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Child Side Update

Term 1- February 2014

"We create our world by what we choose to notice."

Margaret Wheatley – "A Simpler Way"

What's Up:

Health Awareness: Summer is here and along with that comes the need to have a hat (rather than a cap) and water bottle EVERYDAY. Broad Brim hats are required for all ages as they provide better protection, please persevere even if your child resists. Please consider clothing that covers shoulders, especially for the girls. Snake alerts are still current.

Mountain Bike Programme—

Middle Childhood Cluster Lisa's

Mob + FLA: Please start bringing in mountain bikes, (Australian approved) helmets and covered shoes for weekly skill sessions run by AJ (FLA and Bryce's Dad) and daily fitness and skill practice. The South West Mountain Bike Club runs junior sessions up at Pile Road in Ferguson Valley if anyone is interested in further challenge. See AJ. Please also consult AJ if you are ever considering purchasing a mountain bike for your child, if you would like further info. Please make sure all bikes are in working order especially brakes, chain, tyre pressure and seat height. It is ESSENTIAL that riders (any age) fit their bike for safety, comfort and long term injury prevention.

Closed in shoes require for mountain biking and running the bike track on Wednesdays. (all ages)

The year ahead: Educators at Child Side do not get relief staff in for DOTT in which they can plan, prepare and collect resources etc (which other schools offer staff on a weekly basis). Instead we use our School Development Days for whole school mandated planning, audits and documentation in the middle of each term and then each educator is allocated some full days each term for curriculum planning, personalised plans for children and reporting. Due to national curriculum implementation requirements staff have to attend curriculum sessions with other schools so we will all be in and out of school, this term especially.

Leonie's Year: This year continues to be a busy year for the O'Connell—Lanigan family with many sporting commitments and LTI meetings for Bryce's Proposal. Both Jaiden Year 12 at Manea and Bryce (FLA) have training commitments most afternoons and travel to Perth to train or compete. Bryce is involved in road and track cycling, mountain biking and football, with Jaiden (Year 12 at Manea) involved with in-line speed skating at an international level and coaching. Jaiden will be representing Australia in Argentina at in November so we will be very busy. Leonie also has the Big Picture Academy application to prepare on top of fulltime teaching and senior educator duties.

Reminders: Wednesdays are early close at 2pm to allow staff and families with appointments time to have Learning Team Debriefs.

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Important Dates: Please check our website calendar and the whiteboard up on the middle building regularly.

Messy Day Friday 21st February—

Early Years cluster K-2. Young children thrive on sensory experiences, touch, texture and movement in particular. The Early Years cluster paints, explores clay and other creative mediums in our afternoon sessions and have noticed the younger children enjoy painting themselves so we are having a Messy Day so they can hand paint, foot paint, enjoy the slipperiness of clay... building up relationships, develop related vocabulary and descriptive language and explore the properties of materials before they use them for specific purposes to create or communicate an idea. Please wear OLD clothes! We will have a 'Wet afternoon' to clean up so bring bathers, towels and water squirters. Lisa group welcome to join in afternoon session.

Friday 28th Feb- first Enterprise day of the Year. **Enterprise is for children and families to plan and prepare at home creative, useful, beautiful or nourishing produce at home to sell at school (and keep the money – financial literacy– supply and demand, effort, packaging etc...)**

Kindy families + new families morning tea Tuesday 25th Feb at 9:30 in the middle building. Bring a plate to share, have a cuppa and ask any questions of Leonie. Leonie will explain morning work and the shape of the day as well as some general observations about the kindy year and settling in period for new children.