



## Term 2 June: 2023 Newsletter

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Yarabee and Geebung to our winter newsletter. Djiringanj is the Aboriginal language of Tathra and Bega. Yarabee can be used to say 'hello, goodbye and see ya later' and 'Geebung' is welcome. We have adopted these greetings supported by the Djiringanj Elders. Djiringanj, Thaua and Dhurga are Aboriginal languages of the Far South Coast.

### Handy hints to remember.

- ✓ A few changes of spare clothing is best in winter. Wet sleeves are frequent in winter and winter is perfect for glorious mud pit play.
- ✓ BROAD BRIMMED or beanie to play.
- ✓ **EAT A RAINBOW EVERYDAY:** great to see so many plastic free and healthy food options
- ✓ **Peanut Free Monday/Tuesday**
- ✓ Toys, jewellery and special items best left at home.

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

**Reconciliation Week:** We embed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives throughout our educational program and work in partnership with Djiringanj Elders who are generous with their time, sharing knowledge and culture with us. Each week we acknowledge the Djiringanj people. Children learn that Aboriginal people are the first people to live in Australia and that Tathra (land of the quoll) is Djiringanj Country. Djiringanj, Thaua and Dhurga words are part our

### 2023 Term dates

Term 2 2023: 24<sup>th</sup> April-30<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3: 17<sup>th</sup> July-22<sup>nd</sup> September

TBA: 2 Day group parent meetings

TBA: 3 Day Group parent meetings

TBA Parent Workshop:

**11<sup>th</sup> September:** all week photos

Term 4: 9 October-19 December

**14<sup>th</sup> October Working B: 9-11**

**8<sup>th</sup> December:** Friday: Tathra Preschool end of year picnic and celebration: *Charlie Truscott on tour with her very special **Christmas Show:*** 5.00 picnic for 5.30 show. Children to share songs and then show.

**15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Friday:** last Day for 3-day group

**18<sup>th</sup> Dec: Monday:** last day for 2-day group

**19<sup>th</sup> Dec Tuesday:** Child free: staff clean-up day



daily program. As we tap our 'Gurrungan" (head); shrug our Waadi (shoulders); tap our "Ngumu" (Knees) and tickle our Niyaan (Toes). We care for Country. We learn to listen to each other, use kind words and practice strategies for kindness and respect.

Reconciliation walk It was great to see so many families at Reconciliation Walk. It was a beautiful community day with children, families and Djiringanj elders.

Emotions and social learning This term we used "The Colour Monster" as a springboard to help child identify emotions and develop strategies for regulating big emotions.

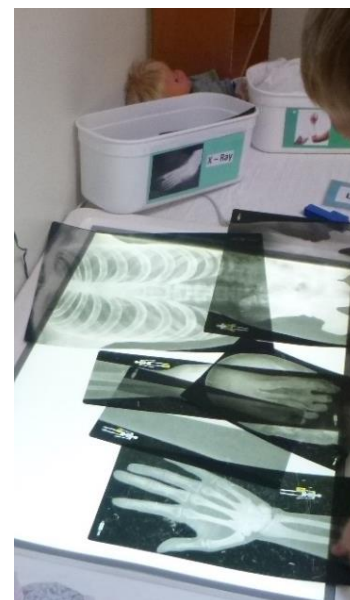
We explored these themes through:

- art and self-portrait.
- mathematical concepts of sorting and colour;
- music and dance and
- physical activity.



Ask children to teach you sign language for angry, sad and happy. Resilient Kids Toolkit - Royal Far West has some great resources and tools for families and children to strengthen mental health and build resilience.

Imaginative Play: The Preschool hospital has been a hive of activity. The light table provides the perfect x-ray machine and the opportunity to learn about bones. Children are learning about the respiratory, circulatory and digestive systems. When children engage in pretend play they are actively experimenting with the social and emotional roles of life. Children confidence as they explore the different roles in imaginative play. They learn about turn-taking, sharing responsibility and creative problem-solving. When children pretend to be different characters, they have the experience of 'walking in someone else's shoes', which helps teach empathy. At this age children often see the world from their own egocentric point of view; through maturation and cooperative play children begin to understand the feelings of others.



Growing Project: Children set up the veggie garden beds by improving the soil with our compost from the tumblers and worm farm. Like every good scientist we hypothesise, observe, measure and document our findings. Children use rulers to measure and a graph to chart the growth. The tools of measurement and documentation provide children with hands on mathematical learning and science of growing our own veggies.



Literacy: This term we have had fun rhyming with lots of stories, rhymes and poems. Hearing and using rhyme, rhythm and repetition helps children develop early literacy skills. The repetition of words, ideas and skills is important for early brain development, as it creates secure foundations for early learning.

Maths is everywhere: Playing games with dice and spinners; measuring plant growth and rainfall; counting to 10 and beyond; counting back from 10; creating sums, recognising and writing numerals and organising patients in the hospital with a numbering system are all part of our preschool day. Pattern making has been a focus this term. When children explore and learn about patterns, we help them build important foundations for later number work. Creating, extending, naming, and talking about patterns help build strong mathematicians.

Digital portfolio You will have received a USB with photos of your child's learning, interests and relationships. A reminder of **that NO photos will be shared on social media**. Bring your USB back after the holidays.

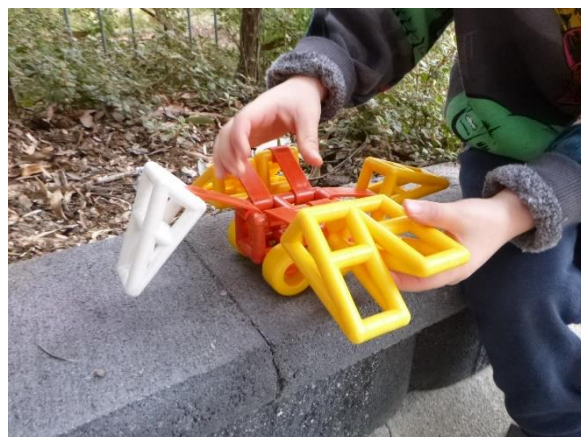
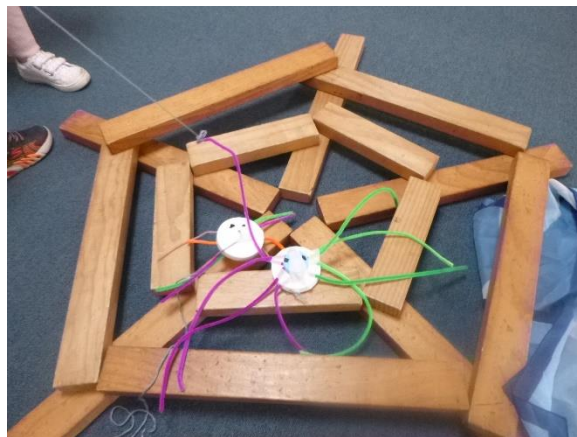
## OUR COMMUNITY

Wharf2Waves Fundraising Event: The preschool would like to thank all who volunteered. The preschool will receive \$5,000 from the Wharf2Waves Committee.

## PARENTING RESOURCES

Parenting Workshop: next term we will seek send out an expression of interest in our parent workshop with a focus on resilience. Resilience is an important life skill and it is important for children to experience the whole range of emotions as they develop the art of self-regulation and impulse control. Check out

[Maggie Dent - Parenting Help: Advice, resources and top tips for parents](#)



### 2023 Management Committee

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