

Term 3 Newsletter 2018

Our staff

Jane Courtney

Director/Teacher Admin: Mon/Tue.

Teacher: Wed/Thur/Fri

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Teacher: Mon/Tue.

Educator: Wed, Thur and Fri.

Annette Turner:

Educator: Mon/Tue

Mayumi Murphy:

Educator: Mon/Tue

Corrie Shepherd

Inclusion Support Educator: Mon/Tue:

Trish Whitford

Educator: Wed/Thur/Fri

Emily Monk

We welcome Emily to our team. Inclusion Support Educator: Wed/Thur/Fri.

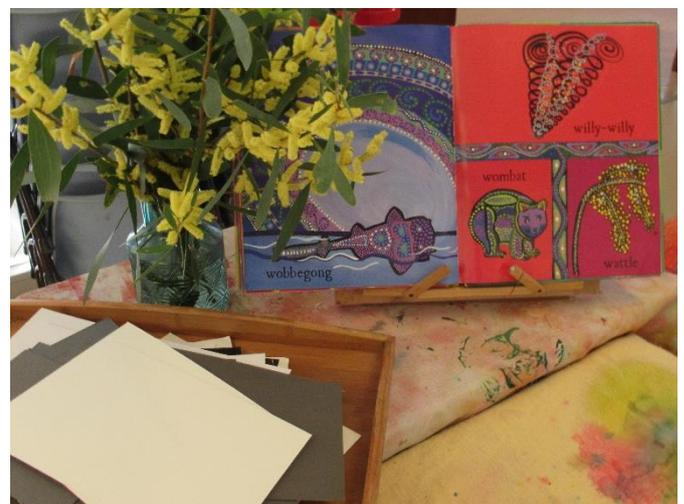
Chris Fantham

Administration Officer: Wed /Thur



Handy hints to remember:

- A few changes of spare clothing is a must please.
- Name everything.
- **BROAD BRIMMED** hat to play.
- Healthy food: **Currently no food allergies**
- **Nude Food** to minimise throw away packaging
- 1 drink bottle with water only.
- Bring in a USB for digital portfolios
- Bring in a reusable bag for wet and soiled clothing (single use plastic bags no longer available).



Human Sign

Clean Energy for Eternity is organising a human sign in Tathra on Sunday 30th September. Come along and represent Tathra Preschool. The sign will be formed at Lawrence Park (AFL ground) in front of the newly installed 20kw solar panels on the roof of the Tathra AFL's footy club. Clean Energy is planning to photograph the sign a little after midday, and they are hoping this will be the biggest human sign ever formed in Australia. Clean Energy hope to galvanise community and politicians into taking much stronger action on climate change and Tathra Preschool is keen to support this important action for our children's future.

Educational Program Snap Shot Wallawani

Djiringanj, Thaua and Dhurga were the languages used by indigenous people of the south coast. Wallawani is a local Aboriginal word used as a greeting and farewell which translates as 'hope you have had a good journey here and wishing you a good journey home' It is becoming one of the many ways we greet and



farewell each other at preschool. We have been learning Heads and Shoulders in Thaua. Ellen Mundy (who is a friend of the Preschool) shared her story with educators about her grandmother who grew up as a fringe dweller in Bega and around Blackfellows Lake area. Djiringanj was the language of her family. At preschool children learn that Aboriginal people were the first people to live in Australia. This term we used NAIDOC week as a springboard to learn about Aboriginal culture through music, art storytelling, dance and language and in this way, we encourage children to respond to diversity and the history of our land with respect.

Art: Natural materials and Aboriginal artists have provided inspiration for art experiences this term. We have enjoyed painting stones from Jane's creek and drift wood collected from the beach and children have journeyed outside the preschool to collect bark from the gum trees around our Preschool.

Living Safely with Dogs program

This program is delivered to Preschools throughout NSW and teaches children how to live safely with dogs. Cianne presented the program with her dog Leroy and there were opportunities to listen, engage in role plays, sing, dance and meet Leroy. The Program teaches children that dogs are different to humans and that they do not think or naturally behave like us. It is important for children to recognise the warning signs given by dogs, the correct way to approach a dog and what to do if approached by an aggressive dog to help prevent the instance of dog-related accidents and injury. The children demonstrated that they could transfer this learning when Trish dropped in for a visit one Monday with her dog. The children were quick to ask " Can I please pat your dog?'



