



As we move into winter, we have been experiencing new weather conditions, as it has become colder, we are noticing the many different types of clouds, becoming very good at predicting changes in the weather and when it may rain. Down at the beach we have seen beautiful rainbows, long shadows and together sung in the rain. Everyone looks amazing in their new waterproofs- Thanks Bendigo Bank for the funds.



The storms have washed up many new discoveries which we have shared with each other, this has included some very large seaweed hills for us to roll on and jump off (many, many times). We have been reflecting on how resilient the group has become within these unpredictable weather and with the need to now wear warmer clothing and gumboots as they experience the cold, rain and at times windy conditions.

The Tide challenge:



We find we are always looking for new challenges everywhere. On this day the group extended the 'wave game' and created an Island to stand on. They tried to assess how far the waves would come in and if their Island would be safe enough. They watched the waves carefully (supported by Cath), there was much excitement as the waves approach and the decision had to be made to stay or run. These times as well as being great fun help the children to watch and listen to the environment-notice the changes around them.



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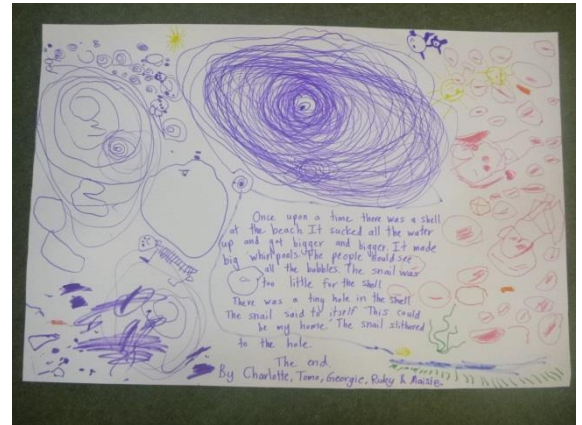


Learning and Living with nature

Story Creating with our learning with Country experiences and knowledges:



We are exploring our discoveries back at preschool within our collaborative art experiences. In small groups we explored mushrooms and shells as stories



Learning with Puddles: There is so much learning within a puddle



You can create a story



Share fun times with friends



Make discoveries and be energetic

You can get really, really messy, understand that is OK and have fun getting clean again.



Bundjil flew round preschool today

Our Hen is hatching eggs;

Down in the chicken pen we are watching and waiting to see what happens now the black hen has decided to sit on eggs. The children have learnt at this time we must respect her privacy and not collect the eggs. If the eggs hatch (hopefully next week) you will hear the excitement from us all.



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Learning with Fire: We have been learning about fire, how we can make fire with flints, what we can do with fire and how to be safe and move safely around the fire. We have sat quietly, listened to the fire, watched the flames and sung while Betina played her guitar as we had lunch around the fire.



Today we made our Toast on the fire for Toast Tuesday, everyone took turns to use the long forks to sit and cook their toast. You had to watch carefully to make sure it doesn't burn.



Our Fire song: Thank you to Betina for helping us create this song and playing your guitar.

Flicker, Flicker fire star

I can see how hot you are

Crackling, popping making sounds

Burning embers on the ground

Flicker, Flicker fire star

I can see how hot you are

Flicker, Flicker fire star

I can feel how warm you are

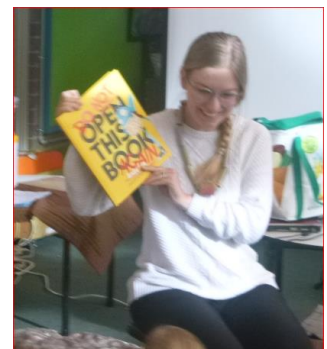
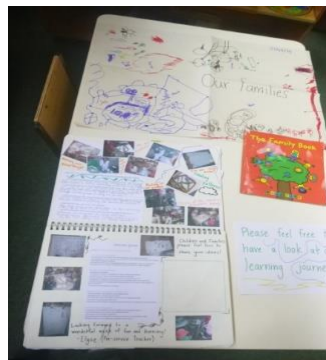
Burning flames up so high

Smoke is rising in the sky

Flicker, Flicker fire star

Keep me warm when ever you are.

Farewell to Elyse: Our student teacher.



We farewelled Elyse and made her a gift, a book created by the children where they shared with her their thoughts about how to be a good teacher. Elyse had created a film with the children about families, on her last day we made a movie theatre, some popcorn and invited all the parents to come and watch it with us.



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Bundjil Nest project: Waang project, Thank you to everyone who is collecting plastics for our project.



The plastics have now begun being sent to the recycler and we will continue to collect till end of June at the preschool. We then encourage you to think about how you can reduce the plastics we consume and to continue to recycle soft plastics at recycle points at Coles and Woolworths.



This Waang project is being filmed this month we carried out a clean up at Bush camp and Zachary joined us to video our work and discoveries. We bought all the rubbish we found back to preschool to sort and recycle what we had found. Next term we will begin working with an Artist in residence to create Waang's and learn more about why it is important to care for Country and to reduce and place our rubbish in the correct places.

Come and Help and Play Roster: *Big Thank you to everyone who has joined us for sessions and helped throughout the term, we greatly appreciate your support to the group. Many families have shared their skills, these are always special times your child and all of us.*

Interviews with families: It has been great to have the opportunities to meet with the families and talk about our year at preschool so far. Please see me if you haven't booked a time.

Come join us: (see information next to the sign in book and text for more information).

- **Saturday 22nd June Clean Up Balnarring day:** Come join us on the Community ground next to the preschool for Clean up day. Please see the notice on the door for information.
- **Tuesday 25th June: PJ's Toast Tuesday, wear your PJ's to kinder day**
- **Thursday 27th Mud day:** Everyone is invited to join us from 1pm, wear Old clothes!!!!

We wish everyone a happy holiday, please see your Blue Folder for some holiday ideas and enjoy looking at the stories of the our experiences at preschool so far. Thank you for the great term, it has been very special to be able to share in each child's learning times and to reflect with you how much they have grown. Enjoy your family times, Kind regards, Ann and the Teaching team.



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