



FARMHOUSE Kinder

MAY NEWSLETTER

This Month we have recognised Reconciliation Week at Farmhouse Kinder. Children learnt about First Nations people by engaging in art projects, cooking, storytelling, singing, and dancing. Thank you for wearing yellow and for any donations to Children's Ground.

LEARNING THROUGH STORYTELLING

Storytelling can be used to develop skills across all areas of learning in the Early years. By listening to and then retelling stories, children are required to think about what events were important in the story and the sequence in which they happened. Acting out stories through role-play, small world objects, and by playing with puppets allows children to take on characters and situations in the stories they know and extend them.

The re-enacting of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' has been a popular activity in the Barn room. With the teacher acting as the narrator, children can take on character roles and voices to tell a familiar story to an audience of peers. Retelling familiar stories may be something that you practice at home. Asking the following questions can act as good prompts:

- What is happening on this page?
- What happened next?
- How is that character feeling?

Retelling a familiar story from memory or by using picture prompts is an important skill for children to develop as a foundation for learning to read.

FROM THE BARN WE VALUE SUSTAINABILITY

This month children participated in the "Waste and Recycle" incursion hosted by the Wyndham Council. It was an interactive session where we learnt about the use of different bins for different waste. In a follow-up session, we learnt about worm farms and how they are important for keeping food waste out of landfill.

The children helped set up a worm farm that was provided by the council and are enthusiastic about collecting their food scraps for the worms to eat. Introducing a worm farm has provided an opportunity for children to investigate sustainability in an interactive way.

As we are all now 'Worm Experts', you may like to ask your child what foods worms can and can't eat.

Road Safety skills are important for children to start learning at an early age. Farmhouse Kinder is developing ways to embed the learning of road safety skills and practices into our program. We also look forward to sharing information with families about how you can continue to learn about Road Safety at home.

Reminder: **Tuesday 4th June** is a Curriculum Day for Staff and therefore there is **NO KINDER** for children on this day.

FROM THE NEST CELEBRATIONS: BIG AND SMALL

Including Celebrations in the Kinder Program can be an enriching experience, to bring people together, to create a feeling of belonging and, to develop a sense of community amongst families, educators and children. We will be including Celebrations regularly throughout the year and invite our families to share events/days/weeks that are of importance. We have found that celebrations can provide an opportunity for children to develop respect for diverse values and beliefs as they learn about practices which are different to their own.

In the following article the author describes how celebrations need not be reserved for major holidays.

Our goal is to teach children that when we celebrate all the little things, and we do so often, children develop a deeply ingrained sense of gratitude.

- What is **big** upcoming celebration for your family?
- What **little** thing can you celebrate today?

WHY CELEBRATIONS ARE IMPORTANT FOR KIDS? - TINKERGARTEN

