



## Djeembana Story Board



### Welcome to term two

Last week we welcomed Miriam to Djeembana, please make yourselves known to Miriam to assist her in settling into the group.

Congratulations to Aaron, Dania and Alando on the arrival of Lottie-Mae and Freya, Jake and Joey on the arrival of Gus. We look forward to these little bubups becoming part of Djeembana

Term two has started very smoothly, the children settled immediately. We have loved hearing about their holiday adventures which they have proudly shared with the group.

We continue to run the program outdoors, please remember to dress your child for the outdoor conditions and include the waterproofs each day in the bags. While we have several areas where we can get out of the rain we still need to move between these spaces.

You will have noticed we have set up gazebos in various places. Experiences are being set up in these areas. We are awaiting a 6x3 gazebo which will provide a larger space to work under maybe in the sand area.

Emma has completed her placement with us. In the last days she planned all the experiences and ran the session. The children responded well to her with only a little bit of support from me. We now welcome Grace (Tues and Wed) and Annelise (Tues) to the group. They are second year students and will have a few requirements but mostly they are learning how a teacher works.

Emma observed the children talking about volcanoes. She introduced them to the bi carb and vinegar experiment before creating an explosive volcano. They children heard about chemical reactions and gas being created. We will let the children revisit this experiment over the coming weeks.



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The fire has been introduced as a weekly experience. This term we will be cooking a variety of things on the fire. If you have any ideas, please let us know. The children cooked toast last week – they were very careful as they cooked their toast. They practiced spreading the butter and condiments. We will cook pumpkin soup next week



It has been encouraging to observe the children exploring a variety of experiences often without adult intervention. The teaching team are conscious of each children accessing experiences that develop a variety of skills. If children do the same thing every session, they are not extending themselves or developing their skills. With this in mind, the experiences planned each week aim at presenting new skills or different perspectives while supporting children's interests and preferences.

It was four weeks since the children had been at the beach and yet they settled back into the space very quickly. They played with the waves, explored rock pools and rock paint, scrambled on the rock wall and demonstrated their artist skills. The book I am an artist inspired the children to be beach artists. We are making our own book 'Djeembana beach artists' look out for it so you can see how talented the bubups are.

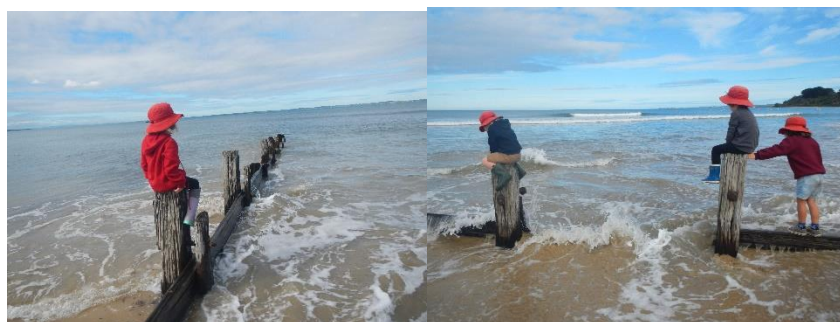


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When the tide came in last week some children were concerned we would get trapped. We observed the waves crashing against the wooden poles, most of the children got really brave and sat on the posts while the waves moved around them. It was so exciting and scary!!!



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We shared the Barraemaal (Emu) story which tells the children about the importance of the constellations to First Nations People. When Barraemaal appears in the Milky way First Nations people know that they are going to lay their eggs and when they will hatch.

Barraemaal also presents the concept of caring and responsibility.

If you don't already have a copy of this book in your home you can purchase it from the preschool for \$30.

After spending time with Boon Wurrung Elder Fay Stewart-Muir, I have compiled a dictionary of all the Boon Wurrung language we have been given. This dictionary will be placed around the centre for not only the teaching team but also the families to look at. Where possible I have added the key word signs as well.

### Boon Wurrung Language

'The language of the land where we live and the children learn' Fay Stewart Muir

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\* Fay Stewart-Muir (29<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at team meeting)

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Messy play remains a popular choice for many of the children, exploring different textures, descriptive language and sharing the experience with a peer.



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Making a mini golf course came about of a child's interest in golf and provided an opportunity to develop ideas with another person



### Coming events – it busy for the next four weeks

- Luncheon 10<sup>th</sup> May at 12:30. Hope you can join us.
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Arliah and family's last day. Thanks Ashleigh for all the work you have done on the committee. We wish them all the best.
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Jill will take over teaching at 11 so I can attend a funeral
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Department of education have asked us to work with them to create a video for their Koori Kids Shine program on Culturally Safe places. They may want to film some of the session – we will let you know and provide consent forms if this is to occur.
- PMP dates - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June. Please come along to be part of this program
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority. The children will be filmed within our tight guidelines – a consent form and information was sent home on Tuesday. If you have any questions please let me know.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May – a group of teachers and educators will be visiting the beach program as part of their learning to develop their own nature program. Ann will assist with the teaching on this day



- National Reconciliation week 27<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> June
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May – reconciliation walk Hastings. Join us on Willum Warrain walk at 11 at Pelican Park- See flyer for more details.

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May and Wed 8<sup>th</sup> June– the children will experience a Wayapa session with Karen Kent. This is a narrative meditation connecting the children to indigenous elements and the earth.



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- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Parent session with Peninsula Health social worker Martine. Martine will discuss the topics of emotional regulation and behaviours (focusing on when children are defiant)
- .Working bee Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June – we will be filling the dirt patch with clean soil in preparation for mud day
- Tues 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> June – I will be in Sydney for the National RAP Conference hosted by Reconciliation Australia. This is an opportunity for large and small organisations to collaborate, learn and act on reconciliation. Ann will teach on the Tuesday AND Jill on the Wednesday
- Mud day 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Families are invited to return at 12 for a day of mud fun

If you have any questions please ask. Always know you can drop in to see what we are doing

Regards

Karen Anderson



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