

COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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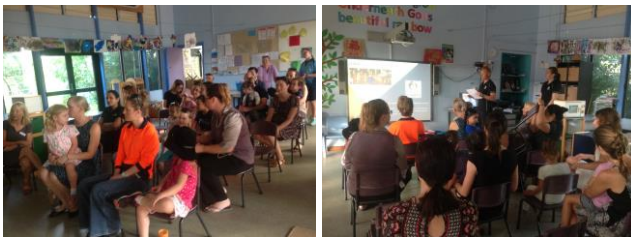
Dates to Remember:

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| 9 April - | Palm Sunday |
| 13 April - | Holy Thursday |
| 14 April - | Good Friday |
| 15 April - | Holy Saturday |
| 16 April - | Easter Sunday |
| 17 April - | Easter Monday-Public Holiday |
| 18 April - | Students resume term 2 |
| | Easter Sunday Liturgy, 9 am |
| | P&F meeting library 5.30 pm |
| 24 April- | Anzac Day Liturgy-Mary Mackillop Hall |
| 25 April - | Anzac Day PH |

Dear Families,

Can you believe it's Easter? This first term has gone so quickly and, as they say 'time flies when you're having fun'.

I would like to thank everyone who came to our Welcome Breakfast. We really appreciate your time and input, as your voice is vital to our development & growth as a Centre. If you have any questions about what was discussed or what was covered please don't hesitate to email me.



As the term comes to a close, we welcome some new changes starting in term 2.

Mrs Kym Goldsmith will be running the preschool program, Miss Margaret will be assisting Miss Ayesha with the Joeys in the morning and will be with the preschoolers in the afternoon, Miss Anna-lea leaves us to start a fabulous trip overseas, Miss Sharon becomes the assistant in the preschool room along with Miss Maria and Miss MJ and Miss Linda remain as our casual staff.

Next term we will be incorporating a Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) into our weekly plan for the children. The PMP consists of a variety of developmental movement activities designed to develop children's locomotion, coordination, balance, eye hand skills and fitness. Activities also develop children's body image, laterality and their awareness of time and space. The PMP program will prepare children for formal learning at school. More to come on that next term.

I am off for the holidays, so I hope you all have a lovely Easter and a wonderful break.

Warm regards,
Miss Kirsten

Reminders

- Families you must remember in accordance with school rules, preschool children **MUST** wear shoes that have a closed back (ie: no thongs please) as they are on school grounds.
- All children **MUST** wear Sun smart clothing
- Please bring a spare set of clothes
- Library day for Kangaroos is Wednesday 11:00 Joeys is Thursday 11:00 Children **MUST** bring a bag to be able to borrow a book.
- Please don't forget a water bottle as well

Joeys

The Joeys have been extremely interested in counting, dinosaurs, construction and making drums.

To scaffold the children's learning and extend on their choice of activities, they have engaged in a variety of learning experiences to support their learning.

One in particular is finding dinosaur bones. Some 'bones' were buried in the sand and the children had to dig them out and place them next to a card matching the correct bone. This is a brilliant activity to support early numeracy as children were required to match the measurement to the correct bone. We also discussed the number on the measurement they found. The children participated in counting exercises to count how many bones they found each. They were also involved in role-playing using model dinosaurs and constructing houses for the dinosaurs out of Duplo.

Another interest is drums. A music corner was set up for the children so they could use pre-made instruments. Children also used recyclables to work out how to make their instruments. It's a noisy activity but they just love it!

Thank you for allowing me to be part of the Joeys learning so far this year. I look forward to seeing how much the children have grown and developed upon my return in term 3.

Miss Anna-lea

Dearest Families,

There has been so many wonderful learning moments in the kangaroos room the past few weeks that I just have to share with you all. The children have been working very hard on recognising their letters and we have now got to the letter C. Children will tell you what words will begin with the letters A,B,C and often the letter that begins their name. We have been learning these through a variety of fun activities but the ones the children seem to enjoy the most are the worksheets we provide for them. They demonstrate good concentration and pencil control. The Kangaroo children have been doing very well at practising writing their names and have come a long way since the start of this term. Doing puzzles is also a favourite of the kangaroos and no matter how many pieces they are given for a challenge, they still manage to complete them successfully! At times they will ask for help but mostly, of their own accord, they will help one another which is fantastic. How proud we are of the kangaroo children and what a fantastic bunch of children they are.

The children have adapted well to their new settings and have now really settled in to the routine. Our positive behaviour with the certificates has been a great incentive for the children and at the start of each week the children work hard towards getting one. If they miss out, they are learning to deal with that and understand that next week is another week for them to hopefully achieve it. They are learning to give one another great praise when someone else achieves this goal. With the school holiday next week we are going to have a fun experience every day. Please pencil in the following important days for the kangaroos as you will need to bring the following things in.

Monday- Water play (sun smart clothing)

Tuesday- Dress Up Day

Wednesday- Teddy Bears Picnic

Thursday- Bike Day please ensure helmets come as well

Thank you all for your time and dedication to your child's learning. We look forward to another term full of new learning outcomes and goals. Please feel free to email about any issues, concerns, feedback etc. Happy Easter to you all and enjoy the break.

Joeys and Kangaroos fun in photos.....



It's a foam party!!



Dress ups, digging for bones, puzzles and counting pegs to make patterns! So much fun!



Team work



We wanted to be just like our friend!

Killin' it on the drums!!



During Buddy Class we learnt about the Last Supper with 2/3

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