

PEDDER PATER

Really Great Care for Really Great Kids

July 2015

News from the Office

Wow, what a busy few months we have had! While the weather has been very cold, we have been staying nice and warm inside and participating in many activities. We have been involved in the Red Nose Disco for Red Nose Day, celebrated NAIDOC week with a special guest performer and had a visit from Dexter, the Guide Dogs Ambassador. We hope you have enjoyed looking at the photos on display at the front entrance.

Thank you to all who have purchased the **Entertainment Books!** We have sold a great amount and we look forward to using the money raised for purchasing new educational resources!



Pedder Patter is participating in the **Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion** again this year! When you shop at Woolies, you receive a sticker for every \$10 spent – collect the stickers, place them in to the box in our hallway and help us raise funds for purchasing some new outdoor equipment! Happy shopping!

Late last year, we were lucky enough to have Allan's Garden Centre at Prospect donate and install a raised vegetable garden – we are seeing the results now! Look at all our parsley and spinach!



We will be picking some of it for children and families to take home to use – keep an eye out for it at the entrance way next week!

Until next time.....
Jacqui

You may have noticed that Pedder Patter has not increased its fees this financial year. This was a decision made by the Board of Management due to the financial stability of the centre over the past 12 months.

We continue to strive to provide excellent quality care for all the children and families.

Have you participated in our Family Survey yet?

Click on this link to participate:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-2P9Y9CYY/>

All family feedback on how our service is performing is appreciated!

News from the Kitchen ...

Our winter menu is going off with a bang!! The children (and staff!) appear to be enjoying Megan's new creations – **tuna pilaf, Nigella's meatzza, Indonesian chicken fried rice and the ever popular pumpkin soup!**

Megan has been using our freshly grown parsley in the meals, bringing some fresh flavor to the meals.

Please ensure all food and food containers brought from home are clearly labelled with the child's name.

News from the Starfish Room

Over the past few months, some babies have been transitioned to the big Rainbow fish room!
It has been sad seeing them go but we know they have to grow up sometime!

We have also welcomed some new faces into our room, who have all settled in beautifully!

In our quiet times, we have been visiting the toddlers next door to have a turn on their play equipment, the slide and join in on some art and craft activities! We have then extended on these activities within our room when we are all up together!



See you next time,
Leah & the *STARFISH*

News from Rainbow Fish room

We have had a busy few months as we have watched the children grow and develop into confident little boys and girls. We have also farewelled some of our older children as they commence their journey in the Seahorse room. With sadness we said goodbye to 2 children and their families as they moved interstate and overseas.

We also congratulate Kristal and her family on the arrival of her daughter Hannah. We welcome Sam Murfet to the Rainbow fish room team.

We have been enjoying many different sensory experiences including sand play, shaving foam, making window shapes and bubble wrap popping!

We have also been engaging in lots of winter art and craft activities - check them out on display in our room! We celebrated Mother's Day, Red Nose Day (with a disco!) and NAIDOC week. Having our photos taken with Dexter the guide dog was the highlight!!

We look forward to sharing the coming months with the children and their families!

Dana, Liz & Sam



News from the Seahorse Room

We have embraced winter, engaging in winter arts and crafts - Polar bears, mittens and gumboots!

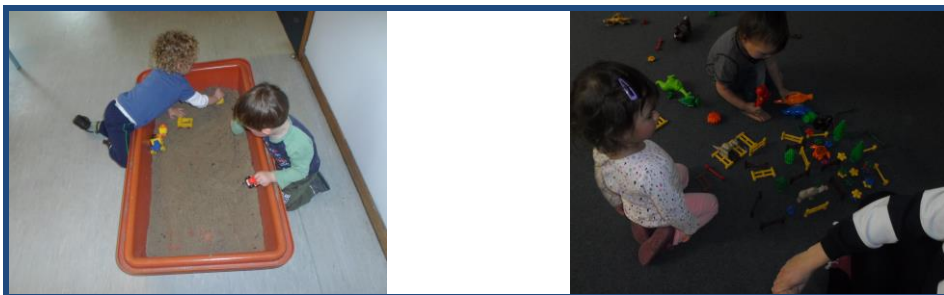
We have been exploring a variety of art forms including fly swat painting, balloon painting and shaving foam painting.

We all enjoyed NAIDOC week with our guest visitor, Danny, who performed some aboriginal music, dance and painting. The children enjoyed listening to the Digeridoo and jumping like kangaroos to the music! We also painted boomerangs and did our own bark painting.

As it has been so cold lately, our outside time has been limited. However, we have been bringing the outside in, using the balance beam, the stepping stones and the bridge inside! We would like to remind families to pack children with a warm jacket/coat and beanie so we can enjoy the outside time without being too cold!

Our current room goal is for children to practice their self-help skills with dressing and undressing themselves when going outside and coming inside. The children are getting very good at taking their own socks, shoes and pants off when getting ready for bed! Some children are attempting to put their own jumpers and coats on and off as well! The educators will continue to support the children in this area.

Lisa, Emily & Selina



News from the Dolphin Room

Our time in the Dolphin room has been busy, busy, busy!!

We have had lots of fun engaging in winter arts and crafts - you can see them displayed in our Winter Wonderland in the alcove area.

We have had a groovy time fundraising and raising awareness for Red Nose Day. We had a disco (fun!!), created red masks to wear and wore red clothing.

NAIDOC week was celebrated by participating in decorating cardboard boomerangs with paint and colouring in Native Australian animal pages! We finished the week with a visit from Danny, a Tasmanian Aboriginal man who shared with us all about the culture and traditions. We were excited to dance to the diggeridoo, barking like a dingo along with the music. Danny painted himself and some of the children in Ochre rock. Then we were able to make our hand prints using the Ochre rock.

We are currently focusing on the alphabet and learning the first letter of our names. Each week, we will be focusing on a new letter - engaging in activities all about the focus letter. Can we please remind families to remember the children must wear closed toed shoes with supportive straps, especially for outside play. A spare change of clothes is always welcomed as sometime we do get messy during the day and need to change. Please ensure all clothing is labelled with the child's name.

Ione, Jen, Clarissa & Preeni

