



**Whitford Family Centre Inc.**  
**Children's Program Staff and**  
**Parents Meeting Minutes,**  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2017**

**Attendance:**

Jemma Hartley (Children's program)  
Jenny Tough (Children's program)  
Jennifer Moriarty (Green group)  
Vicky Fort (Green group)  
Melissa Nicol (Green & blue group)  
Kym Todorovski (Green & blue group)  
Dona Gordon (Green group)  
Phil Gooch (Red & purple group)  
Claire Burns (Red group)  
Elizabeth Melendez (Red group)  
Melissa DeNooyer (Green group)  
Jennifer Dichiera (Purple group)  
Alexandra Boily (Orange group)



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**REMINDERS:**

\*If you are on Facebook please 'like' the Whitfords Family Centre page to see updates on what your child is learning about each week. There will also be reminder posts throughout the year of any events that may be taking place.

\*To help your child can you please take hat, drink bottle and lunch box out of bags and put them on their shelf. This encourages independence

in collecting their own things during the day.

\*Please remember we are a **healthy eating and nut allergy aware centre.**

Please refrain from sending eggs or nuts in lunchboxes.

\*Hats all year round- a beanie or hoodie is fine to wear on the cooler days.

\*Please check the whiteboard to see what the session focus will be each week, upcoming events and to see if anything may be needed



**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM:**

Children have had a wonderful second term exploring and learning about themselves! Some of the activities they have taken part in are:

\*Learning about their body- completing a book about the different layers of the human body. (4's Programme)

\*Faces- looking at their faces in mirrors and drawing pictures of what they see.

\*Yoga- getting children to understand how their body moves.

\*Feelings- discussing different feelings and emotions through songs and stories.

\*Senses- exploring their senses through a variety of different

activities. Having smelling jars to explore different scents, touching/ exploring different textures, hearing different music and sounds using different CD's, tasting different foods during cooking activities.

\*Cooking- Children have had the opportunity to cook cheese puffs, fried rice, banana muffins, gingerbread men, pikelets, sausages and cutting with child safe knives. Cooking encourages number and math skills, hand eye coordination, fine motor and gross motor skills and discussion about healthy eating.

\*Fine motor skills- threading, using tongs to pick up different objects (this is a great activity for at home), bending and threading with pipe cleaners, squeeze bottles, cutting and cooking.

\*Outdoors-

Gardening: thanks to a wonderful donation, children were able to plant some flowers and vegetables. These will then be used in cooking activities throughout the year.

Gross motor: developing climbing, balancing skills on the new equipment that was purchased with the lottery west grant.

Water play: science activities with ice, melting ice blocks with warm water, chipping dinosaurs out of ice blocks.

Role play: Learning to socialise and share through play in the sandpit and cubby house.

\*Neighbourhood week: We used money from the grant to buy costumes and resources to carry out a number of art and craft activities and explore different cultures.

\*Green group were lucky enough to have a visit from Elsa!

\*Mother's Day: What a wonderful turnout there was in each group with mums, grandparents, dads, family members and friends coming in join. The children made cheese muffins and other treats to share with their loved ones.



### **TERM 3:**

The 4's programme will have a visit from Whitfords Dental Clinic Monday 31 July and Tuesday 1 August.

The next topic that teachers would like to explore with the children is lifecycles. This may change depending on children's interests.

### **DATES TO MARK ON THE CALENDAR-**

\***Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July**- 9-11am at the centre. Please come and help clean up the children's play area and the centre gardens. Let the office know if you can attend.



\***Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July**- Woolworths Earn and Learn sticker program begins! Help the centre collect the stickers from Woolworths which can then be collected and used to get some wonderful new resources. There will be a box near the sign in table where you can drop in your completed sticker cards. Make sure you let extended family and friends know you are collecting.



\***Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July**- Family portrait fundraising day through Advanced Life Studios. \$20 for a professional mini photo session at the centre. The full \$20 is donated to the centre. Bookings can be made through the front office.

\***Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October**- Community fun day! More details to follow. Do you have a family business that sells items for children? Why not set up a table at the fun day! Please let Carolyn or Tracey in the office know if you are interested.

**Term 3 will start back on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of July 2017.** This is a 10 week term.

**Have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you all next term.**