



Streaky Bay Children's Centre Newsletter

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DIARY NOTES.

- **Wednesday June 6th**— Bringing up great kids at the Rural Transaction Centre.
- **Monday June 11th**— Queen's Bday, public holiday.
- **Tuesday June 12th**—Occupational therapist Jennifer Quirk visiting.
- **Wednesday June 13th** —Bring up great kids at the Hospital board room.
- **Thursday June 14th**—Kindergarten children will be visiting the Streaky Bay Hospital and ambulance.
- **Monday June 18th** - Book club orders to be returned
- **Tuesday June 19th**— Kindergarten children will be visiting school.
- **Tuesday June 19th**—Governing council meeting. 7pm.
- **Thursday June 21st**—CYHS checks.
- **Tuesday July 3rd**— Barry Peters Concert. 9.15am.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The term is half over and the children have been engaged in some great learning, often stemming from their own curiosity in the environment such as exploring bones, playing hospitals, making airports and water courses. Staff introduce new play spaces, questions and ideas to provoke children's thinking and curiosity. We have been running the Eat a Rainbow healthy eating program with the children this term, with children tasting a rainbow of fruits and vegetables. We have discovered the many benefits of eating fruits and vegetables in keeping our bodies healthy, this has led to questions such as "why do we have bones? This week we will investigate some real organs at kindy (thankyou to the Streaky Bay Butchers) and I am sure this will spark some great discussions and observations. Next week we will visit the Streaky Bay hospital where children can learn about the different people, spaces and technology in a hospital, in a fun, safe and non threatening situation.

Last Tuesday staff attended training at Wudinna with other early years sites on Eyre Peninsula. The first part of the day was focussed on STEM, which is understanding, recognising and planning for science, technology, engineering and maths in play. The second part of the day was about the importance of staff recognising, checking-in and acting, when planning experiences for individual children.

We are currently planning for our long awaited kitchen and wet area upgrade as well as installing a small storage shed in the back yard.

Funding for these upgrades have been a combination of grants we have received from local grants as well as funds raised by the centre. We hope some of these refurbishments will occur soon, which will cause some disruption to the centre. We will

keep you posted, as we may need to call on families to help with erecting sheds and to move equipment to accommodate these upgrades.

Regards Wendy



Matilda, Indi, Luci and Quinty playing at being vets.



Technology—Using tools.



Engineering—Is a way of problem solving



Science—Is a way of noticing, observing and experimenting

Mathematics is a way of finding and understanding patterns in the world.



FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO COME AND EXPLORE SOME STEM ACTIVITIES WITH YOUR CHILDREN.

TUESDAY JUNE 26TH

SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH PROVIDED.

11AM –12 NOON (COME AND JOIN IN STEM ACTIVITIES WITH YOUR CHILD)

12 NOON SAUSAGE SIZZLE

FREE EVENT

Bookclub

Orders due Monday June 18th

Governing council meeting

Tuesday June 19th 7pm

Congratulations to Jennifer and Rick on the birth of their baby daughter "Delilah Jade".



Congratulations to Mary and Brenton on the birth of their twin daughters "Frankie Alice and "Juno Evelyn".



PROGRAM FEEDBACK

Our weekly program is available for families to view in both the occasional care and preschool programs.

The preschool program is in the front foyer next to where families sign in and the occasional care program is on the shelf next to the occasional care children's lockers.

We encourage families to contribute to our program, by commenting on what your child enjoyed about the program, what they have talked about or how we can build on current learning and interests of children.

We have now added a space for parents to add their comments if they wish. We would love to hear from you, as this adds interest and relevance to our program and what we offer the children.

Bringing Up Great Kids -The Bringing up Great Kids parenting group has been running for 3 weeks now. We thank Annie who travels from Ngura Yadurirn in Ceduna each Wednesday to run this program. Mums and Dads have been meeting up for information on how we communicate with our children, some information on what your child's brain looks like, and lots of lively discussion about the perplexities and joys of parenting. We acknowledge that parenting can be a challenging task. The group has also been looking at mindful parenting-parenting in the here and now. Our children are so good at teaching us about living in the now. Hopefully the group has also been a confirmation for the parents involved that they are already doing a great job with parenting. Thank you to all the parents involved. If you are interested in doing a parenting group contact Annie at Ngura Yadurirn 8625 2294.