



## Wynn Vale Community House Kindergarten Newsletter

**24 May 2023 Term 2, Week 4**

The children had a wonderful day at the Dream Big Children's Festival. Bus travel was a highlight with the children enjoying the high vantage point to look out at the world, singing along to favourite songs and playing 'Spot the yellow cars' on the way back to kindy - the children counted 30 yellow cars.

Willfred Gordan McDonald Partridge was a brilliant theatre production, and captured the children's interest with live music, lighting and the storyline. After lunch, the children immersed themselves in creative loose parts play at the Massive Maker Space along with parents using their imagination, problem solving and engineering skills. The Massive Maker Space was provided by The Climbing Tree crew and the children got to meet Simon, who helped design our climbing equipment at Kindy.

Our big day out was also a great way to celebrate the birthday of Lyla, Elspeth and Lorraine. A big thank you to all the parents who joined in the fun and helped make the day go smoothly.

### Staffing Update

Congratulations to Sam Lane and Lorraine Brady who have both secured new employment. Sam and Lorraine were appointed as temporary staff and we are glad that they have sourced ongoing work. Sam has commenced her new role and Lorraine will stay with us to 26 May. We would like to thank Sam and Lorraine for their dedication, skills and valuable contribution as part of the team at Wynn Vale Community House Kindergarten.

Mel Moss has been away on her teaching placement and will commence back at Kindy on 7 June. Mel and Bec will share the ECW role and Preschool Support role till the end of term 2.

### Term 3 Midyear enrolment

We have now finalised enrolments and staffing for Midyear enrolments.

We currently have 30 enrolments, with 13 children starting school midyear.

Our Term 3 enrolment is 39 children, with 17 current children and 22 new enrolments.

We will increase our Kindy days to 4 days per week: Tuesday to Friday.

Tuesday: 22 children

Wednesday to Friday: 30 children

Staffing:

Director: Pauline, Administration Monday and Teaching Tuesday to Friday

Teacher: Elspeth, Tuesday to Friday

ECW: Heather returns from Long Service Leave to the ECW role.

Bec: ECW, Tuesday and Preschool Support, Wednesday to Friday

Mel: ECW relief when available.



### Car park safety

The car park and surrounding streets are a busy place.

Please keep our children safe  
and keep to the speed limit in the car park

Max speed 10km

## Work Health Safety

We have been working towards reducing the noise levels at our centre, to improve the indoor space and verandah area. Soft furnishings and plants have made some improvement along with replacing the blue vinyl around the verandah posts with more sound absorbing matting.

We complete both annual and quarterly inspections for the outdoor playground area. Climbing tree attended Monday to complete maintenance and top up the soft fall. Tea Tree Gully Council completed a building inspection last week. We would like to say thank you to families who assist children with raking leaves and setting up play equipment in the morning, building children's sense of agency to contribute their ideas to setting up the learning environment.



### Protect yourself and others

The colder weather is bringing a higher number of viruses and Covid in our community.

**Please sanitise hands, socially distance, cover coughs and sneezes, avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth and stay home when unwell.**

## Learning Inquiry: Water and Wildlife

The children have been highly engaged in sustained shared thinking, with the confidence to experiment, explore and co-construct the curriculum as active and involved participants in their learning. Educators have been actively following the children's lead and implementing intentional teaching in both planned and emergent learning opportunities. The children have been sharing their discoveries of how seeds grow and caring for minibeasts and insects in the garden with great excitement and enthusiasm.

Children develop understandings of themselves and their world through active, hands-on investigation using processes such as exploration, collaboration and problem solving. Developing dispositions such as curiosity, persistence and creativity enables children to participate in and gain new learning.



### It takes a village

It takes a whole village to raise a child and I just want to say *Thank you* to our village at Wynn Vale Community House Kindergarten for the wonderful care, helping hands and involvement given to support our children's wellbeing and learning journey at preschool, from the little things to the big things.

Wynn Vale Community House Kindergarten is nestled amongst nature and the children enjoy every moment (rain, hail and shine). We have beautiful grounds sparking curiosity and wonder whether it be discovering minibeasts in the garden, watching a koala climb a gum tree or enjoying nature play at Kindy by the Creek (made possible with parent volunteers).

Thank you for sending in plants to create a more nature inspired learning space indoors and under the verandah, creating a beautiful, calm, welcoming feel. The children have been captivated by the golden elm tree in our yard and created colourful autumn leaf collages. Our visits to the community garden have broadened the children's knowledge and interest in fruit and vegetables and next we will harvest the rainbow chard from our vegetable garden.

## Diary Dates

Thursday 25 May CaFHS Preschool Health Checks, by appointment

Governing Council meeting, 7pm All welcome

Friday 26 May Kindy at the Creek (Group A, 15 children)

Friday 9 June Kindy closed, Pupil Free Day, Staff Professional Learning

**Yours in Education and Care,  
The Wynn Vale Community House Kindergarten Team**



