

HERITAGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE

NEWSLETTER

Achievements of 2018 & Goals for 2019

As usual, it feels as though 2018 has flown by and here we are in December with the final newsletter of 2018. I would like to quickly acknowledge some of our goals and achievements for this year and set out a few goals for 2019. These accomplishments and aims relate to our QIP (Quality Improvement Plan) and are listed in no particular order.

-Extending our sustainable practise even further this year, Kirsty introduced the idea of wet bags which has drastically reduced the amount of plastic bags used by Heritage. Preet also lead the teams recycling habits which led to being certified by ACT Smart as an accredited recycler. We hope to expand on this next year, particularly working with families to reduce the amount of waste coming from lunch boxes. This will begin with Nude Lunch Friday's (where only reusable containers and recyclable items are used) and eventually expanding to every day of the week.

-Further training was planned to support our Forest School curriculum. Anya from Nature Play Queensland ran a session for our 2018 Educator Development day. This session immediately improved our outdoor intentional teaching and provided educators with some great ideas that were adopted into our outdoor adventures. Educators have a strong passion and connection with nature which is reflected in the regular outdoor learning experiences occurring across all rooms and we hope to extend our knowledge, tools and resources in this area in 2019. We would also like to create a more Australian/community minded name to call our outdoor learning sessions that encompass the connections between people and places we see during our outings.

Heritage closes on Friday, 21st of December, 2018
at 5.45pm and reopens
on Monday, 7th of January, 2019 at 7.45am.



Achievements of 2018 and Goals for 2019



For a more safe and considerate parking area



Always use the one way entrance and exit.



Park considerately with space for others.



Travel slowly, be aware of children and your surroundings.



Don't leave your engine running.



And NEVER leave children unattended in the car.



-We published our first year book in 2017 and are about to release our second for 2018. This is not only a wonderful summary of the happenings at Heritage and an awesome book for your child to look back on but a great opportunity to promote Heritage around the ANU campus.

-Introducing writing workshops for our educators and continuing to build on our educational resources in our library has helped to support our educator's knowledge and writing skills. These workshops are held during our staff meetings and focus on summary writing and linking practice with theory. We have received some impressive feedback on the Developmental Summaries that were sent out three times this year and aim to continue maintaining this quality of summary writing in 2019. Educator workshops will continue next year with a focus on learning analysis and links with the National Framework.

-Fostering increasing levels of empathy and building a broader understanding of the world was another area we have been working on throughout the year. We have held special days such as Sweetheart Day and drought relief fundraisers. New library resources have also helped to offer opportunities for learning about various social and community justice concepts. At the end of last year we noticed there was a big gap in our teaching texts, so books were purchased with themes relating to community, multiculturalism, activism, gender, reconciliation etc. Spontaneous opportunities were taken by our older children when some kittens turned up on our deck one weekend and we needed to take them to the RSPCA. Another example included a visit from a WIRES volunteer when an owl was rescued during a walk. This is something we would like to continue building on next year, hopefully developing connections with the elderly and links with groups that need food donations and other essentials. Additionally, incorporating even more intentional teaching with special times in the calendar year e.g. R U OK? Day and Earth Day with meaningful experiences.

-Sharing our accomplishments with the wider world such as submissions to magazines is still something we are working on and aim to build on.

Anya from Nature Play Queensland took photographs of our amazing environments to share during her training courses. We are also planning to create a booklet about Heritage that can be dispersed around campus to continue promoting the amazing things we do.

So what would you like to see improve? This is where our Survey Monkey will help. Your feedback is so important in this process, so don't forget to fill this out so we can keep improving. Looking forward to a great 2019!

Wishing you a fantastic holiday season from the Heritage team.

Report from the Chairperson

Well done everyone, we made it to the end of another wonderful year. Special congratulations and Good Luck to all the Pre Schoolers who graduated and are heading off to Kindy next year!

So much has happened at Heritage this year, and it has been great to see the enthusiasm, support, and engagement from all families and Educators. Thank you to all!

In 2019, I look forward to us all continuing to grow as a Community as we prepare children for the big wide world, and for the continuation and expansion of the outdoor learning, sustainability efforts, and ongoing language learning including Auslan.

I would like to thank all members of the Committee for their ongoing support and contribution, particularly the long serving members who keep returning!

We always love to see new faces on the Committee, so please consider putting your hand up when the AGM rolls around. If you have any questions about what is involved, any current members would be happy to have a chat.

Have a safe and relaxing Christmas, and I look forward to seeing you around the Centre in the New Year.

CONTACT US

Heritage Website



<https://www.heritageecc.com.au>

Please check the website's member section to locate Heritage Newsletters, Resilient Family Issues, Policies and Procedures. The 2018 Heritage Yearbook will be available at a later date.

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Heritage Waiting list



<https://www.childcareapplication.com>

If you or a friend would like to enrol your child on the Heritage waiting list, please visit this website.



Heritage Survey



Heritage Quality Area Survey is available now. The survey is an anonymous and important way for us to gain your feedback and improve. Please take some time and return this back to us by the end of January 2019.

LINK ADDRESS: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RVTHR35>

THE COMMITTEE

2018

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You are welcome to join our committee meeting on the second Tuesday of every month at staff room.

Season's Greetings from The Heritage Educators

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**
** And a happy New Year **





ROOM EDUCATORS

- Educational Leader: Katie

PRESCHOOL ROOM

TEAM LEADER	RYAN
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	MADY
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- Gabby, Rocio, Ross and Sandra are our regular casual educators.

SPECIAL THANKS TO

Our Heritage Helpers
that have gone above and beyond

Tim Millard
Gardening

Stevie Wright
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The Heritage Yearbook is nearly ready!

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