

LAVERTON COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CENTRE

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2023



MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Hello Families,

I hope everyone is doing well. The warmer weather has been utilised by us all over the past month. The children have definitely got their fill of vitamin D, so please ensure hats and sun cream are applied before arrival.

We would like to welcome all our new families. There have been many new friends joining us and we look forward to sharing our learning journey with you all.

We had a lovely time celebrating Special Persons breakfast or Afternoon tea. It was lovely for the children to be able to share with their special people, what they do, and all the experiences that they get to enjoy whilst at kinder or long day care.

We celebrated Educators Day this month which we were lucky enough to enjoy lovely food on our lunch breaks. More importantly we treasured the gifts and words of appreciation that were delivered to the team from families. Those kind words mean more than you will know.

The children have enjoyed the beekeeper making her visits to check on our bees. They have been particularly active during these warmer days.

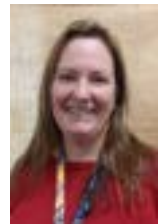
It is already creeping towards the end of year, so we have locked in our family end of year get together. We will be meeting at Curlew Park on the 3rd of December at 10am, to enjoy a picnic. We are looking forward to spending some time with you all, to get to know you better. I have attached an invitation so you can print it off. You will also see the flyers around our centre to remind everybody.

Thanks:

Michelle, Krystle, and Melanny.



*Krystle
Manager*



*Michelle
Manager*



*Melanny
Assistant
Manager*



SPECIAL DAYS: SEPTEMBER 2023

September 1 – Special Persons Breakfast

September 6 – Early Childhood Educators Day

September 14 – R U OK? Day

September 13 – Sessional 3yr Old Last Day of Term 3

September 14 – Sessional 4yr Old Last Day of Term 3

September 15 – Integrated 3yr & 4yr Old Last Day of Term 3

FUTURE DAYS TO REMEMBER: OCTOBER 2023

October 2 – Integrated 3yr & 4yr old Kinder First Day Term 4

October 3 – Sessional 4yr old Kinder First Day Term 4

October 4 – Sessional 3yr old Kinder First Day Term 4

October 5 – World Teacher's Day (Aust.)

October 9-13 – World Space Week

October 21-29 – Children's Week

October 31 – Halloween



MESSAGE FROM TINA

Hello Everyone

I hope you are enjoying the lovely spring weather! I am delighted to have returned from my placement in time to spend some quality time with the children. It's been an exciting time for us as we've been busy looking after the bees and collecting honey. Additionally, the children have been helping to grow and harvest broad beans and choosing which flowers and vegetables they would like to grow in our flower patch.

During my five-week placement, I had the opportunity to learn many valuable practices and strategies to support children's learning and development, which I will be sharing with our teachers and educators. Over the past few weeks, certain educators and teachers have participated in professional development sessions on utilising Puppet for teaching emotional regulation to children, as well as incorporating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives into the curriculum. LCCC is committed to supporting the professional growth of educators to provide the best possible education and care for children.



Tina
Educational
Leader



BABIES (0-2 YEARS OLD)



Sherry
Team Leader

ROOM 1 (12 – 24 Months)

This month in September, Room 1 explored the beautiful change of the seasons and welcomed the warm Spring.

We held our lovely Special Persons Breakfast, where many of our baby's loved ones joined them and spent quality time together. To commemorate the beginning of Spring, the babies went on an excursion around the local park to see the beautiful blooming flowers, and feel the warm weather and glorious sunshine. This helped reinforce the babies' connection to the community and their natural surroundings.



Inson
Co-Educator



Christina
Co-Educator



Li Chen
Co-Educator



Saraiah
Trainee





Eti
Team Leader



Helene
Co-Educator

ROOM 2 (6 Weeks– 12 Months)

Spring is here and we had very nice weather outside, so we played outside more and went for walk to the park. This month we concentrate on sensory play such as art and painting, so our little one can touch and feel the paint. We did different types of painting during the whole month. We did Paint with flowers, tree branches, cars, shapes and paint with cotton bud on the foil etc. Babies are very happy and excited to touch the paint. The benefits of painting are extensive. Painting is fun and can be a learning avenue for babies. During painting, some things babies learn are visual expression, spatial intelligence, and colour recognition. Also, they can develop their creative prowess and motor skills when they paint often. This month we had two more new babies started in Room 2, Scout and Ewan. They are settling in the room and routine slowly slowly.

