

May 2014 Newsletter



From the Front Desk

Hello Parents, Grandparents and friends of Blue Gum Child Care

We are still waiting to hear news about our kitchen upgrade, plans are now finalised so hopefully we will have a start date soon. This is a large project but we have managed large projects here before at Blue Gum, the priority is to ensure the children's and everyone's safety.

As soon as we hear about a start date I will be asking for support from our families with another busy bee, as we will need to get all of our office furniture out and set up our computers into the other little office area.

The children and educators recently experienced an aboriginal incursion. Parents we really enjoy the sharing of cultural experiences. If you are able to please share your beliefs, traditions, practices, songs, games or dances that are important to your family and child, please let us know. Do you have any special talents that you can possibly share with us? If so, we want to know about it so that we can include this in our program.

We have a number of children with allergies at the centre, if your child's health needs change for any reason you must let us know. We need to ensure children are safe with regard to allergies and will work in consultation with you to develop a risk minimisation plan for your child. This is very important and we are committed to doing everything possible to keep your child safe whilst in our care. Please help us do this.

All parents should have received a copy of our Medical Conditions Policy earlier in the year along with our Medical Management Communications Plan. If you have not received the policy or plan please let me know and I will send it to you.

The parent evening went very well, I am sure you would agree the educators are very dedicated to their positions in creating a positive learning environment for our children. If you have not had the opportunity of speaking with the educators about your child, they will always make an appointment with you even by phone.

Warm regards

Jane Brenzi



From The Joeys' Room

Hello from the Joeys' room

First of all, best wishes to Rivin, Lily and Joshua who have all had their 1st birthdays.

Well done to our lovely new walkers and crawlers. We have various methods of getting around: conventional crawling on hands and knees, commando crawling, bottom shufflers and even inch worm style!

As the weather is now cooler, you may need to send in extra clothing for your little ones as we will still be going outside to play and get some fresh air.

If you have a special song or story that you share with your child, could you please let us know so that we are able to introduce it here at Blue Gum.

Thanks

Julie, Diane and Jeni



From the Possums' Room

To all the Possums Parents,

First of all, thank you to all the parents who participated in our Parents' evening. It was a very informative evening and we enjoyed talking to you about your children. For those of you who couldn't make it, you are welcome to make a time to come and see us and have a chat.

We had an Aboriginal Dance incursion which was enjoyed by the children. They were able to have their faces painted and loved watching the dancing. We extended on this by doing Aboriginal dot painting with the children.

We are still focusing on your children's learning and welcome any family input from you in order to further extend their learning.

Thank you.

Motoko and Qamar

From the Wombats' Room

Hi Families,

Another month has gone by and it has become very wet and windy as we come into winter. The Wombats are still enjoying as much of the outdoors as we can get in between the rain showers! We ask that you still bring your child in warm winter clothing as the weather gets cooler.



If you are interested in toilet training your child, feel free to pick up one of the toilet training pamphlets that are on top of the lockers or have a chat with Tonielle, Katherine or Paige. If your child is toilet training at the moment please remember to put some extra pants and underwear in their bag.

This month the children enjoyed a visit from the Aboriginal Dreamtime Group. As per usual, the children love singing interactive songs and books (Mr Sun and Little Peter Rabbit are some current favourites).

We all had a wonderful time on the bush walk we recently went on. It was a great experience for the children to learn more about their surrounding environment and community, and it was wonderful for us all to explore outside of the centre! The children that missed out on the bush walk will get a turn in the coming months. We are looking at continuing the bush walk excursion until every child gets to experience it. We will be sending out permission slips soon for you to sign and return.

Please keep the wonderful Family Input sheets coming in! We have had some fantastic input regarding your family's outings and latest interests. The children enjoy it so much when they can share these experiences with their Blue Gum friends.

Birthday wishes go out to **Tom, Isabella** and **Sanjana** who have just celebrated their birthdays in May. Also to **Chloe** and **Tonielle** who celebrate their birthdays this coming month in June.

Love, Tonielle, Katherine, Paige and Emily

From the Koalas' Room

Hello Koala Families!

Another busy month has come and gone and I can't believe we are nearly in June!



We had the Aboriginal Dream Time incursion this week and the Koalas and the Wombats took part and loved it. It was so much fun watching everyone get up and dance to the music, even the staff got up and had a go.

We want to say thanks to all the parents who were able to come to our first parent night of the year and thanks for helping us keep on time. If you were unable to book in a meeting and you would like one, as always our door is always open. Please don't hesitate to come and talk to us, or ring during the day if that is easier, if all else fails we always have email 😊 We love to hear from you and will always try and make the time to talk, and we love talking about your children.

As the weather is getting cooler please ensure your child has plenty of warm clothing so we can play outside if and when possible, we have spares but these are limited. If your child does go home in spare clothes could we please get them back on your return to Koala's? Oh and please remember to name all items.

