
Special Happy Birthday to Noah and Max for May, and Nat and Ben for June. We hope you all had a very special day!

Please remember Winter clothing as it is cold outdoors when we go for a play!

**Remember Kinder Graduation
December ...TBC**

The Emeralds room children are now over half way through the kinder year and have been involved in a variety of learning experiences designed to challenge their existing knowledge and skills. Over the next few months we will expect to see the children consolidating this learning in preparation for school and further early learning next year. Nat and I have observed the children making more independent choices and participating in the program with increased levels of confidence. Some of the topics of learning that we have explored are dinosaurs, volcanoes, stranger danger and our visit to the aquarium. Two of the highlights in our program in the area of the arts were making money boxes and also decorating kites. The children enjoyed these activities and were able to show off their creative work.

Responsible Pet Education Program.....5th July
Dental Health Show.....27th July
Melbourne Symphony Orchestra Excursion.....31st July

The most recent of our learning projects is the exploration of space. The children are showing much enthusiasm and interest in learning about the solar system and all the interesting facts about each of the planets. Many children have been involved in decorating the 'space' corner and also in constructing their own space shuttles from recycled materials.

Many of the children are showing an increased interest in early literacy. The children are continuously observing sharing books and are also beginning to develop writing skills. The free 'writing' and drawing table has become a permanent learning area because many of the children are really enjoying practicing their skills. At this table

we have been providing the children with paper envelopes, a variety of drawing implements and a copy of the 'Victorian Infant Cursive Script' to ensure that the children are learning the correct way of writing.

INCURSION

On the 5th of July, we are conducting a Responsible Pet Education Program. We will be welcoming a special guest into our program. Lydia (Pet Educator) and her dog STAR will be here to help with the children's learning. Ideally this should be a positive experience for the children so if you know your child is afraid of dogs, let us know so that we can help them feel comfortable on the day.

SCHOOL READINESS

To help answer some questions about school readiness, I have included some copies from a great publication (no longer in print), brought out by the Department of Education and Training (2002) called "The Step into Prep. A guide for parents" I hope it will be useful.

If you have any comments or concerns, please see myself or Nat.

Thank you

Sarah and Nat
