

Program Report- Term 1

3 Year Old Kinder

Outcome 1: *Supporting children to be comfortable to be themselves and to develop secure relationships with educators - Identity*

Outcome 2: *Supporting children to confidently separate from their families - Community*

Outcome 3: *Supporting children to care for their physical well-being and develop independence skills – Well-being*



KEY DATES:

Tuesday 16th February – First full day of 3 Year Old Kinder – 8:30am-1:30pm

Local Indigenous Season – Eastern Kulin Seasonal Calendar

January-February is Biderap, the Dry Season. In this season we see:

- Hot, dry weather. High temperatures and low rainfall.
- Female Common Brown butterflies are flying.
- Bowat (tussock-grass) is long and dry.
- The Southern Cross is high in the south at sunrise.

Reminders -

- Full session starts 16/2
- Bring a snack box and lunch box
- Drink bottle
- Wear closed shoes
- Bring a pillow case & if desired 1 cuddle toy for rest time
- Nappies and wipes, if required
- Plastic bag for wet/dirty clothes

Wominjeka/Welcome “We’ve Only Just Begun”

It’s been only a brief time in our beginning of 3 year old Kinder.

It was wonderful to meet all the families during the Parent/child interviews and we hope that you are now familiar with the team of Susie, Jennifer and Yukie.

Our half day sessions this week were a peaceful start and a great opportunity to spend some one to one time with each child.

We are looking forward to the longer sessions and getting to know the children further.

We endeavour to create a relaxed environment so that children feel at home and are comfortable to take themselves to the variety of play based learning experiences at Kinder.

Getting to Know & Trust One Another

We are getting to know one another throughout the day with lots of opportunity for chats one to one, in small groups and at group time. At group time, we have focused on a name game or song so that we can learn one another's names and children have an opportunity to find their voice in the group. Some children speak confidently and others show some shyness.

Feeling Secure at Kinder

For some, 3 year old Kinder may be their first time in care away from family and for others it is an extension on other care and education settings but for all children this is a new environment and they need time to feel comfortable and secure here. This is a big focus point and children will be provided with ample time for unstructured play with minimal transitions and interruptions. This will allow them a greater sense of autonomy and opportunity to find their identity and community at Kinder.

Focus on caring for ourselves

This is always an important area of development for children at Kinder. We are continually encouraging the development of self-care skills. It is an ongoing and gradual process. For children in 3 year old kinder some key aspects are toileting, washing hands and eating regularly. The educating team will be providing plenty of guidance for each process so that children may develop routines around these important aspects of well-being.



Appealing sensory play spaces help children to settle in and engage in their new environment



Very involved in cooking play at our mud kitchen.



Industrious work in the sandpit and outdoor kitchen.



There's nothing like time on a swing to feel the simple enjoyment of being.