



Early Learning Childcare Services

Our Term 2 Progress Report will be distributed to families once a term, to keep you up to date with your child's Early Learning experiences at Caulfield South Community House.

Dear Parents,

We are well into term 2 and the days keep getting quicker and quicker each week. Earlier in the term we celebrated Mother's Day and it was great to see so many mums stay and enjoy time in the room with their child each day throughout the week. Thank you to all the families who contributed to the hamper and to those that purchased raffle tickets. We raised \$230 and the money will be used to purchase a mud kitchen for the sandpit outside. The following mums won a special hamper:

1. Kathy Swan (Josephine's mum)
2. Jaimie Zammit (Rex's mum)
3. Angela Siva (Tamika's mum)
4. Caroline Jehan (Capucine's mum)
5. Filia Garivaladis (Fotios and Annie's mum)
6. Sharon Rushford (our Hocking Stuart Sponsor)



Winter has come upon us very fast, which means lots of runny noses already. Could I please ask families to donate a box of tissues for us in your next supermarket shop, so we are well stocked over the next couple of months in the childcare room.

Which brings me to if your child is showing signs of really not feeling well, green noses etc please be considerate to your child, the other children and to staff and keep them home in a warm bed or relaxing on the couch until they are feeling well again. As much as we clean in the childcare room, spreading of germs is still hard to contain at such a young age.

By now you would have seen the 'Earn and Learn' boxes in the foyer and just outside the childcare room. After collecting the stickers at Woolworths, we would love if you could please bring in the stickers and place them in one of our boxes. The more sticker pages we fill, the more materials we will be able to purchase for the childcare room.

Louisa has settled in perfectly well as the Kinder teacher on the Friday sessions. She has planned activities with the children each week and every time I walk in the room, they all are very happy and engaged.

We would like to welcome a couple of new faces into the childcare room. **Marilu** is a volunteer on Wednesdays and Fridays who has had extensive experience working with Early learning Years children recently in a British school in Kuwait. She is very engaging with the children and enjoys singing and dancing and loves to read stories with them.

Nalini is a student who is studying her Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care and completing her placement hours on Monday's and Thursday's. Her placement will consist of observing the children, doing small group activities and understanding the day to day programs and operations of a Childcare service.

A couple of things to look out for in the next few weeks before the end of term.

- We will be having crazy hair week in the last week of term for both Kinder and O/Care.
- Look out for School Holiday Program which will be sent out shortly. We will be offering 6 days over the 2 weeks.

Enjoy the pictures below of the children involved in the program. Highlights so far from this term have been the rubber animals and natural materials, cutting and pasting, playdough with glitter, construction with the blocks, the numeracy table, our new workbench with wooden tools and nuts and bolts, the different cognitive activities and of course the comfy book area.

Themed activities in the Kinder program have included: "Winter is here" "Under the sea" "People who help us in our community" "Going to market" "The planets"

Look out for some of the changed activities areas in our big room like our Doctors/Nurses role play corner and our Literacy table has had a makeover!

Please do not hesitate to see either myself, Anu or Louisa if you have any questions about your child or feedback in relation to our programs. We love to see them everyday and watching them grow!

Naomi, Anu and Louisa

