



Term 3 September 2024 Newsletter

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Walawaani and Geebung. Hello and welcome to our Term 3 newsletter. Djiringanj is the first language of Tathra

Handy hints to remember.

- ✓ Please shut the gate on arrival and departure and avoid holding the gate open.
- ✓ BROAD BRIMMED hat to play.
- ✓ **EAT A RAINBOW EVERYDAY**
- ✓ **Nut Free Wednesday/Thursday and Friday**
- ✓ Aim for plastic free.
- ✓ A few changes of spare clothing.

OUR STAFF 2024

Jane is currently on Long Service Leave till the end of the term, returning at the beginning of Term 4. Kym Hawthorne is Acting Director in Jane's absence.

Jane Courtney: Director/Teacher: Teacher 2- day group. Admin: Wednesday/Thursday/Friday

Kym Hawthorne: Teacher: Wed/Thurs/Fri: 3-day group.

Annette Turner: Educator: 2-day group



Mayumi Murphy: Educator: 2-day group.

Michelle Bye: Educator 5 days

Erika Watson: Educator: 2-day Group

Amy Lovell: Educator: 3-day group.

Meg: HSLN Educator 3-day group

Chris Fantham: Administration: Tuesday and Wednesday.

2024 TERM DATES

Term 3: 2024: 22nd July - 27thSeptember

Term 4: 14th Oct - 19th Dec

30 Oct: Wed: 5.15-6.15 Committee Meeting

27th Nov: Wed: 5.15-6.15 Committee Meeting

2nd December: Family end of year celebration

17th Dec: Tue Last day 2-day group: Share songs with families 2.30pm

19th Dec: Thurs: Last day 3-day group Share songs with families 2.30pm



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Sharing your child's learning: End of term USBs document your child's interests and learning. A reminder of our preschool policy that *NO photos are shared on social media please.*

In response to parent feedback, we now email the weekly program, so you have more regular feedback about your child's day and the educational program. Great for families who are unable to do drop off and pickup.

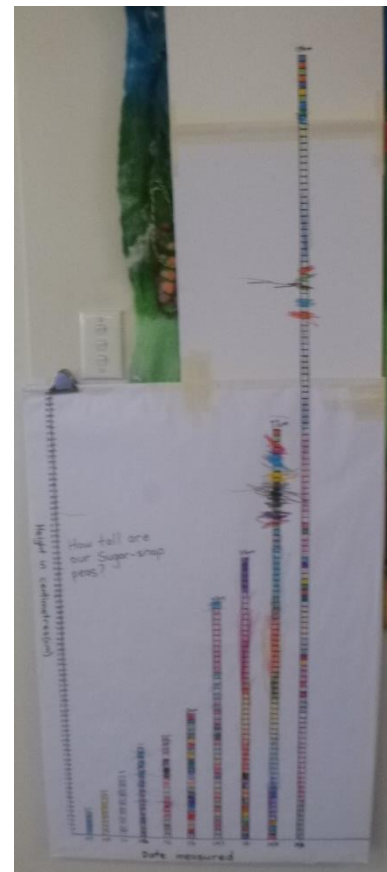
Cultural Program: Aunty Ellen Mundy and Emma Stewart were here earlier this term to share the Sea Animals Cultural Program with both groups. Ellen and Emma provide our preschool with resources and knowledge which supports the use of Djiringanj language which benefits our whole preschool community. We have also updated our acknowledgment with feedback from Savannahs' family, Ellen and Emma. *"We are Tathra preschool. Know the Djiringanj people where the first people to care for this country. We promise to look after it. The animals, the water, and the people too. Hello Bugan (earth). Hello Mirriwa (sky). Hello Nyagarn (me). Hello Moodji (friends).*

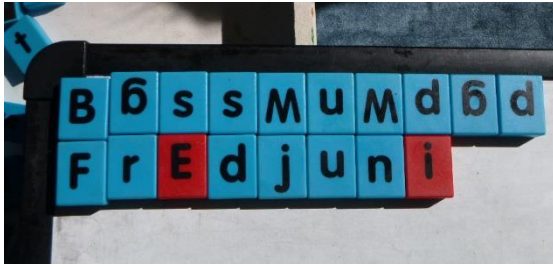


Growing Project: We are now enjoying picking and eating fresh Sugar-snap peas every day!! Some children like to open up the pod and only eat the peas, others enjoy eating the entire pod. Last week a child was proud to announce, "Now I eat the whole thing!"

Maths Program: The growing project has been at the heart of our mathematical and science learning this term. We use the tools of measurement; rulers, tape measures, graphs and mathematical language to compare and describe the changes we observe. Each week are keen to see how tall the peas have grown using; first the 30cm ruler, then the 1 metre ruler, now the measuring tape. Like all good scientists we document our observations and research answers to our questions.

