

Child Side Update Term 1 March

Tuning in to the 'whole' big picture of education- the span of lifelong learning: Brain research and common sense informs us that learning occurs at ALL stages of life and that new skills and knowledge are being learned continually throughout our lives and in all sorts of contexts. Child Side honours this by valuing and supporting learners of any age and stage within our aligned community of playgroup, school, FLA, staff, parents, younger siblings, our Governing Council, P and F... Because we believe *'Education is Everyone's Business'* (BPEA) and that *'Every Learner Matters'* we are trying to keep open lines of communication and raise awareness of what various sectors in this community are all about, hence everyone receiving updates on FLA, playgroup, educator learning logs, P and F, Governing Council... We invite you all to ask questions and seek out knowledge; we urge you all to stay involved and make the most of any opportunities (or create opportunities) so our community can continue to thrive and remain cohesive. We are always seeking **'Living Books'** for educators to check out of life's library for a short time and to share adult knowledge and experiences – work, travel, life, the good, the bad, the sad, the marvellous, the ordinary... with groups of children. We also seek **mentors** who share their work knowledge, skills and passions with children (music, cooking, construction, circus, technology, physics, LTi projects with FLA learners... etc). We are bringing the world to us! We invite all adults to learn alongside children and to take part with morning work, games mornings, and exhibitions of learning (Lisa's group and FLA). Please also support our families with very young siblings, especially in the ECC where we can have around 10 toddlers and babies on some mornings. It is challenging to meet everyone's needs so we are very grateful for parents who stay and invest time with their own and other people's children at morning work.

We definitely need all eyes, ears and hands for safety, engagement and care of school resources (in particular things like the textas, little objects, learning tools which can get mixed up and lost easily)... please put out of reach of curious little hands.

The Educational Shape of Wednesdays: This day is intentionally designed to have a different rhythm where children and educators work in different spaces and work with different faces, using familiar materials but in different ways to learn specific skills. The day begins down the ECC where everyone (all children, FLA, adults) are welcomed to stay and play board games. Each and every game is like visiting a different country with different rules and a different language. The focus of this session is develop a wide range of working relationships and develops personal and social awareness and skills. The integrated aims include: literacy, numeracy, patience, strategy, oral and visual communication, following specific instructions, recall, memory retention, specific vocab.



Targeted Physical Skills+ Fitness and Integrated curriculum sessions follow after games morning. These include Open Studio (Arts based), Kitchen Garden (Science, Biology, Cultural, Historical, Practical Life Skills, Literacy, Health) and running laps of the bike track or around the lake, yoga, tai chi, ball skills, physical game skills- like basket ball, soccer...Closed shoes essential for ALL children..

Wednesday Early Close 2pm for Staff dialogues and family LTDs: Please see Karron to book a time for an LTD (learning team debriefs- staff, family, child) if required. Thanks for picking children up promptly so staff can get started ASAP. Staff meet from 2-4pm.
Cleaner required for 1 hour per day after school on weekdays to clean Lisa building from term 2. See Karron. This is a paid position. **Painting Team required for volunteer busy bee in holidays.**

Important Dates

Check website and whiteboards.

Wednesdays: games morning families are invited to stay and play! Our **new** board games require an **adult present** to learn the rules how to play. **Closed shoes** are required for fitness.

FLA 'Shape of our Week' Exhibitions: Thursday 26th March at 2pm, all welcome.

MCC-Lisa's group Learning Snapshot exhibitions- Friday 27th March 2pm- all welcome.

Sleep over –organised by P and F- Saturday 28th March followed by Busy Bee Sunday 29th

Lisa overseas from Monday 30-March to Monday 4th May. Clair Bedford replacing Lisa.

Karron and Kate (FLA tutor) attending Big Picture Education Workshops 26th and 27th March in Rockingham

Governing Council (GC) meeting- 1st April 6pm till late.

Easter Breakfast for whole Child Side community- Thursday 2nd April. School closes 12pm.

Enterprise afternoons- last Friday each month.- 27th March.