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HERITAGE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE

WHERE EVERY CHILD IS AN INDIVIDUAL

Management Report

It is so strange to come to work and be so busy, without the attendance of our children and families. It is something we have greatly missed since the ACT went into lockdown but let me assure you that we have not wasted a minute of this time. With many lessons learned from the 2020 lock down, our Google classroom sessions kicked off straight away to support families at home and the incorporation of more live zoom sessions for children to join. Keeping in touch with our community this way has helped us to stay positive and still feel a connection with you all. Not all of us are the most tech savvy people in the world, so we feel so grateful to see many of our educators stepping up and sharing their tech skills to help this part of our program run as smoothly as possible.

With this newsletter, we thought to update you on some of the things we have worked on while you've been at home. Since painting occurred in 2020 our library was a big area needing some restructuring. Our educators have done a years' worth of sorting, scanning, covering and labelling in a matter of weeks. Our library is nearly done now and has never looked so good thanks to the huge effort from all our team. Sorting through these resources have also helped our educators to find new and interesting felt boards, books and puppets to use in their online learning.

NO GAP FEES FOR FAMILIES:
Heritage will continue operating at a loss to support families staying safe at home

*****IMPORTANT*****
NEXT YEAR'S ENROLEMENT:
Please return your enrolment form by Friday 1st October

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:
Closure: 23 December 2021
Return: 10 January 2022

Access the Heritage website with our members password - heccANU!

Many upgrades have been made to our indoor/outdoor environments, furniture, and equipment, with Jono having a few more helpers to achieve this big list of tasks. We have almost finished painting our preschool bathroom to better match the colours chosen for the preschool room last year. This has given the area a much-needed freshening up. All indoor tables have also been sanded back and repainted and look like new. Storeroom resources have been cleaned out and sorted.

In the outdoor areas a large hedge was sadly removed by ANU making our big garden very exposed to the windows of the childcare centre next door. Educators reflected that this didn't give our children much privacy for their play, so a wooden fence has been installed and painted along this area. Gardening has been another focus, with the toddler paved area getting a much needed tidy up and re-planting. Educators plan to extend this work to the ANU community garden over the next few weeks since their volunteers are unable to come and work. The community garden contributes largely to our children's learning and commitment to sustainability so it is of great importance to look after it for when everyone returns.

Professional development has been another area educators have used their time. Doing training on behaviour guidance, food safety, our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), our Quality Improvement Plan (QIP). Other sessions to complement programs such as exploring STEM, fire laboratories, tools and exploring the Arts with children (and much more).

Finally, we would like to quickly let you know that at the beginning of lockdown Tomasz from the Wattle and Grevillia Room handed in his resignation. He has decided to explore a new journey in the Early Education Sector, working with special needs children. We wish him all the best in this new endeavour. At the end of lockdown the toddler room will be looking for an new and energetic educator to join their amazing team.

We are definitely keeping busy, but missing you all so much.

Stay safe!

Vicki, Katie & the Leadership Team



Home Resources:

The ACT Government has brought together an epic list of ideas to help with entertainment - <https://www.act.gov.au/our-canberra/latest-news/2021/september/50-ideas-to-keep-kids-busy-during-school-holidays>

Australian Reptile Park - Animal talks, live animal streams and downloadable activity

packs! <https://linktr.ee/AustralianReptilePark>

Storyline - Storyline Online, streams videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations - <https://storylineonline.net/> as well as the great ABC Kids app - <https://www.abc.net.au/abckids/abc-kids-app/11131264>

Cosmic Kids Yoga - fun yoga for kids over five! -

<https://www.youtube.com/user/cosmickidsyoga>

Questacon at Home - science activities and great videos -

<https://www.questacon.edu.au/discover/questaconathome>

TED-Ed - the children's version of TED Talks! - <https://ed.ted.com/>

Nature Play CBR - ACT Government initiative established to increase the time children spend in unstructured play outdoors and in nature - <https://www.natureplaycbr.org.au/>

Podcast for the Parents - Parenting in a Pandemic podcast series -

In this podcast series, founder of the internationally acclaimed Triple P – Positive Parenting Program, Professor Matthew Sanders provides practical and actionable advice to help you steer your household through these uncharted waters -

<https://pfsc.psychology.uq.edu.au/parentinginapandemic>



Heritage T-shirt & Jumper orders have arrived!

If you placed an order, please transfer to:
Heritage Fundraising Account

BSB: 062 903

Account: 10370080

and we will send it home in your child's bag when we can!



Office

Director	Vicki
Educational Leader/ Assist Director	Katie
Policy Officer	Julia
Book Keeper	Chintha
Outdoor Educator	Jonno

Bluebells

Team Leader	Eranga
Assistant TL	Titi
Educator	Lisa
Educator	June
Educator	Sudeera
Educator	Sharmi

Grevillia

Wattle

Team Coordinator: Dragana			
TL	Fatima	TL	Rocio
Ed	Yuko	Ed	Bingling
Ed	Wei /Jenny		

Banksia

Team Leader	Kirsty
Assistant TL/ECT	Ria
Educator	Tina
Educator	Hannah

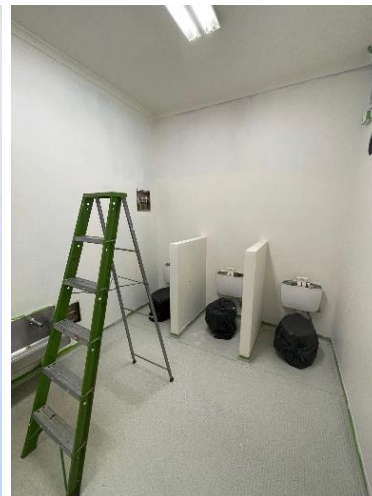
Home Learning



Staff Development



Jobs we're achieving





We will still be offering our Mango fundraiser this year, but due to a warmer winter, Mango crops have been affected with unprecedented crop failure across Australia (60-70% less than the normal harvest). This means our usual 7kg tray will be reduced to 4.5kg to allow distribution of the harvest as equitably as possible. The price for the smaller tray of mangos will be \$20 per tray. Please see attached Mango fundraiser order form. The mangos will arrive mid to late November.

Email us your order form and please direct deposit your mango money to the Heritage Fundraising Account:

Bank Details BSB: 062903

Account Number: 1037 0080

(Please have your name + 'mango order' as your reference)

Orders and payments must be in by 20th October



Heritage Keep Cup

Heritage Fundraising Account:
BSB: 062 903 Account: 10370080

\$25

**HERITAGE EARLY
CHILDHOOD CENTRE'S**



HALLOWEEN PARTY

WEEK OF 25 OCTOBER 2021

**GET YOUR BEST
HALLOWEEN COSTUME
READY!**

**FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE
ANNOUNCED CLOSER TO DATE AND
DEPEND ON COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**



Heritage Early Childhood Centre's

CHRISTMAS & PRESCHOOL GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS

SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER 2021
10:00AM - 12:30PM

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ANNOUNCED CLOSER TO DATE AND
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