



NEWSLETTER CHILD CARE

Mothers Day

Earlier in the term we celebrated Mother's Day, it was great to see so many mums, and even grandmothers, stay and enjoy time in the room with their child each day throughout the week. Thank you to all the kind and thoughtful families who contributed to the hampers and to those who purchased raffle tickets. We are really excited to announce that we raised \$450. The money will go towards the upgrade of our sandpit area where we will be removing the garden shed, extending the sandpit and creating new hanging space for the equipment. All the kids have been talking about it and are excited for the change. Once again, thank you to all involved – we couldn't have done it without you.



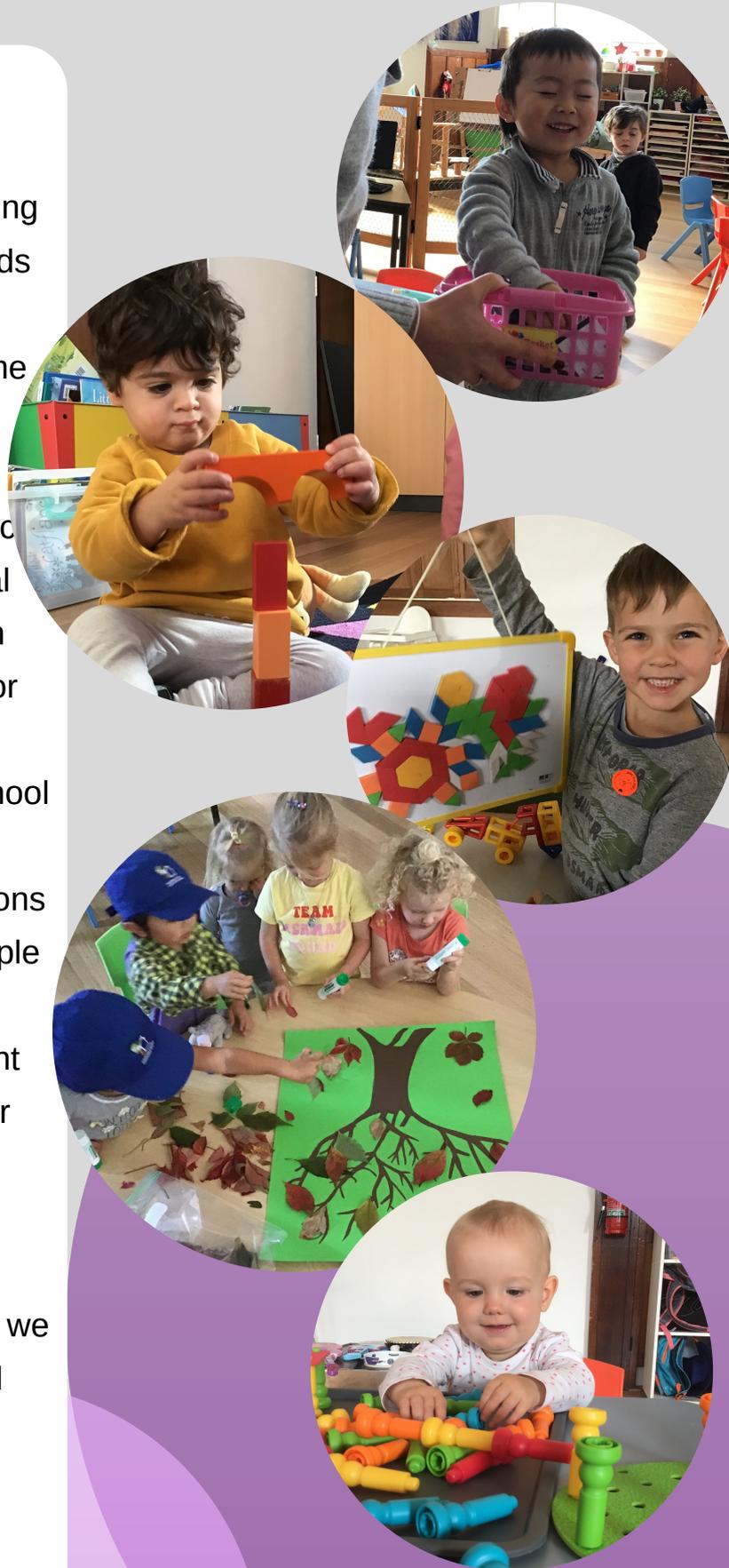
Art & Science

This term, each educator has been involved in organising fun, stimulating and creative activities for the children in the afternoon program. They mainly involve art or science activities. Some of these have included under the sea creation, mosaic pieces on a paper plate to create a watermelon, looking at germs and how they grow over time, making hand prints to resemble the Aboriginal flag, Autumn tree painting and some of the Pre-School children had a go at paper mâché. The educators have all been very enthusiastic and creative in their activities. The children have also been involved in planned activities around the season of Autumn, experimenting in the art area and using various painting techniques such as sponges, brushes, cotton buds and even balloons. Magnets in any form have been used in a variety of ways, either it being for fishing using the rods or creating something out of the different magnetic shapes.



Child's Identity Grant

After a lot of hard work, we're delighted to announce that we were successful in winning the Child's Identity grant last year. The funds have gone towards new multi-cultural resources for the Child Care program. Some of these include multicultural dolls for the home corner area, people from around the world puzzles, Aboriginal art puzzles, music instruments, flags of the world, multicultural hand puppets, Aboriginal stories which can be read on the lovely Aboriginal cushions or on our new large mat in the reading area. Other learning experiences for the Pre-School program include the flags of the world and people of the world memory games, emotions matching bingo game, little architect – people of the world. The children have loved exploring and learning about all the different cultures and sharing experiences from their own culture. A big thank you to City of Glen Eira for their support in helping us develop and build on multiculturalism across all the Child Care programs. To nurture this area, we would love to invite families to come in and talk to the children about their own culture and share their experiences with the other children in the group. Please see me to organise a suitable time.