Taking Care of Others has been the focus of our social learning program this term. We have been learning songs, using sign language and intentional teaching to support children to interact with care, empathy and respect. Children are learning important life skills about what it means to be an active and positive member of our preschool group and the wider community. Key messages you can follow up at home include;

- ≈ Work as a team
- ≈ Give compliments
- ≈ Keep hands to self
- ≈ Include others
- ≈ Make my friends smile
- ≈ Be kind
- ≈ Take turns
- ≈ Listen
- ≈ Help others

I can be a SUPER Friend



Projects There have been many individual and group projects which encourage focused and sustained play over a day or over weeks. Projects provide children with the opportunity to work together, share ideas, to persist, to take their time and finish their work. In this way we encourage children to think more deeply about what they are learning. Our Sugar Snap Pea project started with planting the seeds and like every good scientist we have been observing, documenting and measuring the growth. We discovered possums also like to eat peas so we problem

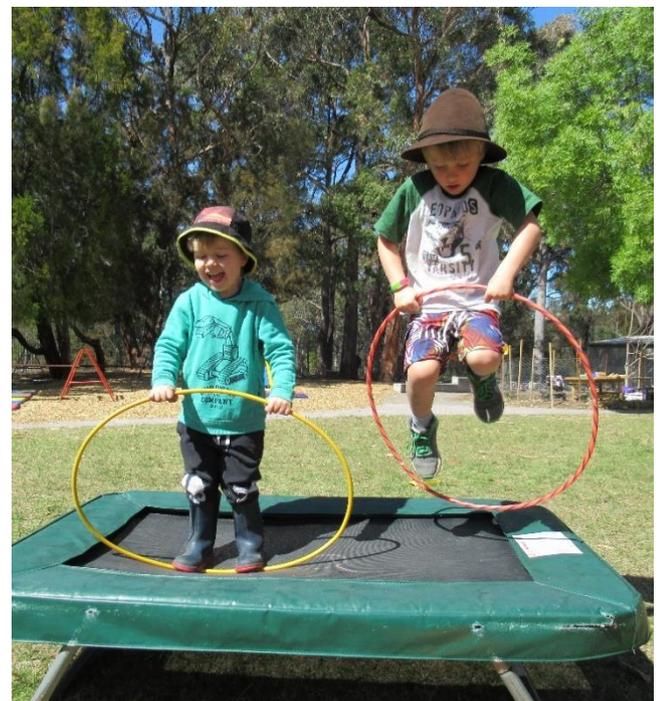
solved and reused an old net to protect the peas. There has been much excitement as the peas emerged from their flowers growing bigger and bigger. Children have been waiting patiently for those peas to increase in number and grow big enough to eat. Last week children counted 27 peas. Like all science project things don't always go to plan and we forgot to pop the netting over our sugar snap peas and now there are 27 peas take away 27 peas = 0 peas. We will observe to see if they will grow back? And off we go on another learning journey as children predict and plan for the next stage of our growing project.

Science The natural environment is our outdoor classroom. Birds, worms, snails, ants and bugs have provided us with plenty of opportunities to observe and research. Children armed with a clip board and pen enjoy heading out into playground to identify each item.



Numeracy and Literacy are integrated across many experiences throughout our day. Our key approach is the 'everydayness' of maths and literacy. Math and literacy opportunities are everywhere, and you can have fun at home, cooking with children, counting, recognising numbers, making lists and lots more. This term children have been;

- ≈ Researching answers to our questions
- ≈ Making books
- ≈ Measuring the volume of rain in the rain gauge, documenting our findings and making comparisons;
- ≈ Measuring and documenting the height of our sugar snap peas;
- ≈ Counting forwards and backwards from 10;
- ≈ Learning to recognise numerals 1-10;
- ≈ Sorting objects using ten frame number boards
- ≈ Playing board games with a dice and numeral spinners.



Physical Challenges We have had lots and lots of fun physical games and physical challenges. The rope challenge, jump challenges, rolling challenge (children are challenged to roll along the mat without coming off

the side...harder than you would think) and hoop challenge, throwing and kicking challenges all build confidence and physical strength.

Documentation and your child

Remember to bring in a USB so we can share your child's interest, learning and friendships from term 3. This is the preschool version of your end of term report.

Parent Teacher Meetings

It was wonderful once again to catch up with families at our parent teacher meetings. We value our partnership with families and your role as your child's 'first teacher' when planning to meet your child's interests, needs and learning.

Through the School Gate Q&A Transition to School Workshop

We received lots of positive feedback from parents who attended this workshop in September. The information covered will be available in a newsletter format next term.



Transition to school

Children attending school in 2019 will be attending

individual primary schools as part of Transition to School Programs. This term we really enjoyed visits from Tathra Primary Year 5 children who visited both groups. The Preschool children welcomed year 5 and they were all very quickly engaged playing in the sand pit, painting, playing with playdough, making interesting objects and exploring the garden. It is such a positive opportunity for children to make connections with older children in our community, connections which benefit children who attend Tathra in 2019 and children who attend other schools.

