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December

Spring News

WHAT'S HAPPENING

5-9 DECEMBER

School Possums please bring a packed lunch box

5-9 DECEMBER

Bring in your uniform

13TH DECEMBER

Children's Christmas Celebration
(Possums)

14TH DECEMBER

Christmas Celebration
(Bilbies)

21ST DECEMBER

Centre closes 2pm.

Re-Opens 4th January @ 7:30pm.

Have a wonderful Christmas

Warm Regards,
Jack and Jill Team



" We are mermaids,
princesses and
ballerinas "
Evie & Hollie



Dear Families,



It's that busy time of the year, preparing for end of term, Christmas celebrations and transitioning children to school and preparing many of our Bilbies to transition into the Possum room.

Kellie, Gemma and the team ensure that children have an active role in preparing for transitions. Educators help children to understand the traditions, routines and practices of the settings to which they are moving and help children to feel comfortable, safe and secure with the process of change.

As children will transition to new environments educators support children in developing resilience, self regulation and their ability to take increasing responsibility for self-help skills and promote a sense of independence and confidence.

Always feel welcome to discuss any concerns or suggestions to support your child's transition with your child's room leader (Kellie or Gemma).

Kathy Walker and the Early Life Foundation provide quality insightful information in regard to school readiness and it's well worth having a look.

<http://earlylife.com.au/info/node/217>



DECEMBER 5TH - 9TH

Our Possum friends are invited to bring a packed lunchbox from home.

The children will be having picnic outside and learning to manage their lunch boxes.

If your child is going to school in 2017 please send a clearly labelled lunch box that is easily recognisable to your child.
(Please no nuts, chips, or lollies)

In the same week children are welcome to bring in their school uniform to show the group alternatively they may wear their school uniform. (we recommend a second hand uniform)

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In early childhood settings we reflect on principals that reflect on contemporary theories and research evidence concerning children's learning and early childhood pedagogy. Recently educators have been reviewing the principal of partnerships.

“LEARNING OUTCOMES ARE MOST LIKELY TO BE ACHIEVED WHEN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS WORK IN PARTNERSHIPS WITH FAMILIES.”
(EYLF Pg 12)



In the service educators strive to create a welcoming home-like environment where all children and families are respected and actively encouraged to collaborate with educators about the curriculum decisions in order to ensure that learning experiences are meaningful.

In the past six months educators have engaged in professional development sessions in relation to documenting and evaluating children's learning.

In the New Year we will be inviting parents to share their learning goals for their children with educators. By sharing your learning goals with educators it will support educators in developing an individualised learning plan for your child and strengthening partnerships.

In January families will be invited to email or come and discuss with your child's teacher areas of development and learning goals.



Warm regards,
Jack and Jill team.



On a personal note

Many thanks to all our past and present families who generously donate clothing, linen, towels and toys to the SALT community. All the items find a home very quickly and are greatly appreciated.

SALT Ministries supports Men, Women and Children through difficult times.

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POSSUM NEWS



Welcome to the end of the year...it has come so quickly as it always seems to do.

The children have had a lovely year getting to know each other and extending their learning and development. We are getting ready to farewell some of our older Possums as they transition to school and to welcome our new friends in the New Year when they join us from the Bilbies.

This time of year is always challenging for children, parents and educators. Often it is assumed that the children are becoming bored within their preschool environment. This is definitely an “urban myth”

Observations throughout preschools, schools and other centres show there is an enormous leap in children’s behaviour at his stage of the year. They have developed and progressed in their personal interests and abilities, and also in their physical capabilities and social awareness. All at varying speeds and stages.

It comes as a surprise for children to see their peers behaving differently, making wider choices and stretching boundaries.

This creates confusion and a feeling of being unsettled in their previously secure and predictable environment. A bit like throwing balls in the air and seeing where they land! Rules that have been well known, suddenly need to be reinforced by the educators.



Friendships alter and change with unintentional and surprise inclusions and exclusions. This can be very tricky for children to negotiate and understand. They misconstrue, and are developing skills to fully understand, other children’s intentions and true meanings.



It can be helpful for the adults in their world to explain this in a child friendly manner, supporting children with the fact that this is good and normal. Development and change equals growth...what we are all aiming for in the end.

We continue to keep our Possums challenged, excited and stimulated by the educational learning program right to the very close of our preschool year – anything less is unacceptable both for the children and ourselves.

Regards, Possum Team

We plan to spend the next few weeks focusing on Underwater Animals followed by Australian Animals. This will bring us to the last two weeks which will concentrate on getting ready for school transition and saying farewell to some of our friends.

Then HO HO HO – it will be Christmas and Celebrations

WE THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR DELIGHTFUL CHILDREN WITH US THIS YEAR.

They are a continual joy to watch as they observe, make discoveries and negotiate their world.



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BIBLY NEWS



Congratulations to our Bilby Families on the arrival of their new babies

Over the past couple of months we have congratulated many Bilby families on the arrival of their new babies!



Because of this we have followed a strong interest in caring for babies by using the home corner, and extending with doctors set.

This has expanded the children's knowledge of sequencing and what comes next.

For example washing the baby, drying, pretending to change a nappy, giving food and milk, putting baby to bed, singing lullabies and nursery rhymes and being doctors and nurses to check if baby is sick or well.

CREATIVITY

We have also supported their creativity by planning a wide selection of art and craft experiences, such as making tunnels and stations for the train set, creating pumpkins and witches hats for Halloween as well as using a variety of themed cutters with the play dough, making dinosaur pictures using different shapes and having daily access to paints at the easel.



Many Bilbies enjoy telling us mini stories about what they are painting, which we record and use as evidence for their portfolio.

Regards,
Bibly Team



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