

Child Side Update Term 2 May

Cows Create Careers CCC: This industry related programme has successfully engaged all children at Child Side for a number of years now and is perfectly aligned with Big Picture Education Australia BPEA 7 As of learning. The calves themselves provide **active** learning, **applied** learning, **academic** rigor (related research and required products), real –life **assessment-** yes wearing welly boots is recommended for a reason!- all **authentically** linked to industry and society. Come along and meet the calves in the ‘chook’ shed!

Protective Behaviours: Part of new re-registrations for all schools Australia wide, is the requirement to include a specific Protective Behaviours Curriculum. Child Side has always incorporated protective behaviours as part of health and safety. The focus is on giving children of all ages and stages developmentally appropriate strategies for protective behaviours, including having 5 people they have that they can ‘tell’ if they feel unsafe or unwelcome on any level. Due to an increased awareness in the courts and the media regarding children at risk and children who have been harmed by adults of trust (particularly in school based settings) there is an increased rigor around child protection and mandatory reporting procedures. Leonie, as the Senior Educator, has been working documentation which will be shared with parents once it has been ratified by the Governing Council.

The Small Stuff: A great deal of small ‘stuff’ is undertaken daily and weekly that keeps the ‘wheels’ oiled so the daily life of our Child Side family runs smoothly. Lightening the load with the washing roster has been a successful initiative of Toni down the ECC end. Thank you to all involved! Almost daily there is a busy parent somewhere catching up on those odd jobs, including sharpening pencils and cleaning out kitchen cupboards.

P and F (Parents and Friends) reminders:

Upcoming fundraising Wheelathon and Bunning’s Sausage Sizzle (Sunday June 14th)- many hands make light work and increase social contact through working side by side with other families. Next meeting 5th June. All welcome.

Attendance: Please remember that as a school we are required to log attendances and require a note, phone call, text or email on the day your child is absent or on the day of return to school. Please include the dates away from school and the reason. We are also required to document if children arrive late or leave early so thank you for keeping us up to date. Please be aware that arriving late regularly does have an impact upon the children’s learning community and can impact upon an individual’s progress over time.

Enterprise Afternoons: A great opportunity to develop a working partnership with your children, coming up with creative and innovative or delicious ideas, learning to become actively involved in community events rather than just be consumers or observers. Hopefully more of the MCC (Year 3-6 +) will become active. See Rachel W for ideas for the Dairy Enterprise theme.

Channels of Communication: Community life in a small school depends upon proactive participants and a shared understanding of processes and procedures that support the work of the school. Please ask the staff or a Governing Council member if you have any questions or are curious about how you can help on various levels. Communication is what keeps us all connected. Sharing concerns, questions and observations with core educators keeps us in the loop and we are better able to respond.

Important Dates

*C*heck website and whiteboards.

NAPLAN testing Years 3 and 5:
Federal government requirement – all this week.

School Development Days
Thursday and Friday 21st and 22nd May: No children. Staff meet with independent education consultant Dr Marie Martin for planning and auditing curriculum purposes.

Governing Council meeting 27th May

Thursday 28th Department of Wild Life visit- ‘Living Book’

P and F fundraiser Wheelathon – Friday 29th May. Bring along bikes, scooters, ripsticks, wheeled toys, helmets, closed shoes etc...

‘Delicious Dairy’ Enterprise Afternoon: Friday 29th. Our up and coming enterprise will have a ‘dairy’ theme to develop the CCC project (Cows Create Careers). Watch 2014 FLA Dairy Moovie.

Throughout May on various days core educators will be away for reporting purposes

5th June P and F meeting: