

Sunrise Newsletter



Welcome to all our new three years olds and their family

Firstly, a very warm welcome to all our new three year olds and their families. We hope you are all enjoying the journey so far as much as we are. Now that the children are settling in and beginning to feel more at home it is wonderful to see them developing friendships, expressing themselves and busy at play.



Snuffy and fluffy- our guinea pigs are a big part of our Sunrise Family and the children share a very special bond with them.

Unfortunately over the Christmas break I found a large lump under Snuff's neck (the white guinea pig) She was brought to the vet and we received some sad news. Our furry friend has cancer. She was operated on and the cancer was removed but we were told there is a high chance the cancer will return.

The children are aware that Snuffy has been ill and they have been taking extra care of her.

We promise to keep you posted with any update on our caring and friendly guinea pig.

Key interests we have explored this term have been:

Letters of the alphabet. This begun with cut out paper letters at the craft table then with the easel painting. Children used the letters to represent their names as well as experimenting with them more freely as collage material. We have also had magnetic letters which attach to small white boards and alphabet stamps where children had the opportunity to match the stamps to the corresponding later on a grid.

Threading is a fantastic activity for promoting fine motor skills and hand/eye coordination. So far we have threaded beads, buttons and paper shapes on to pipe cleaners and lengths of colourful wire. The children has created jewellery, puppets and sculptures. Branching off from there, we also punched holes in pieces of cardboard and threaded wool through and around the holes, which made an interesting web-like affect.

The use of sand has been another highlight this term, as it has moved about the room changing places, functions and even colours. At one point, there were shells and colourful tiles in the sanitary inspired by the children's insert in patterns, then the widgets got sandy and the children seems taken by the pouring of sand as though through an hour glass. From there we coloured the sand using temperer paint powder and the children created dynamic sand covered marks glue on dark coloured paper.

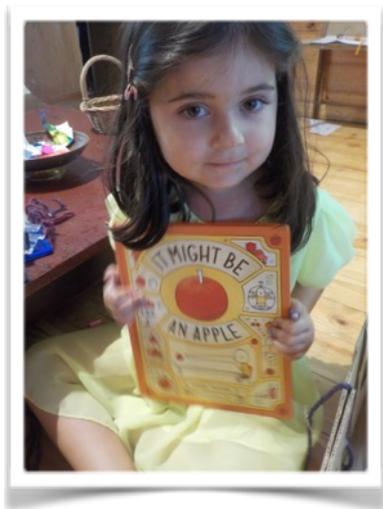
OUR ADVENTURES TO THE PARK

Our adventures to the park have begun, which is very exciting! We are steadily building up our strength and self-help skills by walking safety to Clauscen Street Park and back. It's wonderful to see the children challenging themselves physically and playing independently.





And lastly, the Book bag has been making its way home with the children who attend Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We have been sharing these stories at group time before we head off to the park and they always inspire interesting discussions. (By Rebecca)



Have you ever walked into Sunrise and thought, 'What has my child been up to today?' This question can be answered for you in many ways.

Please take the time to look at your **child's individual folder**. It lives in the book corner and holds many photos, stories, art pieces and conversations. We all try to add as many pieces as we can throughout the year and your child gets to take it home at the end of their 4 year old kinder year. If you would like to take it home for a night, please let a staff member know.

The **Daily journal** is another great insight into our busy day at Sunrise. This handsome journal lives on the shelf in the hallway and only pops out at the end of the day. This book is full of observations, photos and ideas.

The **Hallway glass case** is always busting at the seams with photographs of projects, incursions, excursions and celebration information. This space is also the place for a family celebration or family holiday display. If you would love to share a moment from home, please see a staff member.

There are many **happy and smiley staff members** exploring at Sunrise that would love to let you in on our daily secrets and projects. If you feel that you would like to know more about your child's day or any other issue please remember that a 'catch up' meeting can be organized.

Our program is made up of many components and they all hold valuable information about our day. Each day brings new adventures and we hope that with your help we can add some extra special moments to our days. If you have a special talent or just have some extra time to read a book in book corner, please do. We would love to have more parents included in our kinder day. Our door is always open!!!

What has been happening at kinder?