Toilet upgrade

A few months ago we had a water leak in the bathroom and as a result we need to rip up the whole bathroom and restore it all. It has been a lengthy process in dealing with insurance, builders, assessors etc., however we are getting closer to it being fixed. Fortunately, the children have still been able to fully use the bathroom as it is. For minimal disruption we are aiming to have it fixed in the upcoming school holidays. While the restoration is underway other suitable toileting and hand washing arrangements will be put in place. We will provide you with details once everything is confirmed with the tradesmen.

School Holiday Program

The School Holiday Program will most likely run for two or three days each week of the holidays. At this point days and themes have not yet been decided. Once we know exactly what is happening with the toilets, we will let you know about the program and booking forms will be emailed to you.



Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Just a reminder that the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle is coming up on 6 June. Thank you to all those families who have placed their name down on the roster we really appreciate your time and effort. We only have a couple of slots to fill, please find the [roster](#) here if you'd like to put your name down. Don't forget to come down on the day to say g'day and purchase a sausage or two. It's all going to a good cause of course, the CSCH new sandpit area!

Sickness

Winter is here and we've already have had quite a few cold days. I know it can be difficult to tell if your child is suffering from a common cold (or runny nose) or perhaps something more serious, however if your child is showing signs of not feeling well, green noses etc., it is more beneficial for them to remain at home in a warm bed or relaxing on the couch until they are feeling well again. As much as we clean the Child Care room, spreading of germs is still hard to contain at such a young age.



Tissues

Could I please ask families to throw in an extra box of tissues for us in your next supermarket shop, so we are well stocked over the next couple of months in the Child Care room.

Coming up

Things to look forward to in the coming weeks:

- World Environment Day
- Crazy Hair Day
- Winter fun Activities
- Cooking in Child Care
- Exploring in the Community Garden



From Naomi