



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM:

Children had a busy and exciting third term exploring and learning. Some of the activities they have taken part in are:

\*National tree day— we were lucky enough to receive donations of plants, herbs, pots, baskets and soil from Bunnings. The children have been able to see the whole process from planting the plants and herbs through to using some of the herbs in their cooking activities. They made herb dip, salads and spaghetti bolognaise.

\*Australian animals— Exposing the children to many different animals through toys, books and puzzles. These helped to further develop knowledge and vocabulary.

\*Book week— Children were encouraged to come dressed as a character from their favourite book. This allows children to make a connection from their home into their 'school'. This also encourages a love of reading and books.

\*Hungry caterpillar— This is a well loved story that the children always enjoy! It is familiar, repetitive, discusses lifecycles, numbers, days of the week and connects to the kindy weather chart.

\*Chickens— This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year that we have had the chickens hatch at the centre. This year the Thursday group was lucky enough to watch them hatch! Was lovely to see how excited the children were to show their siblings, parents and extended family the new little chicks. They could hold the chickens in their laps or on a

## Whitford Family Centre Inc.

### Children's Program Staff and Parents Meeting Minutes,

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2017

#### Attendance:

Jenny Tough (Children's program)  
Jennifer Moriarty (Green group)  
Kym Todorovski (Green & blue group)  
Dona Gordon (Green group)  
Phil Gooch (Red & purple group)  
Laura Robertson (Orange group)  
Angela Barclay (Purple 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.

\*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 please!**

**\*Please make sure you pack spare clothes, as the weather warms up the water play returns!**

\*New term 4 parent roster is out, we would love you to come join us.

cushion if preferred. They were also a big hit at our Father's Day morning!

\*Father's Day— We had a great turn out and a lovely morning was had by all. Was a great opportunity for Dads to view portfolios.

\*Numbers— Children are exposed to many opportunities for number development during each session. They take part in counting songs, counting toys, daily calendar, one to one correspondence counting, dice, cards, pebbles, dominos and even counting the chickens as they hatched.

\*Cupcakes for cancer— Our gold coin donation cooking day where all money raised was given to support and promote awareness of childhood cancer.

\*Sensory— Giving children opportunities to explore with gardening, chickens, shaving cream, baby oil and flour.

\*Fine motor— Giving children opportunities to develop cutting skills, using tongs to search through shredded paper, threading, puzzles and drawing.

\*Teddy bears picnic— We had our dress up bear come to visit the children at their picnic. Children were also invited to bring their special bear/ toy to attend the picnic with them.

\*Music— Introducing children to the Jo Jingles CD exploring songs that are instructional, fast/ slow, high/ low, using tapping sticks and scarves.

\*Outdoors—

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

At Whitfords Family Centre teachers follow the Early Years Learning Framework and carry out skills through activities that match the children's interests. This also allows children to settle better and feel more comfortable in their environment.

## DATES TO MARK ON THE CALENDAR—

\*Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 7:15pm— Join us for a short children's program meeting and then at 7:30pm Joondalup Viva Clinic will be having a speech therapist come to present and then an opportunity for any questions.

\*Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October— Family fun day clean up. If available we would love your help to give the centre a tidy up before the fun day on Sunday. Please see the office staff or Jenny & Jemma to let us know if you can help.

\*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.

**Enrolments are open for 2018!**  
**Please spread the word to friends and family!**