



August 2022

Toybox News



Dear Toybox Families,

Enrolment's for children attending care are all ongoing. Please inform us in writing of any changes needed for upcoming care and we can try to adjust future bookings. Notices will go out to Kindy Room parents at the start of September for children starting School and Kindy next year. Please return with your movements for next years bookings, add any changes to siblings care. Work capacity forms will be sent out at the same time to everyone to update for 2023.

Emergency contacts will need to be updated for any families who have less than three contacts on file. In emergency situation we need to be able to contact families regarding their children so please leave a note on sign in sheet and talk to staff if you cannot be reached during the day and alternate contact.

Children's Allergies and plans are to be updated at the office in writing please.

Please do not email Toybox using the invoice email address, this is the software company's address that states it is "noreply@economicoutlook", it is not monitored. Please email all correspondence to admin@toyboxccc.com.au

Reminders from the rooms: Please label children's belongings/spare clothes.

If you are wanting to supply food from home please bring in lunch box to be kept in kitchen instead of in children's bags.

Nappies are supplied through all rooms of Toybox. If you are wanting to use pull up's please supply to children's room.

We kindly discourage bringing toys/personal possessions from home (unless they are comforters).



CENTRE EVENTS

15th-19th

August

Science Week

22nd-26th

August

Book Week

"Dreaming with eyes open"

5th-9th

September

Ocean Week & Educator Week

Friday 16th

September

Pirate Day

Monday 3rd

October

Public Holiday

10th—14th

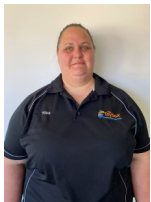
October

Super Hero Week

Monday 31st

October

Halloween



FOOD NEWS:TINA EDMONDS

Tina is trialing a new dish each week. So far we have had beef stew and sweet and sour rice. We look forward to many more exciting meals. Tina is always looking for feedback from parents and welcomes any suggestions.

Lower Eyre Peninsula Community Child Care Services Inc



T/A Toybox Community Child Care Centre

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on **Tuesday 20th September 2022**
At 46 New West Road, Port Lincoln At 6.30pm



Children's Christmas Party 2022

Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday the 11th December 2022



Christmas Closure Dates for 2022:

Last Day: Friday 23rd December 2022

Reopen: Monday 9th January 2023



Nursery Room



The babies have had a busy few months in the nursery room. We had NAIDOC week where the babies enjoyed doing lots of fun craft and dot painting activities. In the past month we have been learning about our 'five senses', exploring a different sense each week. The children have tried lots of different new foods for our sense of 'taste' such as lemon, orange and pickles. We did a taste friendly oat messy play station and have been talking about all the different foods we eat throughout the day.



For the sense 'touch' the children got involved in a lot of messy play such as gloop, puffy paint, shaving cream, lentil/seed tray with loose parts, bubble wrap painting and edible slime .

The nursery children also enjoyed reading 'that's not my koala' touch and feel book and playing with some new rainbow toys.



Toddler Room

Welcome back to Toybox Julie & to the Toddler Room.

Our Toddler friends have been observing and caring for the stick bugs, observing the process of decomposition in our worm farm, watching our carrots ,strawberries and broccoli seeds sprouting.

In our morning group time, we say our Acknowledgment to Country and talk about the days of the week and the weather. It's being great seeing our toddlers saying the days out loud and getting up to go check the weather. Our friends have been interest in painting, drawing, songs, numbers, colours, ABCs, train tracks, baking and magnetic shapes.

This month we are learning about space and are continuing developing self-help skills like blowing nose and washing hands. With "pepper on water" experiment, our toddlers learnt about germs and the importance of washing hands after blowing their noses and after toileting or nappy change. We've added a "Boogie Bin" and tissue station so the children can develop self help skills.

We have just added a "Floor book" to the room to display our program and children's activities of the day. If your child has a new interest, please let us know in the parent input/ feedback section so we can extend on their interest and support development of new skills. The book is located next to the sign in sheet on the counter.



