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It has really been lovely to have everyone back in the service. It feels like our community is back together. You are always to stay for a play, or if you would like to share some dance, cooking or music with the children please chat to the educators.

### **Gastro**

As some of you may have seen Early Childhood Services across the State have been impacted by a gastro outbreak. Laverton Community Children's Centre has had four suspected cases. Gastroenteritis is highly infectious and may spread rapidly. The virus is present in the vomit and faeces of an infected person and can spread either: from close contact with infected persons; contact with contaminated surfaces; or consuming contaminated food or drink. Viruses are often spread from person-to-person, and to objects and food via unwashed hands.

We will work to minimise the outbreak by doing the following:

- Ensuring all staff and children wash hands thoroughly with soap and running water for 20 seconds
- ensure any person who develops vomiting or diarrhoea remains at home for at least 48 hours after their symptoms have stopped, and to see a

GP for advice and testing if symptoms are severe or persist

- clean and sanitise facilities following [Department of Health guidelines](#).

Please note; While alcohol-based hand sanitisers are recommended to prevent transmission of COVID-19, they are not effective for dealing with many of the viruses that cause gastro.

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The following resource has more information:

- Better Health Channel - [Gastroenteritis in children](#)

### **Project books.**



In each of the children's room there is a project book. The books are designed for children and educators to share ideas thoughts and plans for activities.

Often the books look messy and there are lots of shared notes. Educators will capture children's voices by writing down their ideas. It also great early literacy for children to observe an adult writing the written word. Very often, children will copy letters or ask

what words say. This will extend their learning about early literacy.



Even our infants will contribute!

### **Staffing**

This week our Educational Leader, Tina and one of our Early Childhood Teachers Sid took part in training to learn about the concept of bush kinder. Bush kinder is a progressive concept that thrives on outdoor exploration.

A group of educators also went along to the Early Years Learning Framework musical. It is a musical about our curriculum and meeting all the requirements within it.

### **The week that was.....**



The children did breathing exercises as part of their yoga practice.



Working together to build and create.



Gardening together



No week would be complete without time for creating art.