



Reflection

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10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1, BLAST OFF! Is what the children will be saying when Bob blasts off into space in a couple of weeks.

Over the last week children have shown an interest in rocket ships and space. Block corner has turned into NASA and mini rockets ships have been made out of duplo and leggo.

Vincent, Amity, Ada, Maxim, Thea, Finn H. and Ruby spend endless time at the art and craft table, cutting, gluing, sticking, painting and designing Bob's very own rocket ship. The planet that Bob will be blasting off to is still unknown.

Other ideas prompted by the children were: a spacesuit for Bob, a friend for Bob to take with him on his adventures and space food for him to snack on.

This activity is just one example of how integrated learning (Neo-humanistic philosophy principle) is encouraged and available to the children through the programme. The activity was strived by the children's interest and all were focused on the process, not on the end product. We are all so excited about Bob's wacky adventures and will keep you all updated.

We have altered the rest-time routine and we would appreciate any comments and/or observations! Sleep time in yoga room is same, but for those who are resting in main classroom will start their rest already at 1pm, not at 2pm as before. We thought to try this routine out to help children to rest and then use remaining time for quiet play; without 'forced rest' and frustrations.

CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATION -As per National Health and Medical Research Council's recommendation 4 year old vaccinations are due (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Polio). If your child is not immunised and a breakout occurs at the Centre your child is required to stay home until the infection period is over. For any feed back on this is issue, please, do not hesitate to speak with Didi.

PARENT LIBRARY - " Poisons at home" leaflet from DHS has been added to the Library. This Library is full of insightful information that has been provided for parents to browse through and borrow. Please take the time to look though it. You might even have some information to put in it too, related to early childhood. It would be appreciated.

LOST PROPERTY - All lost property is on a tray, which can be found near sign in/out form. Please go through it.

OUR EXCURSION day draws near. It is on Friday 8th June. We need to have permission forms back by 1st June.

Sunrise is closed for the duration of the excursion. For the excursion we have a ratio of 2 children for each adult, so that we have a high level of supervision at all times. Children will need to bring their lunch and drink, can you please ensure that lunchboxes and drinks are labelled. Please also include in your children bag a change of clothes. NO TOYS PLEASE.

TOYS FROM HOME - Just a reminder about the 'Toys from home policy' toys stay in bags, as we cannot accept responsibility for these toys, especially if lost or broken. Toys that are suggestive of violence are not to be brought to the Centre. We do welcome a soft toy for rest-time.

POLICY HANDBOOK - Our next validator visit is drawing near. Cathy and Didi have completed the updating of the Policies. This has been placed next to Sign In/Out form. We need some parents to look over the policies and to comment on it too. This is very important.

NEXT PARENTS' COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday 5th June at 4 pm.



Ayurvedic Workshop - went well, everyone say. Please, let us know if you'd like to attend another one on the same theme; learning about you metabolism/mind/body type, -and how to prevent and treat bad hair days.. J

Another Evening Workshop will be held on June 25th 7.30pm. We will have a Naturopath and a GP to discuss the pros & cons of alternative & allopathic **Immunization**.

CENTRE CLOSED - on Friday, 6th of July when all staff will be attending an in-service. This in-service will broaden the staffs' horizon on the Neo - Humanist Philosophy. We apologize for any inconvenience.

PARENT WORKING BEE - Sat. 23rd June 9-12midday. Strong and spirited spade-people are needed to bring in tanbark for the soft-fall, to wash sun shades, etc. J

REMINDERS

- Sunrise is a nut and kiwi free zone
- Children need to wear hats outside, even though the weather is getting colder. NO HAT – NO OUTSIDE PLAY. If your child has a winter hat, bring it along! (Suggestion from Cancer Council).
- Sunrise closed Monday June 11 – Queens Birthday weekend, and Friday July 6th.
- If you would like to receive 'Reflection' via email please hand in your email address to Didi or Cathy.