Educational Leader Leah Stuart-Douglas

Welcome to winter! We have had lots of cold frosty mornings but it hasn't dampened our joy for learning. NAIDOC week was a great chance for us to explore cultural diversity and we have created some large paintings for the centre walls using the colours of the Australian Aboriginal and Torres straight Islander flags. We have also celebrated Cake week and Crazy Hair Day.

In rooms we have continued on our natural world exploration. We now have stick insects and tadpoles in the centre and the children are enjoying learning about life cycles and watching the animals grow.

Educators have been working on individual professional development aims, selected from National Quality Areas 1 and 4. These aims have taken on various tangents but all activities, projects and reflections increase Educator knowledge of industry best practice and add value to diverse teaching practices at the centre.

Reviewing our QIP aims over the past two years has shown a steady improvement in the quality of care and education offered at the centre. This is a reflection of the dedication of our team and I am appreciative of the efforts everyone has put into making the centre a fantastic place to be.





Over 3's

PRE-KINDY

This month we have been focusing on sustainability as our main topic of interest. As children are already involved in gardening and cultivating worm farms in care. We have been promoting discussions with the children about sustainable practices and how they can look after the environment and animals. Especially as we have tadpoles in our room.

We provided a recycling station with visual displays for the children to explore. We have incorporated many different crafts and sensory and creative experiences for the children.

We have also been exploring the winter season through science experiments on how to make rain and snow.

We celebrated NAIDOC week. We learnt about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dance, dreamtime stories and dot painting. As part of our morning routine we do Acknowledgement to Country to pay respect to traditional land owners.

This week we have focused on fire safety and discussions about how to be safe in a fire emergency. We watched a video about "Fire truck Roy School Drill" and read the book Pete a Cat Firefighter and incorporated numeracy and creative activity such as making fire hat. We are also making self-regulation one of our main focuses and how to treat our friends and toys with respect.

We also are focused on learning the Alphabet and Numbers to recognise the sounds and trace them. We incorporate this into our group time, sensory and creative experiences.

We are happy to introduce our daily book to the parents. Please feel free to give us feedback.



KINDY ROOM

During NAIDOC Week, the children participated in various Arts and Crafts activities, such as mindfulness drawing, identifying and painting symbols, painting flags, using playdough mats, and painting a Rainbow Serpent. The children enjoyed listening to the Dreamtime Story – 'Tiddalik the Frog' and using the puppets for the Dreamtime Story.

The children in the Kindy Room have been learning about 'Life on Planet Earth' by planting various seeds in pots and taking care of the seedlings. The children enjoyed planting the seeds and checking the daily growth.

We have been learning about taking care of our planet by sorting our rubbish into General Waste and Recycling. The educators have incorporated recycling into the art corner by using recycled boxes as an art canvas for the children to paint and decorate. The children have been using recycled boxes as props in pretend play and have fascinating and elaborate role plays. The educators and children will continue to recycle and introduce the concepts reduce and reuse.

We have been learning about the Lifecycle of Frogs and have living Tadpoles in the classroom. The children are eager to check the Tadpoles in the morning to monitor the physical growth and observe the Tadpoles eat lettuce leaves throughout the day. We also have living Stick Insects in an enclosure in the classroom and have been learning interesting facts and concepts about Stick Insects.

We have introduced the topics, 'Patterns in Nature' and 'Music and Movement' which will be a focus for our upcoming learning experiences, and we will continue to promote working together in small groups, being a good listener, making good play choices, using good manners, using good hygiene practices, and our classroom rules and expectations.



NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

We explored animal tracks in the Pre Kindy , Hand print paintings in the Nursery , fire safety in the Toddler room and painted The Rainbow Serpent in the Kindy Room . We also ate yummy Damper, Bush food scones and bush food chocolates.



Farewell Tracey—we wish you all the best in your new venture.

Welcome back to Andrea who will be returning at the end of the month after injury. She is excited to return.