We had special person (Father's Day) morning tea celebration in babies room. Thanks for coming and joining us for the morning tea, it was really great to see all the parents and chat with.



TODDLERS (2-3 YEARS OLD)

ROOM 3

During September as the weather has been getting warmer and sunny we have spending more outside and outdoors, this includes playing outdoors often, playing with water and going on multiple excursions we try and encourage outdoor play as it promotes physical activity and development and their social well-being.



Ann
Room Leader



Djamella
Co-Educator



Rahana
Co-Educator



ROOM 4

In Room 4, September was all about reconnecting with nature, fostering a love for the environment, and providing our learners with hands-on experiences that brought learning to life. With the arrival of spring, we couldn't resist the call of the great outdoors. Our little explorers engaged in nature play, immersing themselves in the sensory delights of the natural world.

Planting seeds was a hands-on highlight of our month. Our pint-sized gardeners eagerly got their hands dirty as they planted seeds in pots. They learned about the life cycle of plants and the importance of nurturing them. Watching their seeds sprout and grow became a daily source of excitement and wonder.

Art and nature converged as we embarked on a creative endeavour to make our very own cherry blossom trees. Using twigs and petals, our little artists brought the magic of spring to life. The resulting "blossom" trees adorned our classroom, reminding us of the beauty of the changing seasons.

Our adventures extended beyond the classroom with exciting excursions to nearby parks and gardens. These field trips allowed our children to observe the wonders of nature in a larger context, reinforcing their appreciation for the natural world. We look forward to the many more natural wonders and discoveries that lie ahead on this exciting educational journey.



Mamta
Team Leader



Sukanya
Co-Educator



Jessica
Co-Educator



INTEGRATED KINDER (3-YEARS OLD)



Jen
Kindergarten Teacher



Deepa
Co-Educator



Catherine
Co-Educator



Inoka
Co-Educator

In August, following our inaugural bush kinder program, we celebrated children's time spent in nature through photos. Photos capture children's learning through an experience and to celebrate children's bravery and confidence with their play out in an open-ended space. Collaboratively, we worked on a big photo poster together and this led to plenty of meaningful conversations.

We have also been engaging in age-appropriate board games, for children to engage in turn taking opportunities and furthermore continue to build upon their hand dexterity, fine motor skills – a great contributor to children's pre-writing skills. We had many visits to the big kinder yard too, as part of our transition program.



INTEGRATED KINDER (4-YEARS OLD)



Helen
*Working towards
Bachelors*



Pam
*Kindergarten
Teacher*



Jenny
Co-Educator



Kerry
Co-Educator



Linh
Trainee

In September, I am genuinely delighted to have the opportunity for a work placement at our integrated 4-year-old kindergarten. Working with children has been an inspiration for me, especially when I observe their involvement in my extracurricular art activities. It's been truly amazing to witness how these children engage with various art forms, both at tables and easels, and how they incorporate natural elements into their artwork. For example, they used a bush branch as a painting tool, skilfully wove vines into their creations, explored a multitude of colours, and expressed themselves through diverse mediums. Additionally, they eagerly contributed their ideas to sculptural projects and puppetry.

This experience has motivated me to consider how I can translate these inspiring ideas into a long-day care setting to cater to the diverse interests and needs of children across different age groups. By observing and participating in these artistic endeavours, I have gained valuable insights into fostering creativity and expression among children. I look forward to applying these lessons to my future activities and creating an enriching environment where children can thrive.

Helen Huang



MESSAGE FROM THE KITCHEN

RECIPE: Veggie Stir-Fried Noodles

Ingredients:

150g pack hokkien noodles
 1tbsp vegetable oil
 2.5cm piece fresh ginger, finely chopped
 2 garlic gloves, finely chopped
 1 large carrot, cut into match sticks
 100g frozen peas
 85g beans sprout (optional)
 2tsp soy sauce
 1tsp white vinegar



*Aki
Cook*



*Kylie
Cook*



METHOD

1. Cook the noodles according to pack instructions
2. Meanwhile, heat the oil in a wok or large frying pan, then stir -fry the ginger garlic, carrot and peas over a high heat for 2-3mins.
3. Drain the noodles thoroughly, add to the pan with the beansprouts, if using, then stir-fry for 2mins.
4. Mix together the soy sauce and vinegar, stir into the pan, then cook for 1-2mins.
5. Divide between individual plates or bowls and serve immediately.

