



## Teachers Report

### Wombat and Possum Groups

#### November 2020

The end of the year is quickly approaching, the teachers are finalising the transition reports and the second year statements, and the children are enjoying the final term of the year at kinder. They are getting involved in very complex engineering projects in the sandpit. Finding architectural creativity through imaginative play in the block corner and are learning about sustainability, recycling and the local environment. We had a Yarra River taking form in our sandpit and the children built amazing bridges to cross it and brainstormed ways of containing it. Then, we got involved in hands on recycling games that extended the knowledge of the children in this area. We planted native plants, herbs and flowers in small pots that the children took home. We planted cucumber and carrots in our veggie garden at kinder and learned more about the weather in Victoria. We examined nests and created clay nests with the children using natural materials. We modelled clay pots (thanks to the donation of Olivia's family in Possum) and had a party for the last day of our placement student Sophie, who we will all miss.

Most of all we are enjoying this important time of being at kinder, developing social and interpersonal skills and getting involved in group activities that include a large number of children. The children are acquiring vital social and emotional skills that will be priceless at school while in the yard and in the class.

We have an outdoor literacy station that is frequently visited by the children and our group times are getting longer and the books are requiring deeper concentration and comprehension skills.

It is hard to believe that very soon many children will embark on a new chapter of their life and we will be sad to see them go and very proud for all what they have achieved!

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