



NEWSLETTER: 19th February 2015

Vision Statement: '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'.

HELLO

HOLA (Spanish)

JINGI WALA (WIDJABUL)

CHAOBAN (VIETNAMESE)

GUTEN TAG (GERMAN)

BONJOUR (FRENCH)

CIAO (ITALIAN)

KON-NICHIWA (JAPANESE)

KIA ORA (MAORI)

สวัสดี swāṣṍdi (Thai)



Dearest families,

Happy Chinese new Year!!

Thank you to all the families who have added their name to the volunteer list on the front desk. Please make sure you have chosen two areas.

We had 5 families at the Bush Tucker Working Bee and got 70 trees planted. We still have 30 to plant. Come in next Thursday plant your own bush food tree!!!



Dates in your diary!

Sushi

Fridays

Morning tea social event for TODDLER MUMS AND DADS

26TH February at 930am. Bring a plate of food to share.

Management Committee meeting

Wednesday 18th March 330pm

Family social event Cultural Diversity Day

Thursday 19th March 530pm

Every Thursday 830-930

Bush Tucker Living Classroom Tours and Garden Maintenance with Rachel Heaton

Yoga for Kids

Wednesday 18th March

Yesterday we had our Management Committee elections.

The new Committee members are:

President: Cara Gallagher

Vice President: Louise Bannister

Treasurer: Sally Cole

Secretary: Kimberley McIntyre

Staff Liaison Officer: Bronwyn Schmerl



Polices/ Quality Area being reviewed this month are:

Water safety, Guiding Children's Behaviour, Staff Communication, Our Philosophy, Quality Area 1: Educational Program and Practise



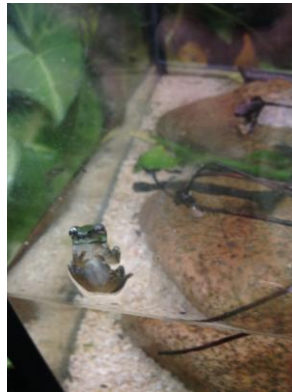
(please add your ideas to the drafts in the parent library. We value your input.)

This month's program focus is on:

- Families
- Local Animals in our environment
- body awareness
- Learning the daily routine
- Sharing is caring
- Our preschool
- mark making and colours

What are the children up to?

We have been really busy looking after our tadpoles who have now turned into frogs.



The focus on animals in our local environment and waterways has been inspiring for both the children and educators. A group mural has been made which represents the animals in our community.

Each child has been individually programmed for so that we provide the best care and education for each child. Please feel free to look through your Childs learning journal or talk with their focus educator to learn more about what we are doing here. We love your input and highly value any contribution your are happy to make at the centre.



French Bi Cultural Worker

We have the been so lucky to have Coco at the centre 3 hours a week and this has been extended for 6 more weeks. She has been sharing French songs, language and culture. Her normal day is Thursday and because the children love her so much we will also be offering her some casual days on Monday and Friday when we need a Lunch relief educator.

Preschool room

We have been providing a range of language, music and gross motor activities.



The children have been sharing what they like to do with their families and what makes our preschool special.



The children have been exploring different dramatic play themes including shops, offices, families, snow bunnies, dress ups and hair dressers.

Dramatic play is a wonderful way for children to explore the world around them and build on their social skills.

Mark making and colour recognition have been incorporated into each day.



Welcome Bonnie, Arahi, Wilhem and Sundar

Toddlers

The toddlers are settling well thanks to the expert care of Mel and Tanya. The focus in the toddler room has been mark making and explorative activities based on cause and effect .
Welcome Quin, Mahlia, Lola, Lulu and Juno.



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Community Announcements

Coorabell Public School and Federal Preschool invite you to "Artistree" - an evening of art inspired by the natural beauty of the Byron Hinterland.

Students of Coorabell PS and Federal Preschool exhibit their artistic talents.

6 professional artists auction their stunning latest creations.

More surprises on the silent auction table.

Friday 20th March at 6:30pm. Cocktail dress. Adults only.

\$30 including drink on arrival, supper and premier Byron DJs. Alcohol will be available.

Booking recommended. Tickets available through both schools.

(I will display the website on the notice board)

We are inviting children from Federal Community Children's Centre to display their art. Please speak to educators at Federal CCC if you would like your child to be in the exhibition.

We love to share what your child has been up to for the day. If you arrive before 3.30 we have time and staffing to do this. From 4pm we only have 2 staff.

Parent participation

We would love for you to come and share something with the children. Previously we have had parents come in and share their knowledge about something they love or just read stories. Please let us know if you are interested or have any ideas on what we could include in the program.

Student Profile: Jordi

What's your favourite colour? pink, blue and red

I'm happiest when...**I have a good sleep**

On the weekend I like to...**have a nap**

My favourite thing to do at preschool is **face painting**

My favourite food is **pasta**

I like to go to the park with my family

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