

ATHOL ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN

Purpose: engage with children, families and educators through knowledge, understanding and respect

Welcome to Term 3!

We have had a busy start to Term 3, exploring many different concepts. Green and Red Group are learning about Indigenous Australians. We have learnt about the Aboriginal people being the first to live in Australia. The children have been learning about boomerangs which are used for hunting and the digeridoos which are used for music and storytelling. The children have learned what the different colours represent on the Aboriginal flag and have talked about the adversities the Aboriginal people faced. We will be using this opportunity to also learn about tolerance and respect for diversity and different cultures. During Term 4, the children will participate in an Aboriginal incursion to learn more about indigenous culture through a mixture of dance, art, story-telling and games.



The children are currently preparing for their excursion to Chesterfield Farm on Wednesday 28th August (for BLUE and GREEN group) and Thursday 29th August (for RED group). The purpose of our visit is to provide the children with an authentic farm experience and to extend on children's knowledge of living things. The children are currently exploring a farm animal play area in the kindergarten and have spent time learning how to say farm animal names in Mandarin. The kindergarten children are also learning about farm animals through basic yoga poses and will continue their learning in more depth of how farms contribute to our community.



As part of our sustainability focus at the kindergarten, we decided to look at how paper is made. The children were involved in the step by step process of making recycled paper with Mrs Mangoni. It was a special experience which provided children with rich sensory play while they learnt about the process involved in recycling paper. During this process, we talked about paper coming from trees and how important it is for us to recycle and save as many trees from being cut down as we can.



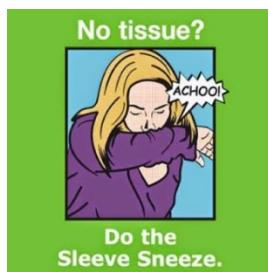
Kindergarten children have enjoyed the story called, "I can eat with my chopsticks". We learnt how to say "chopsticks" in Chinese ("kuài zi") and how chopsticks came about. Chopsticks are now openly available for the children to practise with, at the lunch table. The kindergarten children did a great job learning and practising this new skill. The children used this opportunity to develop their fine motor skills as well as eye-hand coordination.

FAMILY INPUT

The kindergarten teachers and educators highly value working together with families for the development of all children. OPEN MORNINGS are scheduled every Wednesday. Parents and carers are welcome to come and spend time in the kindergarten to simply play and interact with the children or share their skills with the children and educators. We would like to thank Lucas, Alice, Hawa and Derren's mum for coming to spend quality time with the kindergarten children.

REMINDER

The cooler weather has arrived and brings with it a lot of coughs and colds. In Kindergarten we are talking to the children about good hygiene practices, clean noses, covering their mouths when coughing and the importance of washing their hands. If your child is sick, please keep them at home. This is for the wellbeing of your child, educators and our families.



IMPORTANT DATES

Kindergarten Incursion: Responsible Pet Program – Wednesday 7th August (GREEN group), Thursday 8th August (RED group), Friday 9th August (BLUE group)

Chesterfield Farm Excursion – Wednesday 28th August (BLUE and GREEN group), Thursday 29th August (RED group)

Last Day of Term 3 – Friday 20th September