

Child Side's Little Day Out

5th November 2017

Child Side School and Playgroup celebrated another wonderful family and community event with their Little Day Out on Sunday 5th November. The day was described by educators and parents as a 'day filled with community spirit and goodwill', 'I was so proud to be part of this school community and especially so when I saw our children interacting so kindly and with genuine interest with our visitors'. The day offered many low cost stalls and experiences for families to explore and engage with. The children were very well catered for with a variety of messy play activities including, giant bubbles, slimy spaghetti, oobleck, coloured rice and shaving foam in the beautiful Early Childhood nature playground. These activities were provided by representatives of the Child Side Parent Group and Karen Collins from Playgroup WA. Air Brush Face Painting by Kylie from Bunbury Face Painting and Entertainment was also a popular attraction for children of all ages. Older Children were also catered for with a giant jenga, giant connect four, African drumming, ping pong and a slam dunk basketball game provided by students and staff from Manea Senior College. Adults were able to enjoy home-made cakes and fresh coffee, fresh produce, a food hall, op shop, book stall and listen to the beautiful singing voice of Child Side student Scarlett Mahony and 'beat boxing' by Manea student Jaxon.

There was much excitement at the end of the day when the winner of the cake raffle was drawn and the cake was won by one of Child Side's families. The cake this year was made by Child Side Mum Lauren Delich and she chose to involve all of the children across the school in the massive job of designing and producing the cake. This process was displayed through annotated photos in an education display to show how much learning was involved in the process. Another education display showed two outdoor chairs built by the Year 7 to 9 children from recycled pallets for their alfresco area. The display detailed the design and building process that the children used with a focus on up-cycling and sustainability through annotated photos.

While the day was full of entertainment, there was also the opportunity to learn more about Child Side School. There were audio visual presentations from the educators and the opportunity to take a guided walk through the school looking at current facilities and talking about future facilities and directions. Child Side's 'Young Adolescent Cluster' commenced this year catering for year 7 to 9 students and next year will cater for year 7 to 10 students.

The school is currently in the process of seeking funding to build a dedicated facility including an alfresco area and kitchen gardens for the 'Young Adolescent Cluster'. There is also great excitement as P&F plans for a dedicated bike shed for our mountain biking program and an extension of the Early Childhood Undercover Area come to fruition before the end of this year with the help of funds raised on this wonderful day.

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