



## Monkey room

Hello families, welcome to our 2<sup>nd</sup> newsletter for 2017.

Due to re-staffing at the Centre, Thao is now in the 3-4 year old room. To replace her in our room we now have a new educator join our team. Her name is, Kim, she is experienced and has a Cert III. Kim will be working between 9.30am to 4pm, 5 days per week.



Lucy and Cicelina also work as relievers in the toddler's room and together with myself (Nadia) and Saveena we are always happy to discuss with parents any issues, concerns, ideas or news with you. Please feel free to approach us and if you need a longer meeting, we can arrange it for your convenience.

## Outings / Excursions ....

We have ventured out into the local surrounding on a few occasions since our last newsletter.

One of our favourite places to visit is the playground on Packard Road. We have gone there at least 3 time already with different groups. The children love the equipment especially the slides and swings. We have also visited the local train station and did some nature walks to collect natural resources to use in the room.



We hope to be going on more excursions throughout the year, weather permitting, and explore more of the local area or just to have a play at the playground again.



## Toilet training ....

Over the months, many of the children have developed their toileting skills, others are learning and some are not ready yet. We are always there to support you and your child through this milestone. Please speak to us if you feel your child is ready and you want to start toilet training. We will also speak to you if we see that your child is showing interest in this area and we can work together in preparing them.

Please don't forget that every child is different and will learn at their own pace. Don't compare them to siblings or peers.



### Did you know?

Once toilet training starts, it can take 3-4 weeks for most children to achieve dryness. For some children, this process can take several months.

It's common for children to have accidental soiling even a year or two after toilet training.

## Setting Goals:

We are always challenging children to try new experiences to support their learning. With your input and feedback, we would like to set new goals for your child. Please speak to one of us to discuss what goal you would like for your child. We will advise you on what may be an achievable goal for individual children. Some areas we encourage for this age are Language, self-help, social and emotional and physical development. They are all at different levels so we work with you to help them develop these life skills.



## Projects ....

So far we have involved the children in a few projects. The most recent was the planting project where we grew sunflowers from seeds and grew sprouts on cotton wool. The children gained knowledge on the life cycle of a plant. From seed to roots to stem and leaves and finally the flower.



The next project will be on 'the body'. The children will learn about the body part and in particular, the movements. As part of this project we will incorporate yoga in the program. Yoga will benefit the children as a relaxation technique and recognizing how their body moves and stretches.

## Mother's day morning tea



We hope to see everyone at our special morning tea to celebrate Mother's Day. If mum can't make it, we would be delighted to see dad, grandma/grandpa, aunty, uncle, sister or any special person in your child's life. Let us know if you can attend for catering purposes.