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ALBANY CREEK KINDERGARTEN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2020



It is with sadness and excitement that we farewell our 2020 families and children. We have loved begin part of your lives for this short time and wish you all the best for your new adventure, "Prep". We are sure you will continue your love of learning and enjoy this next stage.

Our 4 year old Kindergarten classes have all been keenly preparing for their next phase in life. We have had many discussions about life in Prep and they have begun to share their orientation experiences. We have also been having some festive season fun and revisiting some of our favourite things to help celebrate the end of the year.

Even though the year bought many challenges we have been able to all overcome them, create new 'normals' and move forward in positive steps. A big thank you to everyone who has been able to volunteer throughout the year. No matter how big or how small your contribution was, we would not be able to provide such a high-quality educational facility without you.

*The "oh-it's -simply-nothing" things
That make our days much brighter.*

*With unobtrusive, friendly things,
And "never-mind-the-trouble" things,
And "won't-you-let-me-help-you" things,
You've made our hearts much lighter.*

Both the Blue and Yellow groups have been "Going on a bush walk" where they created the bush with trees, vines, a river and animals. They discussed what animals they might see and how to look after the animals and the bush. As some children also attended Bushcare, they discussed how some animals were nocturnal like the Tawny Frogmouth we have been watching in the tree in the cul-de-sac. To further develop their knowledge, they read lots of stories about Australian animals and the First Nations People. This socio-dramatic play also coincided with Outdoor Classroom day and NAIDOC week. The children were excited to spend the whole day outside especially having a rest outside too.



This term the Red group have further explored the members in our community who help us, beginning with doctors, nurses and pharmacists. They welcomed a number of parents who shared their occupations with us. We especially enjoyed learning about how pharmacists help us (they now know they don't work on a farm!), extending our knowledge about bones and they experienced getting a plaster cast on their arm. This term they have also participated in visits to the park, creek area, enjoyed mud and wet days and continue to prepare for Prep.



The Green Group have been extending their Numeracy and Literacy skills following interests in number games and creating their own storybooks. The class wrote letters to their Grandparents and then enjoyed reading some reply mail. They have been creating lists with initial sounds and other concepts. The class also enjoyed Outdoor Classroom Day as they went for a bush walk and did everything outside.



The Young Kindergarten children have continued to watch things grow including silkworms, tadpoles and seeds. They celebrated Book Week with a visit from the Librarian and sharing favourite books. Writing to the Grandparents inspired the setting up of a post office providing wonderful role play. They have become very independent and ready to be 'big' Kindergarten children.



Finally, we wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to welcoming the New Year of 2021. Good Luck and best wishes to our departing families. We look forward to seeing our returning families in 2021 and beyond.

Tracey Wilson, Nominated Supervisor/Educational leader

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"Would you like to help support our Community Kindergarten? If you collect lots of eligible bottles and containers (e.g. 10c refund at collection depots) and would like to share your contribution with us simply bring them into Kindergarten and deposit them into our orange bins located near the main entrance. Alternatively you can take your 10 cent containers to a drop off point and ask to have the funds added to our scheme account. Our account number is C10157789. Thank you for your ongoing support."



"Our centre acknowledges and pays its respects to the Turrbal people, the traditional custodians of the land on which our Kindergarten is placed.

We acknowledge and pay our respects to all elders past, present and emerging."

