



UWS Early Learning Ltd
Leaders in Early Learning

UWS Early Learning Campbelltown



June 2015

Dates for the Diary:

July

July 7th – 14th Naidoc week

13th & 14th Assessment and Rating visit

17th July EID

August

3 - 7th Pyjama week (wear your PJ'S)

15th-23rd Science week

28th book week (Books light up our world)

Directors Report

Hello families,

We have had a productive month upgrading our outdoor area. Volunteer spent a Saturday weeding, building, planting and landscaping to create some beautiful natural spaces in our outdoor area. I want to wish everyone a big thank you to all that helped on this day; we couldn't have done it without you!

Alayn is on two weeks leave and will return on the 20th of July. We have an admin temp Jenny who will be helping out in the office

during this time. Any urgent office enquires can be directed to me.

I have received notification of our assessment and rating visit. Wendy from the Department of Education and Communities will be visiting us on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July. We look forward to sharing our wonderful centre with her.

In other news the children have been celebrating Naidoc week and I will have the opportunity to meet with the elders for a walking tour on campus Friday 10th July. I am also hoping that they might like to visit the centre to view some of the wonderful activities and artwork the children have made.

I would also like to congratulate our casual educator Vijaya for securing a diploma educator position at our Bankstown early learning centre. We will miss her smiling face.

As a continuation on from our Quality areas display I have created a display for Quality area 1 which is around educational program and practice. We welcome your comments and ideas into our program delivery. This display is located in the foyer.

I have also attached a copy (within the email) of the educational program and practice.

As always I am available Monday- Friday 8.30 am-4.30pm if you need to contact me. The centre phone number is 4620 3536 and my email is s.mcallan@uws.edu.au

Kind regards,

Sarah McAllan

Bilby Room News

Whilst exploring dramatic play, we have been into space to see Mars, the moon and Aliens with ten eyes and ten legs. Katelyn suggested we "go and say hello" to see if they were friendly. We found out that they were friendly, funny looking with long green hair and purple eyes.

Alexander thought that they might live in sandcastles. Bilbies stepped back into spaceship, waved goodbye to their friends and counted backwards from 10. Their rocket took off and we all went back to planet earth.

Along with our space theme the Bilbies have been celebrating Naidoc week with dot paintings, making indigenous musical instruments and listening to stories that teach us about Aboriginal traditions. The letter of the week will 'E' this coming week and we will be talking about this letter and what words start with 'e'.

Regards,
Sandra, Katelyn and Renee

Joey Room News:

Hi Everyone,

Another month has gone in the Joey room. We have been busy in the construction area. Joeys have moved lots of sand, making roads after watching how they were made outside with Denise and Nancy.

We have been introducing aboriginal awareness through our program and celebrating Naidoc week which is during July. Denise brought in her ipad and we watched the dreamtime stories 'the rainbow serpent' and 'tiddlick'. We created our own rainbow serpent through a dot painting activity. Joeys have also been helping Denise

write our own aboriginal stories using Aboriginal symbols.

While the Joeys were watching a 'Coroboree' on the ipad they were able to identify the use of tapping sticks. They then brought over our basket of tapping sticks and used them to tap to the beat of the music. They were also interested in the sound that the didgeridoo makes.

Until next time

Denise, Nancy and Monique

Gumnut room news:

Busy, Busy, Busy in the gumnuts room!

The gumnuts have been exploring their natural environment in our new garden that we have made outside. In relation to that we have a lovely plant in our room. The babies have been helping Gemma and Saira water it and talking about how it grows and lives. Gemma and Saira have been promoting healthy eating, sitting down with them and talking about why eating healthy foods. It is now Naidoc week and the gumnuts have been participating in different arts and craft experiences with Saira.

Gemma has set up a 'portfolio corner' for the parents to look through their child's folder and see their progress, please feel free to write comments in our parent's communication book.

A reminder to parents, please bring extra warm clothes now that we are in winter.

Thanks!

Gemma and Saira

General housekeeping:

Click on the picture to hear the word.



dress



T-shirt



shorts



trousers



jumper



skirt



shoes



socks



hat



jacket

- Please remember to pack spare clothes as the children have been enjoying mud play.



- Those families who have not completed their updated enrolment forms can you please return them to the office as soon as possible. If you do not have a form you can collect one from the office or ask to have one emailed to you.