



Child Side Update Term 3 August

Active Literacy: We are encouraging and expecting ALL the children to use their reading skills (even the Kindies reading picture symbols) to interpret and ACT upon the messages in the text and on signs. This is what literacy is about, so much more than just being able to read and decode words BUT to engage with ideas and information AND respond to it. For example, on the Early Childhood gate there is Welcome sign with pictorial symbols, including an eye.

The children can all interpret what the symbols mean, but still need adult help following through e.g.: remembering water bottles EVERY day. The eye symbol is intended to remind all Child Siders to USE their eyes for safety, care of our resources and each other. We are encouraging children to use their eyes and RESPOND to the information it sees eg: picking up a broken item, closing a door/gate, staying out of the Vet if the Closed sign is displayed, returning items they see rather than just stepping over it, informing adults if they can see someone is sad or hurt....

This is more than just active, authentic literacy but developing responsible citizens of a community (Louise Porter's 'Guiding Children's Behaviour'- please see our website link under documents if you wish to refresh on developing responsible learners through Guiding Children's Behaviour.) Families can support this process at school, home, driving, at sport, out and about making it visible every time they respond to a road sign, follow through with newsletter

Quick Kids Skating Sessions: On Thursday mornings for Lisa's group (except for 21st August-School Development Day AND instead will have an EXTRA session on Tuesday 23rd Sept 5- 6:30pm-Skating 'exhibition of skill' through a social race meet. **All** families invited for this fun exhibition evening). Please pay Karron \$50 ASAP as The Rink is a small business and requires upfront payment to secure the time slot. Please confirm in writing with Lisa your child's travel arrangements both TO and FROM the Rink for the term and advise IN ADVANCE of any changes.

Invigorating our physical learning spaces: One of our school's academic foundations of learning is the education principles of Reggio Emilia. One of these principles is considering and using the physical learning environment as another educator This means having mindful, intentional spaces that can 'teach, guide, inspire, inform, provide...' both indoors and outdoors. Rachel Wyder is exceptionally creative and resourceful with her hands and will be spending the next couple of weeks building items to invigorate our outdoor learning environment (which is 9 years old already in the Early Years zone), up-cycling old pallets. The HUB will be her workshop and any offers of help are appreciated. We will need more pallets (there are different types so please see Rachel first). We are working on the indoor 'studio' environment for the middle childhood cluster (MCC)- Lisa, including verandahs. Thanks to our kitchen fairy for reorganising and spring cleaning the Early Years kitchen + doing all the washing.

Visiting Theatre: As part of Blasting into Books and Story-telling to learn, we have invited a puppeteer, Ricky Possum to do a show for the K-Year 3 children on Grand-Dad's Place (historical narrative). Cost \$11.50 per child. Performance on Friday 15th August.

Don't judge each day by the harvest
you reap but by the seeds that you
plant. ~Robert Louis Stevenson

Important Dates

Please check website calendar and whiteboard outside the middle building. **Quick Kids Skating. Yr 3+** Thursdays 8:50- 10am at The Rink. See Lisa regarding transport .

Invigorating the physical learning environment : Rachel working in the Hub for next fortnight to build structures as intentional learning spaces. Pallets required, plus other 'odds and ends' from around homes, garages, gardens... see Rachel and file in HUB for inspiration

Puppet Theatre for K-Yr 3- Grand-Dad's Place: – Friday 15th August –Please pay Karron ASAP.

16th August 5-7pm Fund raiser for ex- Child Side student, Jaiden Lanigan. Donation of soup, bread, slices, cake list in middle building. MANY THANKS.