Preschool Enrolments

In 2019 families will have the option of choosing:

- 2 Day Group on Monday and Tuesday
- 3 Day Group on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Remind your friends to put their child's name on the preschool waiting list. In line with Tathra Preschool's funding agreement with the Department of Education we will now be able to offer a limited number of places to 3-year olds once all the 4-year-old places are filled.

EAT A RAINBOW EVERYDAY

At preschool we love **Nude Food**. We are keen to reduce excess packaging, so we can reduce the amount of 'stuff' that needs to go into our red rubbish bowls to be sent to landfill. The challenge is an empty red rubbish bin. This supports our education program which embraces our key messages to **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**. Durable, reusable containers are a great way to bring food, as they may last from pre-school through to high school and beyond, providing long term cost savings and environmental benefits.

Working B

Our annual working B will be help on Saturday 20th October 9-12. There are jobs for all skill levels such as oiling balance beams, waxing furniture, clearing drains, sweeping, weeding and mulching gardens. Many hands make light work and it is a nice opportunity to contribute to this beautiful space that is our community Preschool.



Group Photos

Kitt Goldsworthy will take our preschool group photos this year. We will provide you with a professional group photo and prefer to avoid individual photos which can be intrusive, time consuming potentially anxiety producing. You can purchase a group photo for \$10 and a group funny-face photo for \$10. The funny face tends to be popular with children and capture the joy of childhood. You will find the photo dates at the end of the newsletter.

Fees

Please make sure your term 3 fees are fully paid. It is preschool policy that term 3 fees are to be paid prior to commencing in term 4. Chris will send out an end of term fee statement to show your balance. If you are having financial difficulties, please call Jane or Chris.

Extension Project

Our building works are progressing well. We hope to have most of the 'fit out' completed by the beginning of term 4. We would like to thank Annette Turner (2 day Educator) and Sally Inkster (Finn and Ollie's mum) for sharing their time, energy and skills to work on this project.

Wharf2Waves 2019 Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 January.

The 2018 Wharf2Waves event provided the Preschool with \$8,000 which was put towards our 'waving spot' landscape project. We had around 150 volunteers from the preschool, surf club and community, which reflects amazing community commitment to this event. Many hands really did make light work and it is lots of fun so make sure you pop this date in your calendar as we rely on most families to donate a couple of hours over the weekend.

2018 Position Vacant: Fun Run Event Coordinator

This year the Wharf2Waves Committee is looking for someone to take on the role of FUN RUN Coordinator. We would like to thank Col Funston, Coastlife and Penny Blankenstein have done a fabulous job coordinating this event in past years.

2019 Positions Vacant

Wharf2Waves Committee is looking for volunteers to join our friendly proactive Committee. The funding from Wharf2Waves, which is run purely by volunteers and massive community involvement benefits the local economy and provides funding to Tathra Surf Club, Tathra Preschool and Primary School and the local RFS. Ideally those interested could shadow volunteers this year to support the transition of roles. We are looking for;

- Secretary
- IT Coordinator
- Data Entry
- Publicity Officer
- Operations Manager
- Weekend Co-ordinator

You can email info@tathrawharf2waves.com.au or contact Jane at the Preschool if you would like more information and/or to express interest in any of the above positions .We would like to thank Jane Funston, Kylie Dummer, Gillian Macmillan, Emma Cattermole for their dedication and work over the last 3 years.



Reduce, Reuse Recycle

We like to deconstruct old technology to investigate their inner workings. Please collect old desktop computers, old stereos, computer keyboards and old technology. If it can be taken apart with a Phillips head screw driver then we can reuse it



Term Dates 2018 Dates for your diary

Term 2: 30th April to 6th July

Term 3: 23rd July to 28th Sep

- ≈ 15th August: Transition to School Q&A Session: 6-7pm with a light supper provided at the preschool
- ≈ 10th September: Parent Teacher Meeting 3-day group
- ≈ 11th September: Parent Teacher Meetings for 2-day group.

Term 4: 15th Oct to 20th December

- ≈ 20th Oct: Annual Working B: 9am-12
- ≈ 30th Oct: Preschool Photo: 2-day group
- ≈ 1st Nov: Preschool Photos: 3-day group.
- ≈ 14th Nov: Excursion to Tathra Primary School Matinee
- ≈ 20th December: End of year Celebration and family Picnic



2018 Management Committee

President: Sarah Little **Vice President:** Vanessa Milton. **Secretary:** Steve Totterdell.
Treasurer: Carmen Shoveller. **General Members:** Simone Harvey, Corrina Addy, Suzi O'Brien.