Over the last 2 weeks we have been exploring all the wonderful vegetables and fruits that grow in gardens. I brought in a very greedy zucchini that had all the children curious and wanting to explore more. Iris hopped on the wagon and brought in a tomato that caught the 'greedy' bug. She shared it with all her friends for afternoon tea.



Didi N took us on another journey and introduced us to a type of banana that looked greedy but as we all know, looks can be deceiving.. If you have any vegetables or fruits growing in your garden that look unusual or greedy we would love to see them and even munch on them.

Our park adventures have already begun and we are working very hard on remembering our road safety rules. If you have any concerns or would like to know what happened on our walkabout adventures please see Bec or myself



Incursion- Thursday 10th of March 10am

A Special friend named Fred Reid, came to visit us all the way from the Daingattie tribe of North Western NSW. He brought with him a great understanding of Aboriginal people and their culture. Fred delivered his message in a fun, positive way. His deep respect and knowledge of culture, along with his gentle, humorous rapport with the children, made for a very enriching experience.





Thank goodness we had some fierce fight fighters at kinder this week. The tree house had caught on fire and within a blink of an eye, a fire truck and some volunteer fighters had put the blaze out.



If you have any large boxes hanging around your house with no purpose, please bring them to kinder. We have many important jobs for these boxes and we always like to have some on hand incase another emergency occurs. (By Enza)



The children spent some time with Sigrid exploring the world of primary colours and the world of butterflies.



There are no strangers here; only friends you haven't yet met.
William Butler Yeats

Fundraising committee- I have placed a sign up near the sign in/out clipboard. IF you feel you could be part of this incredible team please write down your name. All the money that is raised goes straight back into Sunrise.

Volunteers- I am needing 2-4 parents to be part of a very special project. This project involves you spending 1-2 hours at Sunrise exploring with the children. There is a issue that has been lingering around Sunrise and I would like to tackle this with the help of parents. If you are curious and would like to help please email Sunrise with 'attention Enza' attached.

Things

have been very spotty and dotty for most of this term at kinder and to think it all started off with just a few spotty stickers!! Now we have a huge collection of spotty dotty artwork on display making kinder look like an amazing art gallery!

We have been painting at the light box with water colours and fine brushes, using our fingers at the clear Perspex easel, cotton tips, paper rolls, anything we could find really to make our pictures really spotty. I stumbled across a story of a 105 year old Australian Aboriginal artist Loongkoonan, who only took up painting in her mid 90's and her artwork is amazing and the children agreed and found great inspiration in her story and lovely images she's created. Other stories which inspired us throughout our spotty dotty journey were "The Dot" by Peter H Reynolds and "The Spotty Dotty Lady" by Josie Boyle. It was great to watch the children take off with this interest in other areas of play also. Last week Iris was making round stamps using lids from the magic barrel so that she could create more spotty artwork and I saw some amazing creations emerge at the easel during moments of quiet time. Frankie was deep in concentration on Friday creating a very spectacular dotty piece, Ethan too soon made his own spotty painting taking great care and time. These children have been so emerged in this interest it has been such a joy just watching it all grow and continue. I cannot wait to see where it will take us next!



Temp dates - I have placed on the board some temporary dates, if you would like extra days From April 5th - May 20th Tuesday, Thursday or Friday's, write your name down, first in best dressed.

Welcome Picnic & meet and greet for the families and Educators and staff, It will be a glorious evening!

Thursday 17th March

Time: 6.00 onwards

Place Holden Street Playground (Also know as the Spider park)

Next to the Holden Neighbourhood House

Bring your own:

Vegetarian picnic food(no garlic, onion, eggs or mushroom please) water, (for your family), picnic blanket, lots of & etc, etc

(Holden St Park does not have water or toilets).

Hope to see you all.

We are more than happy to **heat lunches**, however we do ask that the food is in a microwavable container, clearly labeled and stored in the fridge not in your child's locker or bag... please! container, clearly labeled and stored in the fridge not in your child's locker or bag... please!

Morning circle at the park: next Thursday 24th March we would like to invite Thursday families 'grandparents' or extended special person to morning circle at Digging Park (corner of Ivan St and Park St).

We request grandparents or extended special person meet us at the Digging Park at 10 am After morning circle we will share some yummy morning tea.

For 3 year kinder program we will organise next term.

Sunrise Typical Days

