



Newsletter

Term 3, Week 8- 2019



Fairy Garden

The children in Preschool have shown a strong interest in fairies and a fairy garden. The fairy garden has started inside and may continue to our new play space when it is completed.

The interest in fairies has built on the children's imagination, communication and literacy skills as they write letters and draw pictures for the fairies. We have been lucky the fairies are also writing letters back to the children with very key messages.

1. Thanking them for being kind and helpful in Preschool.
2. Asking them to sing the handwashing song so they can also learn it to stay healthy. We started with one fairy in Preschool but now we have two as they are learning how to wash their hands. I wonder if we will have more fairies visiting.
3. The children have been extremely creative making fairy pictures, wands, gardens and more as well as setting up the fairy home with the props the fairies leave with their letters.

Our Physical Environment

We are very happy with the changes in our physical environment. The children have been engaged in the changes and have been flexible with their play spaces as we have had many workers in and out of our outdoor area. This has also lead to interesting discussions such as how to make concrete.

We are finalising the outdoor play spaces and completing final safety checks before we play in the new area. Our discussions have also begun about expectations in the new outdoor area and the ideas for the area.

A few physical environment changes and upgrades:

- An extra fence with new area and gardens (plants to come) to expand our play space to have more natural environments to play in.
- Pole covers in the outdoor area to make our play space safer for more physical activities.
- The large pencils at the front of the Preschool with the Early Years Learning Framework key words and colours: *Belonging, Being and Becoming*.
- Outdoor seating in the garden to keep you warm on the colder mornings and new seats in the Preschool entrance.
- Two new shade cloths.

Thank you to Mr Fisher and Mr Thomas for supporting the Preschool team to make these changes and upgrades possible.

Handwashing Song

*Tops and bottom
Tops and bottom
In between, In between
Scrub them all together, Scrub
them all together.
Now you're clean, squeaky clean!*

Dental Incursion and Screening

This term, the children have shown an interest in teeth, caring for their teeth and the tooth fairy. We are extending this interest by inviting the dentist to come to our Preschool to teach us more about dental care and to have dental screenings. Please return notes ASAP. Thank you

Have an INCREDIBLE Week!