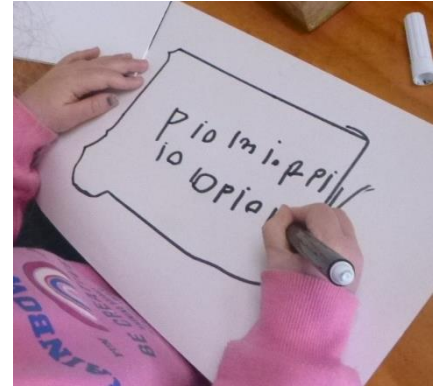
Literacy: We have had lots of fun with rhymes, chants and tongue twisters and playing arounds with the sounds of letters. Children have been increasingly interested in practising writing letters and making words, often asking "How do you write...?" The magnet letters with both upper- and lower-case letters support children to explore this interest to create their name, the names of others and words. We encourage children to start with a capital letter, then lower case which is good practice for





school. The writing table has resources for children to extend literacy learning; to write a letter, make a birthday card, create a story to accompany series of drawings. In storytelling children develop

the ability to sequence ideas, themes, characters and plot of the story which are the building blocks for language and literacy development.



Fundamental Movement and

Physical challenges: Supporting children to take increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing. We have stretches and a morning run each day. Opportunities to practice fundamental movement skills are embedded in the daily program so children can practice hopping and skipping, balancing on stilts, throwing and kicking.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

At this time of year, it is important to focus on *“Being Rather Than Becoming”*. Enjoy the now and treasure this special preschool time. Children will learn the things they need to learn when they get to school. Try and minimise the pressure. Be mindful that the tendency for family members and friends asking about big school can potentially create anxiety for children.

Encourage children to have a positive mindset and practise skills

of independence, putting on socks and shoes, can they manage buttons and zippers on their clothing, take their jumper off independently, open and close their own lunch box. A good place to start is encouraging your child to do their jobs on arrival: photo up, morning tea, lunch and drink bottle placed in appropriate location and bag and hook. This encourages independence and a sense of agency.



Transition Statements will be emailed to each family and child’s nominated school by the end of Term 4. This one-page statement documents your child’s interests, needs and learning goals. It is designed to be shared

with the school to support a smooth transition for your child. Local schools will be providing a Transition to School program for children attending school in 2025.

PHOTOS

Tara from Daisy Hill photography was here this term taking photos. Photos will be available next term.

PARENTING RESOURCES

[Raising Children Network](#) Provides free, reliable, up-to-date and independent information to help your family grow and thrive together. Funded by the Australian Government, reviewed by experts and non-commercial.

[Maggie Dent - Home | Resources for those who live & work with children](#) Commonly known as the 'queen of common sense', Maggie Dent has become one of Australia's favourite parenting authors, educators and podcasters. She has a particular interest in the early years, adolescence and resilience, and is an undisputed 'boy champion'.

[Hey Sigmund - Building Courage in Kids & Teens With Anxiety](#) Karen began her career as a psychologist in private practice and is now recognised as a leading authority on child and adolescent anxiety. She has worked extensively with children, teens, and families, and in educational and organisational settings. It is through her work with children, teens, and families that she learned the power of solid information when it is placed in the solid, loving hands of parents or any important person in a child's world.

[Resilient Kids Toolkit - Royal Far West](#) has some great resources and tools for families and children to strengthen mental health and build resilience.

Podcast for Families Department of Education Early Learning team talk about children's learning during play and everyday routines and how families can support learning at home.

[Episode 1 – Learning in the everyday](#)

Parent Library You are welcome to borrow books from our parent library. Check out the bookshelf in the 'hook room'. We are happy to help you borrow a book that suits your needs.

Tathra Preschool Website <http://tathrapreschool.com.au>

2024 Management Committee: **President:** Mel Galvin **Vice President:** Peta James **Secretary:** Kate Ferguson **Treasurer:** Sarah Marshman **General Members:** Kristen Boland, Tess Roberts

Yaribee
(See you later: Djiringanj)

Community Events at the Bega Civic Centre

Dorothy the Dinosaur: 24/09/2024 at 10am

You're invited to Dorothy the Dinosaur's Spectacular Show!

Hands will be clapping and toes tapping with Dorothy's mega mix of dance hits!

Back by popular demand, Dorothy the Dinosaur's Spectacular Show is making its way across 19 cities for an extravaganza of show stopping songs, including all The Wiggles greatest hits like Rock-A-Bye Your Bear, Hot Potato & Do the Propeller!

The fun doesn't stop there! Joined on stage by all her Wiggly friends you'll be 'Shaking your Hips' with Wags the Dog, 'Move your Arms' like Henry the Octopus and singing 'Quack, Quack' with Captain Feathersword!

Make memories that last a lifetime with everyone's favourite Dinosaur!



Little Red in the Hood: 04/10/2024 at 10-11am

A fun-filled fractured fairy tale with educational messages.

Little Red loves her Granny and her neighbourhood!

She's like a super-hero in a hoodie- watching her neighbour's houses while they're away and always on the lookout for litterbugs and people who don't know how to recycle.

Her mottos are 'Keep Australia Beautiful' and 'Be a Recycle Super-Hero'

Everyone in 'the hood' thinks Red is pretty amazing!

Of course, every story has a troublemaker and this one has Walter – The Big Bad Wolf. He's not really that big or bad ...more like medium-sized and cheeky, but he does leave rubbish all over the place and has no idea about recycling.

Walter can smell the awesome chocolate cake Granny's got cooking and he's on a mission to get the first bite of the cake... and Granny...oh no!!

Will Little Red get there first and save her Granny... and the awesome chocolate cake?

Come along and find out!