

COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Dates to Remember

6 th May	Mother's Day Liturgy
9 th May	Buddy Class
11 th May	Kendy at CEO Network meeting, MJ to take Kangaroos
23 rd May	Catholic Identity Day - No Kangaroos.
25 th May	National Story Time
26 th May	National Sorry Day
30 th May	Buddy Class

Dear families,

We have had a great start to Term 2 with new children starting and exciting things happening within our Centre.

We were very fortunate to have a visit from Harold in the Life Education Van last Thursday. The children met Harold and learnt about things that make us healthy. Some of the things we learnt about were brushing teeth, staying sun smart, and food that we can eat that will make us strong. We sang songs and watched a short video on how Harold keeps healthy, we learnt about four important parts of our body and identified where on our bodies these parts are.

This term we have ordered some new resources to assist in the children's learning. We have ordered some large muscle balance boards and equipment to encourage big muscle movements which assist with pre-literacy and pre-writing skills as well as some science and discovery kits encouraging investigative play.

This term both the Kangaroos and Joeys are attending Soccer Clinics for 4 weeks on Wednesday afternoons.

The Glassie's (Xavier's family) had a suggestion of making a recycled milk/juice bottle life sized igloo. I think if we could start bringing in washed out milk/juice bottles for terms 2 and 3 hopefully we will have enough to make it either in term 3 or early term 4. Any thoughts or suggestions please talk with our CoL staff, and you can have a look at some examples from the below website.

<http://hubpages.com/education/milk-jug-igloo>

Miss Kendy ☺

Prayer

1, 2, 3 we sit quite still and softly say,
Thank you for our meal today.
God bless our cook, our teachers, our mums
and dads and all of us.
In the name of the Father, the Son and the
Holy Spirit.
Amen

Joeys:

Hello from the Joeys group! I would like to start off by telling you all how AMAZINGLY well your children were when we were visiting Healthy Harold which was an awesome opportunity to talk about staying healthy and recognising healthy foods and sometimes foods which is a topic we would like to continue with the children.

I would also like to apologise about not being able to make it to the library as we have been so busy lately with school photos and visiting Healthy Harold, I know the children love going to the library and getting to pick a book to take home. A reminder that library is every Wednesday so if you would like to borrow a book from the library please provide your child with a book bag.

I have been encouraging children to bring show and tell in. Show and tell is a great way for building children's social and language development as well as confidence. We try to discourage toys as toys can cause conflicts between the children. Some ideas for show and tell can be pictures, photos, something from holidays or a relative. Author?

Kangaroos:

Almost half a term has gone by and the Kangaroos are well into their learning. We are continuing with our letter of the week learning where we focus on one letter per week. With this letter children are involved in a range of activities on different days of the week. Children complete the activities on the days that they attend Kangaroos. We look at the letter and the sound that the letter makes. This is a great way to prepare the children for school as they begin to develop their knowledge of the sounds of letters. On Fridays, the children participate in 'show and tell' sharing something they bring from home that starts with the letter of the week. For example this week (09.05.2016-13.05.2016) is letter 'l' so on Friday the children might bring in a dinosaur or something else starting with a 'd' to share with their friends. Each week we go on to the next letter in the alphabet. This is also a great way for the children to grow in confidence.

I have been changing the Kangaroos room around to allow the children more choice of activities and to allow our activities to be more child led, incorporating their interests into the program. There has been a lot of interest in the investigative activities such as magnify glasses, the tweezers and chop stick sorting games to promote pre-writing muscular skills with the fingers and thumbs.

This month is a very special month for our Mum's and the Kangaroos are very busy with their secret surprise Mother's Day craft.

We are very lucky to be able to continue with our first Mandarin language lesson with Miss Michelle on Tuesday mornings again this term. We attend these sessions for 20 minutes.

Reminders: Please bring in Library bags on a Wednesdays

Kangaroos start at 8.30am daily

On a Friday please make sure your child is here before 8.40 at the latest as we attend school assemblies, and children arriving late is disruptive both to other students and the class taking assembly

Miss Kendy

From all of us at St Mary's Community of Learners have a wonderful month! ☺



- Please make sure all accounts are up to date.
- **Kangaroo and Joey** library sessions are on **Wednesdays**. Please bring a library bag so your child/children can borrow library books, throughout the school terms.
- **Tuesday mornings 11:50-12:20 pm** Kangaroos have their Music lesson in the music room throughout the school terms.
- If you have old clothing sized between 3-5 that is no longer needed, please bring it in as we are always in need of spare clothing.
- Children must wear **shoes** with secure backs so they are less likely to fall or injure themselves. Shoes are also needed when playing in the school playground.
- We are a Sun Smart Centre! Hats are a must for outside play. Please remind your child to bring a hat daily. Children without hats will have to stay undercover.



Learning at COL in the month of May . . .



Darcy's show and tell



The Joeys role playing with the dress-up



The Joey's visiting Healthy Harold in the van



Mandarin with Lǎoshī Miss Michelle.



Learning about healthy foods with Harold



Sammy's first day at Kangaroos



Kangaroos doing lots of investigative play based learning.