

"Our strengths and skill sets are there, right from the beginning, but they need time, many opportunities and encouragement to flourish." Katrina Barnett

What's happening:

Amy Matthews— our 4th Year final teaching practice student from ECU is with us all term, observing, interacting, planning, teaching, analysing, building relationships... She is being mentored by Lisa and her group of children. Please pop in to say hello to her and share your experiences and insights with her.

Cows Create Careers (CCC)- is an authentic experience for our children to engage actively with the 'paddock to plate' process of the dairy industry. It is an Australia wide programme and is mainly aimed at the FLA level of development, however it has many life skills embedded in it for all stages, plus authentic responsibility taking care of 2 calves (who will reside in the 'chook pen' hand built by Adam Baker (Finn's dad in Kindy). There is also a great deal of communication skills, work ethic and academic rigor involved across the various criteria. Calves arrive Monday!

Leonie and Lisa will be away Monday 20th on a National Curriculum Reporting update.

The Hub will be our lunch lounge when we all get cabin fever in the wet weather. We are hoping to weather proof it more by installing 'cafe blinds' to stop the water flooding the floor. It always needs a sweep, shelves cleaned etc.. so any regular 'love' would be appreciated. It will be used for enterprise sessions, play-group and Lisa's group's yoga and phys ed sessions. We are looking for couches and any trimming to make it inviting. Please help yourself to books on the back bookshelf (left over from prior fundraisers.)

Natter and knead sessions will also be introduced this term after morning work on Enterprise days (last Friday of month— see our website calendar) to bake fresh bread for sale at Enterprise, hopefully to munch alongside hot homemade soup... The idea comes from 'The River Cottage' Everyday food series BBC and it emphasises the importance of hand made, engaging all the senses and 'cooking' as a communal activity, developing social bonds. Corn bread and soda bread will be our first creative endeavour. No expertise required! Also inspired by this programme is our own community Land Share food garden project (near the chook pen). We plan for a group of children and any interested families to visit the **Busseton community garden one Tuesday next month (possibly June 11th from 10am)**. Please indicate your availability if you are interested to Karron. We desperately want our community garden and family enterprise sessions to become integral to our school identity and to be useful and enjoyable to families as well as to offer an inspiring and authentic education for our children. We will be getting chooks once the calves have vacated the premises.

Kindy parent catch-up: Leonie invites all kindy parents to meet with her on a Tuesday afternoon 2:30 onwards while Karron takes music sessions. Let us know when suits you.

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Important Dates:

Please check our website calendar and the whiteboard up on the middle building regularly for any changes. Please let us know if there are any discrepancies.

Sunday 19th May: Bunning's sausage Sizzle Fund Raiser— often gets frantic between 10 and 2pm so all hands welcome and appreciated.

Week 3 and 4 —20th-31st May: LOTE block, focus will be on the curriculum area of learning about another culture and language and engaging with the National Curriculum's cross curricula priority of Australia engaging with Asia., in our case— China, as Rachel W can speak Mandarin, has lived and worked in China and is accredited to teach a second language.

Friday 31st May: Enterprise afternoon— produce and products created or grown by families and children for sale. A lovely social afternoon (come along and get to know Amy— ECU prac student) hopefully over a hot cup of home made soup and freshly baked bread from our morning 'Knead and Natter session' any families welcome to stay after morning work on this Friday to bake bread to sell.

Friday 7th June- School Wheelathon fundraiser (all this week will be 'wheel week' and all children will require helmets, closed in shoes and something active with wheels to get them moving eg: bike, scooter, skates....)

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