



Narrabundah Early Childhood School

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Principal's Message

The National Quality Standard (NQS) sets a high national benchmark for early childhood education and care and outside school hours care services in Australia. Narrabundah Early Childhood School Preschool Unit, which encompasses the Green Grass Parrots, Kangaroos, 3 year old Butterflies, Red Grass Parrots and Koori Butterflies, recently underwent the formal assessment and rating process.

The NQS includes seven quality areas that are important outcomes for children. Services are assessed and rated by the regulatory authority against the NQS and given a rating for each of the seven quality areas and an overall rating based on these results.

I am pleased to share the final outcome of this process with the NECS community.

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I am very proud of the preschool team we have at NECS and would like to formally acknowledge their hard work. A few sentences in the detailed report highlights the preschool team's dedication –

- *Educators showed their commitment and dedication to the preschool children and families going beyond what is required of them in their role as educators....*
- *The service is to be commended for the nurturing; respectful, reciprocal relationship built by educators with the children in such a short amount of time.*
- *Children's engagement and positive behaviour reflects the strong, genuine reciprocal relationships children have with their educators and the value educators place on children's wellbeing, sense of belonging and agency.*

The assessment and rating process is not a final destination but one point in time on a journey of continuous improvement. The comments and feedback provided in the final report will help inform NECS next Quality Improvement Plan. Together we will keep striving to provide high quality care and education for all children at NECS.

Here is a gallery of photos to share with you some of the learning experiences children have recently been involved in:



Warm Regards

Julie

Emus Classroom

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Bettongs Classroom

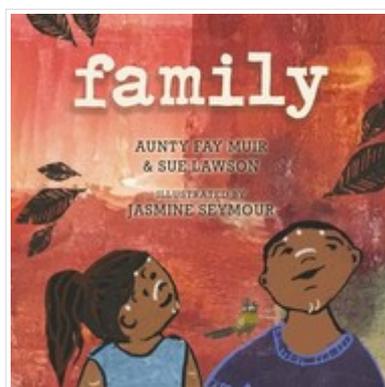
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Communities at work - Preschool Room

In the Preschool room we have recently been exploring and engaging with different science

experiments. The children have observed and discussed different chemical reactions, gravity, density and the science of colour mixing. We have also been working on our literacy and numeracy skills through practicing our letter and number recognition, counting and knowledge of phonics. We have been developing our fine motor skills through a range of activities including drawing, practicing our scissor skills. We have also been threading, building with LEGO and creating patterns with pin boards and elastic band boards. The children have also been enjoying dancing and yoga.

While in the outdoor environment the children have been developing their gross motor skills through climbing and balancing on the obstacle course. They have enjoyed playing ball games and building in the sandpit.



'Family' is a beautiful story about how family can be many things and that 'family' can be about heart and home. It can be an endless sky and stories and songs. The children then engaged in a range of learning experiences around concepts within the story. Children had the opportunity to create a 'gunyah' a traditional aboriginal home, tell stories about what they like to do with their family and use Aboriginal symbols to draw their family members around a campsite. The children also experienced a yarning circle with Uncle David sharing a story from his childhood.



Our partners from Gugan Gulwan (Karla), Tuggeranong Community Health Services (Nicole) and Christine from Marathon House shared our Culture Club experiences. On Wednesday 2 September all NECS children had the opportunity to view the online virtual Indigenous Literacy Day celebrations live from the Sydney Opera House. Educators will provide follow up opportunities for the children throughout the remainder of the term.

Holiday Happenings

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Every chance to play

Variety Every Chance to Play Summer 2020 Round is open!

Narrabundah Early Childhood School is a trusted Variety Every Chance to Play referrer. The Variety Every Chance to Play Grant is here to help kids in the ACT, aged 5-18, get out on the field or the court and enjoy being part of a team and community.

Indigenous Literacy Day

At Culture Club last week the focus text was 'Family' by Aunty Fay Muir and Sue Lawson.

Sports available for the Summer Round are Cricket, Little Athletics, Softball, Oz Tag and Touch Football.

Applications for the Summer round close on Monday 21st September 2020.

For further information, please contact Donna Seal, phone: 61423828 or email: donna.seal@ed.act.edu.au

Assistive Technology Webinar

https://necs.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/736/20200901_sb_w7a3_rw4g_parent_workshop_t4_2020.pdf

Housing ACT

https://necs.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/735/housing_act_tenant_participation_grants_program.pdf

eSafety Family Webinar

The Education Directorate, through its partnership with the Office of the eSafety Commissioner and the Australian Federal Police, will be hosting a live webinar for families on Wednesday 16 September 2020 from 7.00pm to 8.15pm. This webinar is suitable for adults and will provide an overview of the role and function of the Office of the eSafety Commissioner and the AFP. It will cover prevention tips and resources, difficult conversations, how to help your child be a responsible digital citizen and how to report inappropriate and harmful content.

Participants will be able to ask questions throughout the webinar through a secure link. [Register](#) for the best experience and full functionality. We encourage you to use a personal PC/laptop or mobile device.

SAS Onboarding Message for School Communities

On Monday 14 September, our school will progress into the third stage of implementation of the new School Administration System (SAS), the Enrolment module. So far, the program has helped to bring digital roll marking, parent /carer SMS communication and wellbeing processes across all ACT Public Schools. This is a major step for our school and the Directorate as we move away from the MAZE system as our source of student and financial information.

The Directorate's SAS team will be working very closely with us to ensure that the correct support processes are in place to ensure that the transition is a success.

As we transition into the new modules of the system over this period, information will be provided to the school community about new features that enhance or change current school processes. This update is particularly exciting for the administration of our school as previous releases have been focused on teacher use.

We expect this to be a smooth transition and appreciate your support and understanding during this time. As always you can contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns that may arise.