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This week the children had a meeting with Tina and Eti. The meeting was to discuss what the children would like to see in Long day care. Many parents working from home has meant the children have great insight into what a meeting means, with many explaining things like, "you have to be quiet when mum or dad is in a meeting!"

It became quite the think tank, with children requesting a television, in true compromising spirit it was agreed that the children will make a tv and place it on the wall.



It is so great to see the children really making decisions about what they would like to see and do. It is very clear they know what they want!

**Monday morning coffee.**

On Monday morning we are supporting a local business who will have their coffee van onsite. There is no pressure to purchase at all, it is

purely an opportunity to support local business. The van will be in the front car park from 7am. This is purely a trial to gauge if there is interest.



**Staffing**

We have put together a roster which has seen all staff back to their allocated rooms before stage 4 restrictions were put in place. All the long day care rooms are now open, and sessional kinder is back. Piumi who is normally in Kindergarten 1 is currently on placement, and it is great to see our co educator, Kanthi back in kindergarten.

**Staff Learning and training.**



Staff have been busy putting together all the learnings to trial the modified program planning. Our educational leader, Tina has been working incredibly hard with individual staff members and small groups of staff to ensure everyone is clear on expectations and a smooth transition into a simplified process of documenting children's learning and development.



Chait has officially gone on maternity leave; Chait has worked in nearly all of the rooms throughout LCCC. We are all really happy about her pending baby news and wish her and her husband all the very best for the months ahead.

### **Extra-curricular Learning**

We continue to roll out extra-curricular experiences, this Wednesday Helen took a dance class in the alternative care room. It was like a giant party! We hope that it will be part of each Wednesday program. As with any program children are not pressured to come along, we completely respect if they are

already engaged in learning and play elsewhere.



Learning happens everywhere! Placing old milk crates in a way that is safe to balance on and then balancing on sand provides learning about maths, science and gross motor skills.

### **3 Year Old Kindergarten**

As announced; three-year-old kindergarten will be funded for all children. Currently families access the 3-year-old program via the Federally funded Childcare subsidy system, however in 2022, in our local municipality 3-year-old kinder will be available to all eligible children. We are working closely with Hobsons Bay Council to ensure each child within our service and our community has an opportunity to be a part of 3-year-old kindergarten.

### **Kindergarten**

Kindergarten is back. It was so great to see so many children back at kindergarten.

For those of you that have not heard 4-year-old kindergarten is free for term 4. We welcome the support to families and children's learning.