STIRLING NORTH
CHILDHOOD SERVICES
CENTRE

Term 2 – Week 7

On May the 14th, I attended the NaturePlay SA training in Adelaide with Tania. Both of us have come back from the training with many ideas and thoughts on how to continue to develop our learning environment to ensure we are meeting the educational needs of all children. We have been discussing as a staff team how the learning environment can continued to be developed. Each family would have received their magic wand, please use your wand to add ideas on what you would like to see at the Kindy. Thank you to the people who have already added their ideas to the box near your child’s notice pocket. These ideas can be as big or as small as you want, but it is about us learning what the family who use our centre want to see at the Kindy. Have a look on the cupboards for some inspiration for ideas and about what could be possible.

Here are some ideas that have been suggested in our magic wand box:

- A boat
- A tepee or hut
- More climbing equipment
- A Mud Kitchen and mud digging patch
- Swings, trampoline, another slide
- Stepping stones/logs
- Vegetable garden.

All ideas will be considered but this is a great chance for everyone to have a say about the development of the learning environment. All these suggestions will be put together and we will be developing a 3 year plan about improving and developing the Kindy.

Children who engage in the Natural environments:

- Become sick less as it stimulates their immune system
- Improvement in language and collaboration skills
- More physically active
- Resistant to stress
- Learn to manage their own risk taking skills
- Deeper understanding and respect for the world around them
- Have lots of fun and stimulates all their senses.

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Coming events

Official Opening of the Preschool and Admin Building
12th June 2015
10:00am
All Welcome

Session Times

All children are booked in two days one week and three the following please check your individual calendars for when your child is required to attend.

Monday to Thursday
8:45am – 3:00pm

Absences

Please contact the Kindy if your child is away – ring the Kindy on 86436205 or send a text message to 0414466253 – stating your child’s name and reason why they are away.
New Website

The Kindy website is now available. Please check it out for all the latest information about the Kindy.

http://www.stirlingnkgn.sa.edu.au

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Pictureproduct Fundraiser

Please drop in and collect your Picture product template.

- Picture plate: $25
- Picture Clock: $30
- 2016 Calendar: $15
- Picture mug: $20 (plastic/ceramic)
- Mouse pad: $20
- Tablemat: $24

All orders need to be returned to the Kindy with correct money by 25 June 2015. Orders will be returned in 6 to 8 weeks.
Wanted Outdoor Play

Old frypans, Saucepans, Baking trays And kitchen bits and pieces (spoons, eggflips, tongs etc.....) Please drop into the Kindy Thank you

The Rainbow Serpent

The children decorated a large Rainbow Serpent. We have been exploring the Dreamtime story about the Rainbow Serpent. The Rainbow Serpent is the protector of the land, its people, and the source of all life.

What's new around the Kindy

- The front of the cubby house has been removed. This has opened the cubby house up for different play scenarios.
- New furniture – display shelf and bamboo screen.
- Different size and shape baskets to display activities and store items in.
- Tadpoles.
- Planting different plants around inside the Kindy.
This term, we have been teaching the Child Protection Curriculum. The areas we have covered so far are feelings, safe and unsafe, and early warning signs about how our body may react to different situations.

We have linked children’s interests into our curriculum by investigating community, helpers and insects. When looking at community helper’s children have shown a strong sense of identity as they have used role-play to show and extend their knowledge about different aspects of what roles a community helper undertakes within our community. The children have written a letter to the Police to organise a visit to the Stirling North Childhood Services Centre.

Children are involved learners and connected to their world when we investigated insects. Children showed curiosity about the different insects that we had displayed around the Kindy. They were interested in conducting their own research into different toy insects that we had upon the table. They enjoyed searching under bushes, in the bark chips and around the trees for insects either alive or plastic.

Children are effective communicators by being engaged in our book related activities. Based upon Princess Smarty Pants and Mr McGee the children have learnt about the sound ‘s’ and have been able to identify it in some words. The children have also developed their skills by learning how to cut around a spiral shape. The children have been matching numerals and counters and learnt about the life cycle of the apple tree. We have explored that apples come in different colours. We used the apple slinky machine to slice and peel the apples to eat for snack time. We investigated how a range of different vegetables (carrots, turnips, beetroot, sweet potato and potato) would go through the apple slinky machine. Afterwards the vegetables were roasted. The children were offered to try the different vegetables we put through the slinky machine.

We were invited by the Stirling North Primary School to participate in the National Simultaneous Story time. Mr Ward read to us the Brothers Quibble at the same time as many other children around Australia were listening to the story.

Rosie organised for Aunty Elise to come and visit us as part of our Reconciliation Week activities. Aunty Elsie told us some stories about her life and background. We made damper all the children got to try some. It was nice and warm.