastic Free July Challenge organized by EastWaste and Adelaide Hills Council.



Lunch Care

Lunchtime at Woodside Preschool is so much more than just eating your lunch. It is a discussion time where children not only learn to communicate with their peers but also plan for their learning.

Children have been busy learning the lunch song in Spanish and can now confidently sing most of the song without support. Did you even know there was a lunch song? Ask your son or daughter about it.



Lunch time is also used to explore children's ideas, what they know about topics and what they want to know. Earlier this term we talked about music, which led us to discussing our upcoming disco. This then evolved into questions about what to wear and what we do at discos. Children have been learning dances which often turn into flash mobs for part of their lunchtime and then they return back to their seats. There is always plenty of fun being had.

During the break the Early Years Framework is evident in the following ways

Children have a strong sense of identity,

I use language to connect with my world

Children are connected and contribute to their world

Children have a strong sense of wellbeing

Children are confident and involved learners

Children are effective communicators

In addition to all this children maintain their strong sense of responsibility regarding recycling and sustainability. They have a good understanding of which products can be recycled, which products go in to the different coloured bins. It has been great to see that the amount of landfill has reduced and that we are seeing less plastic in lunch boxes.

There is always so much going on during lunch time.

Governing Council

Unfortunately our meeting scheduled for this week has been postponed to next Tuesday July 2nd at 7.30pm

The **People's Choice Community Raffle** are now overdue-if you still have them at home they must be returned ASAP

Picture Plates –Don't forget to get your orders in for the Picture Plates. Once you have placed your order we will give you the paper template for the beautiful artworks to be completed on.

DON'T FORGET that later in the year we will have-

Quiz Night- planned for September 14th (tentative). Start getting together a table for a great night- this will be our major fundraiser for the year.

We will have door prizes, raffles and silent auctions so if you have (or know someone who has) a service, business or product that could be donated for this night please let a staff member or Governing Council member know.

Wine Drive- During October we will be having a wine/beer/gin drive so that families can stock up for Christmas if they want. The Wine will be from Cobbs Hill and the Beer and Gin from Lot 100.

More details will be available closer to the individual events.

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Playgroup- Playgroup is a great way of getting out of the house, meeting new people and for children to meet friends. Don't forget we have a fabulous playgroup at the kindy on Fridays from 9.30-11.00am during term time (except the last week of term). All children under school age (including preschool children) are welcome to attend with their parent/carer.

Loose Parts- thank you to those families who responded to our Facebook callout for loose parts. The children are loving playing with them and we always have room for more bits and pieces if you have them.

Below are a few ideas to start the list

Ag pipe - all sizes and lengths

Cable reels - all sizes

Off cuts and joiners of pvc pipe...

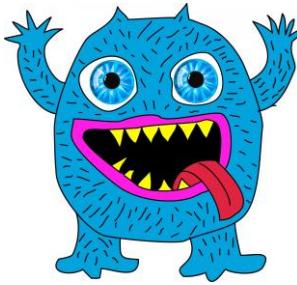


Have you seen our **herb garden** as you come through the front gates? We currently have lots of lovely parsley growing. Please feel free to help yourself to these herbs as they come into season, take a bunch and enhance the flavours of your winter cooking. The children will love knowing that you are using something we have grown at kindy.

Imaginary Creatures Disco- next Wed July 3rd 6-7pm

Don't forget we will celebrate the end of term with our Disco next Wednesday Night.
Please refer to the invitation for further information.

Dressing up is not compulsory and we do encourage simple, easy, even homemade. Get creative with your child and use your imagination!



School Tours – if you are still deciding which school your child will be attending (or if you just want more information), many local schools will host tours and or information sessions next term (Term 3).

Lenswood Primary and Woodside Primary will have these tours and we will provide more details when we have them (as well as other schools that notify us).

Most schools will not accept enrolment forms until nearer to transition visits in 4th term but if your child is attending a school other than Woodside Primary, let them (and us) know your details before the end of this term to ensure you get relevant information. Woodside Primary School will send information home to parents through the Kindy so you don't need to contact them



Parenting Podcast- it can be difficult finding time and air space as parents to view or listen to 'your choices' but if you get a chance while walking the dog or cooking the dinner check out 'Parental as Anything' with Maggie Dent (ABC). The podcasts are about 30 minutes long and have some wonderful, simple ideas and advice for parents. Topics include:- Play, Extracurricular Activities and Screen Time.

A Woodside Primary School Fundraiser

WOODSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL
FUNDRAISING EVENT



SATURDAY 3 AUGUST 2019

Why should the kids have all the fun? It's time to kick it

OLD SKOOL!!

You asked for it, well here it is..... we know it is Winter but ditch the Uggies and trackies for some glad rags, grab your friends or your partner, book the baby-sitter and join us for an awesome night of fun, food and dancing.

Entertainment by DJ Trent Slater will have you bumping and grinding to all your favourite songs from the 80's, 90's and 00's. There will be beer, cider, wine and softies available to purchase from the bar, a photo booth to capture the fun, dance offs, raffles, prizes and best of all..... a night out to reminisce about the good old days.

DETAILS.....

When: Saturday 3rd August

Time: 7pm til Midnight (try not to turn into a Pumpkin!)

Where: Woodside Institute

Tickets: Tickets are \$25 per head and must be pre-purchased from Ros/Tania at the School front office. Payment options include cash, EFTPOS and Visa (either in person or by phone) Ph 8389 7083. Tickets can be collected in person or held at the door on the night (please advise your preference). **TICKETS ON SALE FROM MONDAY 17th JUNE.**

Ticket price includes a welcome drink and nibbles throughout the evening. Grab a large group....buy 9 tickets and the 10th will be free. This is a licensed event, so 18+ only please. Tell all your friends!

***Please note- The event itself will be Cash only. There is an ATM in close vicinity in front of Bank SA on the Main St. Don't forget to bring your small change for raffles!**

