

The Insider

of Woden Valley



Newsletter from WVCCC

Welcome to the third edition of Woden Valley's new quarterly newsletter - The Insider.

Last year, we have recognised the need for a quarterly newsletter that addresses all changes or hot topics, not only affecting our service but the whole early childhood education sector.

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My First Month Observation

by Tracey-Lee Ellis

Throughout the last month families should have received a Transition or My First Month Observation for your child. This observation has replaced the Goal Setting Meetings that we used to engage in prior to COVID-19. We acknowledge that families are children's first teachers, and we value the knowledge that you hold; perhaps you see things differently at home compared to our Service? At the bottom of this observation, you will notice some questions – What do you see as your child's strengths and what would you like us to work on with your child for the next 6mths? These questions are vital to our curriculum and program development as we aim to work in collaboration with all our families. If you have not done so yet we would encourage you to please re-read this observation and comment your ideas. This does not however replace the importance your relationship is to us, if you would still like to come in and have a face-to-face conversation with your child's Team Leader about their learning journey and goal setting, this can be arranged; please speak with the Team Leader.

"Partnerships are based on the foundations of understanding each other's expectations and attitudes, and build on the strengths of each others' knowledge."



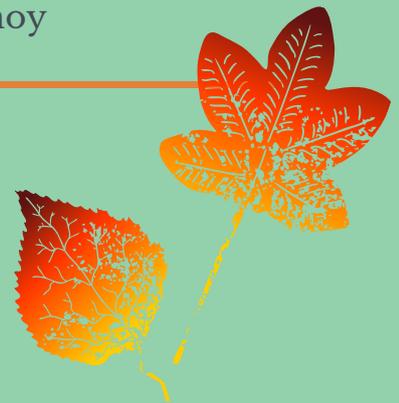
Nature Pedagogy

by Gabby Millgate

So far this year we have harvested potatoes and corn. Next we will be digging up the Jerusalem artichoke tubers which the children always enjoy. It's like finding treasure.

We are expecting ducklings to hatch on the 16th April. We also have a working bee coming up mid year and we'd love your help upgrading our chicken coop.

As we head into cooler weather we will be practicing being safe around the fire. We'll be planting flowers like cool weather pansies as well as edibles like spinach onion and bok choy



Compliance check

by Paulina Jagus

Early in February 2021, our Service went through an annual compliance check conducted by Children's Education and Care Assurance, our regulatory body under the Department of Education.

We are proud to announce that we passed with flying colours. The compliance officer said that she always wanted to visit our Centre, as she could not believe that both children and educators can be so happy all the time. What stood out for the office was; our quality program that is self-explanatory for someone even without an early childhood education background, the evident passion and dedication of the educators, and our organisation around diligence around required documentation.

Why is Compliance Important?

Complying with the requirements of the National Law and Regulations is important for a number of reasons:

- To ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of children.
- To improve the educational and developmental outcomes for children.

Annual General Meeting

On the 23rd of March, our Service held Annual General Meeting. During the AGM new Management Committee has been appointed; for more details, please refer to Story Park post (24.03.2021). Twenty-nine financial members of the association present also volunteered in the policy and procedure review process.

Upcoming Projects

Our Centre strives towards excellence that also includes a beautiful environment both indoors and outdoors. This year we are focusing on the indoor renovations, that include:

- painting of the Service
- new cots and mattresses purchase
- new outdoor resources purchase

First Aid update

In March, our educators went through a refresher First Aid course to ensure the children are kept safe at all the time and appropriate techniques are applied in case of any incidents or accidents occurring. Professional development is perceived as continuous learning that enabled practitioners to affirm existing understandings and acquire new knowledge and skills, thereby keeping up-to-date with evolving developments in the field. Formal qualifications provide the foundation for the professional status of children services staff. Additional forms of professional development maintain and build on this essential foundation and play a vital role in lifelong learning.



COMING UP



APRIL
26.04.2021 - ANZAC DAY
30.04.2021 - YUKI's LAST DAY
30.04 - 8.05 - SERVICE PAINTING

MAY
31.05 - RECONCILIATION DAY

JUNE
14.06 - QUEENS BIRTHDAY

