

# Pre – Kinder’s Newsletter

Welcome every child back to our Pre – Kinder room for the year of 2017. We would like to share with all families about our room’s educational program along with many exciting projects that we are going to do with your child in their daily basis. It would be great if families can come and give us some ideas on the educational program or donate any recycle materials to make our program and project more creative.

Our room currently cater for up to 22 children a day. Children are encouraged to develop and promote their self-help skill along with independence, where they will get a chance to participate in variety of different activities to explore the environment around them. Children are also curious learners and have a right to explore the environments Therefore, the open ended play spaces; natural environments; experiments and incursion/ excursion and project will be provided to encourage children to participate to enhance children’s interest/learning; enlarge children’s knowledge and develop skills as well.


During term one we have had celebrated many events with children and families like:

**Australia Day celebration** - celebrates the Australian country and culture. Both educators and children have been enjoyed and participated in variety of activities to celebrate the Australia Day such as hand print on the poster; cooking experience with “Oat Biscuits” and group discussion – we focused on the books “where are you from and Children on the world” as we would love children have more chance to explore more about the culture in Australia.

**Lunar New Year celebration** – Known as the Spring Festival. Children had an opportunity to explore & enlarge knowledge about the Lunar New year by participated in variety of activities in class such as making traditional lanterns & fan; firecrackers... group discussion about the “Traditional Chung cake; the meaning of cutting water melon and Red lucky pocket...”. Moreover, children also enjoyed participating in dragon dance and shared traditional foods to celebrate the Lunar New Year as well.

**Experiments** - Both educators and children have been participated in the Ice painting experiment in class – It helps children to develop their communication skill, explore the technology and basic scientific concepts as well.

**Our project** – We did “Light” project where it was coming from children’s interest as they showed curiosity about light. Both educators and children have been enjoying and



working together on Light such as we have group discussion about the Light to enlarge children's knowledge and children also have more chance to explore the light in different ways such as engaging with variety of resources like candle, X-ray board and torch. Children are very enjoying and exciting in this learning because it helps children to enlarge the real knowledge around the world and develop the skills and technology in our daily life.


## **PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies)**

We are currently doing PATHS program with the children. The children are introduced to circle time/ group time, and with the help of the educators they set the circle time rules for themselves. For example: while sitting at circle time the children should raise their hands when they need to talk, or let the other children finish their talk before they have a talk. Recently the children are becoming aware about PATHS program along with different emotions and feelings such as sad, happy, and angry. Children are enjoying the activities with peer and educators such as reading book about emotions and Turtle with friends, colouring turtle and his friends' pictures with crayon and texture. Also we are encouraging children to do turtle strategies when they get angry, or frustrate. Children seemed to enjoy the activity and many of them have learnt how to do turtle when they are not happy or upset. The PATHS program is still going for the children to continue to learn and hopefully all of our children will continue to practice the turtle's rule by the end of next semester.

## **Toilet training**

Currently, we doing toilet training in the room. If you feel like you need to toilet training your child, please feel free to talk with the educators in the room. We have some information and website about toilet training available for families to have a look, come and see our educators if you have any question or concern on how to start toilet training.

It was sad to say goodbye to Trang (previous room leader in the pre- kinder room) due to her personal circumstance. Thao is replacing Trang's position and she is now our new room leader. Also Anna is going on her maternity leave and her last day is on the 13<sup>th</sup> April. We wish Anna all the best and enjoy her motherhood time with her little baby boy and family. Also we would like to welcome Maya in our new team. Maya is now replacing Anna while she is on her maternity leave. She will be working alongside in our Pre-Kinder



room with your child and families are welcome to talk and discuss about your child's goal with her.

Once again thank you for all your help and contribution for all the events during the past few months. It was such a wonderful time when children, families and educators were celebrating Lunar New Year, Australian Day and Birthday together. We all have good time and hopefully we will see you more in our next events and continue to help us to have more remarkable moment together in Pre Kinder room and Acacia as a whole.

If you have any question regarding your child, room educational program or would like to give any ideas, please feel free to talk to any of our educators in the room.

Kind Regards

Thao, Maneet, Maya and Gracie