

# Child Side Playgroup and School Update Term 3 July 2014

**Secondary School Big Picture pathway – Years 7-10 Info Evening last term:** See attached notes if you missed this. FLA students gave a snap shot of their learning, despite sickness and multiple events coinciding. Due to having external visitors present waiting for FLA exhibitions we only gave a quick overview of Big Picture Education (attached notes) and let the student voices speak for themselves.

**Term 2 Learning Exhibitions:** Cows Create Careers exhibition and Lisa's group was again well supported by families and friends. FLA received very positive feedback on the quality of their work for their project from the Dairy Industry organisers and Phil The Farmer came along as the 'guest of honour'. The cow mosaic will shortly be displayed on the HUB as a commitment to our local environment (we are surrounded by them) and to all the agriculture enterprises that make up the wider community of the South West in which we live and learn. The *process* of exhibiting is a very rich learning experience for all the children (and engages families in real side by side learning). The first week back is spent reflecting upon the exhibition and their preparation plus setting goals for the next Big Idea investigation/LTi direction.

**Early Years Book Party:** The early years K-2, will be hosting a book party *some time* this term to coincide with the book launch of their very own books published by Kate (our prac student) and The Book Incubator. We are looking for story tellers in the community to come along to the party to tell stories to small groups. The children will be exploring story book characters and creating their own costumes (hand made), celebrating their reading skills and the world

of stories. Any inspirations welcome.

**Quick Kids Skating Sessions:** This is a certificated course endorsed by the Australian Sports commission and will continue on Thursdays for year 3+ this term. See Important Dates for details. Family support enables this opportunity for children to continue to develop their skills, confidence and active participation. Thank you, thank you for demonstrating 'Act, Belong, Commit' to the children. Please see Lisa to organise transport once again. Costs will be \$50 for the term. On the last week on the Tuesday evening (5-6:30) Jaiden will be organising a social 'race' meet for Quick Kids (and any Slow Seniors- yes we know who we are!) to test their skills against the clock and demonstrate their control 'at speed'. A skating 'exhibition' demonstrating just how far everyone has come.

**Special request: Community Cohesion-** Jaiden Lanigan is an ex-Child Sider (one of the originals) who volunteers his time coaching speed skating (Quick Kids and other sessions for his club) to give back to the sport that has given him so many life enhancing opportunities (such as world travel). He will be representing Australia at the world championships in Argentina this November. We would like to inspire others and help fund raise for Jaiden. His club is holding a fun and social evening for the WHOLE family at the Rink on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August from 5-7pm. \$12 entry (skate hire included). **All invited-** family and friends to have a go. A flourishing community consists of many extraordinary helpers, and gifts of the hand and the heart. We are seeking donations from our Child Side community of homemade soup, fresh bread, biscuits, cakes and slices to sell on the night too. See attached.

"Do you know what my favorite part of the game is? The opportunity to play." -

Mike Sinaletaru

## Important Dates

*Please check our website calendar and the whiteboard outside the middle building.*

### Quick Kids Skating. Yr 3+

Thursday Term 2 and 3.  
8:50- 10am at The Rink.  
Please see Lisa regarding transport arrangements.  
Starts THIS Thursday. NO Quick Kids on 31<sup>st</sup> July AND 21<sup>st</sup> August BUT 2 sessions last week of term TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 5-6:30pm and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> usual time

### Enterprise afternoon –

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July - Families all invited to create a 'market' atmosphere and busk, sell food, garden produce....

### FLA Seed to Seed camp-

30-1<sup>st</sup> Aug: tree planting camp with Manea, Karron attending.

### 16<sup>th</sup> August 5-7pm Fund

raiser for ex- Child Side student, Jaiden Lanigan.