Well that's it from us. We love hearing from you and what you and your children are up to on weekends and what interests them. Extending their knowledge is always so much more fun when it's based off their interests.

We have a few things over the next coming months to look forward to. We have the Teddy's Bear Picnic on Thursday the 12th of June and Red Nose Day on Friday the 27th June and Al Kazam the Magic Man on Tuesday the 8th of July and Pyjama Day of Monday the 21nd of July.

Remember if you're doing anything exciting please let us know so we can add it to our Interactive Calender, the Koalas love seeing what everyone is doing.

Many Thanks for being great!

Rachel, Meagan, Alice and Mel 😊

A NEW VISION FOR AUSTRALIA

The Early Years Learning Framework is an important and timely resource for early childhood. It embraces a vision for a new Australia:

- a future that embraces all Australians
- a future based on mutual respect, mutual resolve and mutual responsibility
- a future where all Australians, whatever their origins, are truly equal partners, with equal opportunities and with an equal stake in shaping the next chapter in the history of Australia.

To this end, the Framework is built around a number of key concepts and principles which require educators to use particular understandings and practices effectively to achieve the desired outcomes. Below are the elements that make up the EYLF.

So that our families can learn more about the Framework I will be providing some information with each Newsletter. If you would like to know more about the EYLF, or wish to look over the Framework itself, please don't hesitate to ask.

Warm regards,
Tonielle
Educational Leader

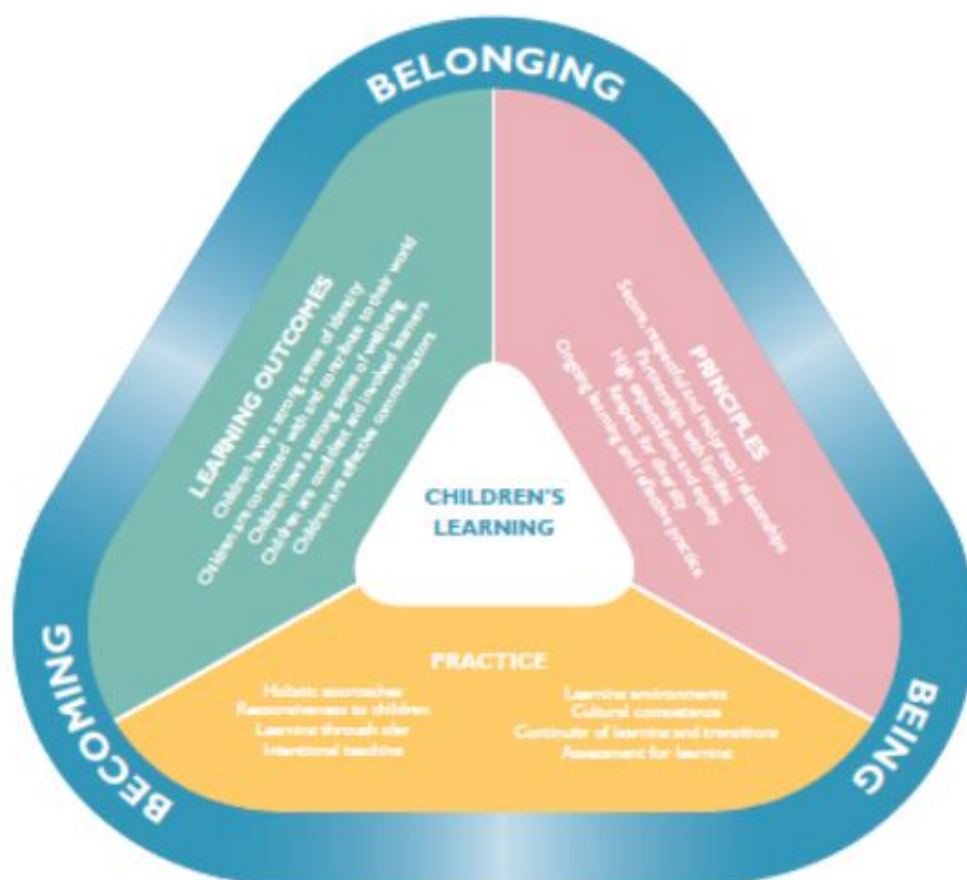


Figure 1: Elements of the Early Years Learning Framework

Garden ideas

We are looking to do a garden upgrade as you come through the gate at the entrance. We would like it if anyone has some time (and lots of effort) to take out the two plants that are on the right and replenish the soil. We can replant some interesting plants – smell and touch interesting.

We are also looking for containers that we can upcycle to make gardens in. Possibly also a vertical garden or two from pallets would be good. Any ideas and containers, please see Lesley or Jane. Thanks

