



Monthly Newsletter

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From The Director

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of our families and wish their children a very successful Kindergarten and school life. It has been a pleasure to watch them grow and teach them the foundations for future learning.

We have been doing quite a few upgrades to ensure high quality for our children. We have new sun sails in our playground, new nature cubby houses, mud kitchen, wood work area, new steps to our playground and much more. Thank you Robin 😊

We had great success piloting Musical Child's new music program. The children really enjoyed the experience. In the New Year the babies will pilot the 1-2 program. We now have a partnership with Musical child and the founders Carol and Andrea from China. Carol and myself will deliver a paper in China next year at their conference.

Highlights

We introduced Ready Steady go to our curriculum. The children have really enjoyed this extra curriculum event. We look forward to James and his team returning next year.

We received new wooded cubby houses for our outdoor environment. Robin has varnished them and they look great.

We completed the Musical Child program. The children loved using musical instruments while singing their songs

The children planted our summer garden...sunflowers, tomatoes, cucumbers, basil, spinach, zucchini and lettuce.

Upcoming Events

Reminders

- Centre will be closed on 25th and 26th December 2017 and the 1st Jan 2018
- Please contribute towards "Help Pack Santa's Sack" This is a very worthy cause in our community. The box is in our hallway.
- Reminder to give Tanya your child's last day or holidays.

From The Nursery



This month in the baby room we've been enjoying the nice weather and spending lots of time outside. We've been caring for our plants by watering them and planting new plants in our outdoor play area. We've started decorating our room for Christmas using lots of artwork that we've been creating during the day. Our latest group interest has been listening to songs and singing! We love listening and learning new songs and actions and dancing along together. We welcomed Nadja and Thomas into the baby room this month and said goodbye to Mila as she transitioned into the Toddler room.

From The Toddlers



Toddler room children have showed a great interest towards this month's planning based on their educator and family input and children's own interest by showing their participation towards this month experiences. This month children got to experience some cooking in the mud kitchen, animal face painting, colours, shapes, counting, recognizing the objects, matching, Christmas art work to take home and creating own version of Christmas tree using paper, water play, nature play, playing with BK children. Children enjoyed getting hands on and playing with mud and water, which was also a great outdoor learning with our mud kitchen experience. Children are also developing important self-expressions through face paint, physical, social and emotional skills, curiosity, enthusiasm, creativity, cooperation, confidence, imagination and persistence through some of these experiences occurred this month.

From Pre-Kindy



This month in Pre-kindy we have had a focus on Belonging and Identity as we welcomed new friends Phoenix, McKenzie, Vule, Ezra and Sebastian to our room and celebrate the 4th birthdays of Jaime, Gene, Zara, Stasia, Annabella and Dylan. We have been busy tending to our growing vegetable garden and have been learning what plants need to grow. The Christmas pageant has stimulated an interest in all things Christmas and we have decorated our tree and have begun making our own decorations. We all look forward to the festive season ahead!

From Kindy



During the month of November the children in kindy room learned about days, dates, months, seasons and weather using our new "Weather Chart"



They engaged in various experiences that support their social interaction, sharing skills and turn taking such as: Role Play, group games, computer and Ipad educational games.



Due to hot and sunny days the children enjoyed water play: Washing dolls and clothes, sprinklers fun, ice melting, creek play.....

The children engaged in many gross motor and fine motor activities as we encouraged their participation and provided opportunities and ways to build up their confidence to try new things.

Star Educator



Tamika works across all rooms in our service. She also opens our Centre 3 days a week. Tamika is very hard working, flexible, observant, shows initiative, caring, has fantastic ideas for children, works great under pressure and is a huge asset to Management, Staff and Children.

Well done...and Thank You Tamika for your efforts

Happy Birthday

- Thomas M
- Billy J
- Isaac I
- Emma B
- Austin S



Orientations/Last Day

We welcome Thomas and McKenzie, Phoenix, Vinnie, Nadja and Vukasin and Neil.

We farewell Phoebe, Georgia, Elissa, Rex, Miane, Chiara, Elias, Chloe, George. We wish them a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!



All the best.....