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# Monthly News

Federal Community Children's Centre

- HELLO
- HOLA (SPANISH)
- JINGI WALA (WIDJABUL)
- CHAOBAN (VIETNAMESE)
- GUTEN TAG (GERMAN)
- BONJOUR (FRENCH)
- CIAO (ITALIAN)
- KON-NICHIWA (JAPANESE)
- KIA ORA (MAORI)
- สวัสดี swasdi (THAI)
- BOREDAY (WELSH)

We aim to partner with parents and the wider community to provide a service where children can experience diverse social, cultural and educational activities in the context of learning through play.



## Important Dates for your Diary - APRIL to MAY

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| <p>Wednesday</p> <p><b>15</b></p> <p>April</p>     | <p>Sunday</p> <p><b>3</b></p> <p>May</p>                 | <p>Wednesday</p> <p><b>13</b></p> <p>May</p> | <p>Saturday</p> <p><b>31</b></p> <p>May</p> |
| <p>3.30pm<br/>Management<br/>Committee Meeting</p> | <p>Working Bee<br/>(new sand and bark soft<br/>fall)</p> | <p>YOGA</p>                                  | <p>10am-1pm<br/><b>FAMILY FUN DAY</b></p>   |

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| <p><b>Mondays</b></p> | <p><b>Wednesdays</b><br/>until 26 May</p>           | <p><b>Thursdays</b></p>  |
| <p>SUSHI</p>          | <p>3.30pm<br/>Short Family Fun Day<br/>Meeting.</p> | <p>9.00am<br/>Bush Tucker Living<br/>Classroom Tours and<br/>Garden Maintenance<br/>with Rachel Heaton</p> |

*Dearest families,  
It is now time that we really need your help.  
There are numerous ways to volunteer. In the  
next month we have the Working bee and  
Family Fun Day. These provide us with the  
opportunity to keep our fees down.*

# This Month's Program Focus

|                                   |                                  |                         |                     |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Houses from around the world/maps | Local Animals in our environment | People around the world | Aromatherapy/senses | Shapes               |
| Ethics                            | Fundamental movement skills      | Early Literacy          | Pirates             | Language development |



## What is the difference between Preschool and Long Day Care?

To clarify any concerns in regards to the difference between Long day care and Preschool. They are both Education and care services and follow the same National Curriculum. The only difference between Long day Care and Preschool is the hours we are open. At Federal we have a specific School transition program daily which we have not found any other service locally provides.

## Links / Interesting Articles

Please find attached some interesting information on:

- [The Ladder of Learning](#)
- [Behaviour and learning Problems in children can be caused by common foods](#)
- [Body Awareness Activities](#)



## Policies Review

**Polices/ Quality Area being reviewed this month are:**

Emergency Evacuation, Volunteer, Storage of Dangerous Equipment, Managing Allergies and Anaphylaxis, Arrival and Departure, Quality Area 7: Leadership and management

(please add your ideas to the drafts in the parent library. We value your input.)

## Warm Clothes & Closed Shoes

Please make sure your children have extra warm clothes and covered shoes as it can get very cold at the Preschool.



## Health Warning

Please make sure you keep your children home if they are unwell. If unsure check the Management of Unwell Children and Immunisation and Infectious Diseases Policies.



## What have the children been up to?

### Preschool

The children have been exploring shapes through a variety of areas.

We have continued to work on building the children's Fundamental movement Skills.

We have all been focusing on drawing circles and squares. Shapes are a basic requirement for building early literacy skills.

Early numeracy continues to be explored through the use of books, group games, board games with dice and counting games.

On the Monday and Tuesday group we have been looking at maps and houses from around the world. This has lead to mapping where we live.

Donna has introduced the children to aromatherapy with a focus on herbs and flowers.

On the Wednesday to Friday Kylie has been providing fun learning experiences focused around Pirates, in particular the Sea Shepherd.

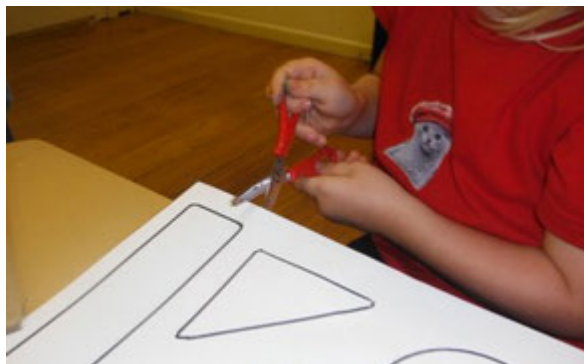
Monique is works on shapes and getting to know our community.



### Transition to School

We have been working on shape recognition and ethics.





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## What have the children been up to?

### Toddlers

The toddlers have been mark making with a variety of art and craft materials. They are all happy to have the beloved Tanya back and settling well into the daily routine.

The months focus has been on Autumn, building language skills (verbal and non verbal) and toilet training.



Please see Tanya if your child is toilet training.

Tatsui is moving up to the Preschool room in May and Pearl( Harriet's sister) will be joining us in the Toddler room.



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## Parent Participation

Please add your name to our Family Fun Day board. We aim to have this on the 31st May. Its a great promotion for the centre, fundraiser and family fun get together. We need everyone to contribute.



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## Community Announcements

We need everyone to add their name to the Family Fun Day board.

Let us know how we can improve

Add to our poster: 'What we love about Federal Community Children's Centre'.

We would love some testimonials.

Spread the word. We still have spaces available in the Preschool room.

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***Love Mandala, Donna, Mel, Tanya, Monique, Kylie, Julie, Susan, Rose and Lorraine***

