



Whitford Family Centre Inc.

Children's Program Staff and Parents Meeting Minutes,

Monday 29th April 2019 Attendance:

Jenny Tough (Children's program)

Jemma (Children's program)

Crystal (Green group)

Melanie (Green group)

Nicky (Orange group)

Kath (Orange group)

Miyoung Jo (Orange group)

Caitlin (Blue group)

Brad (Blue group)

Courtney (Purple group)

Lisa (Blue group)

Ben (Blue group)

David (Blue group)

Kristyna (Orange group)

Melissa (Red group)

Jennifer (Orange & red group)

Emily (Monday & Thursday group)

Lucinda

Rowena (Friday group)

REMINDERS:



*If you are on Facebook please 'like' the Whitford 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. Also remember to check the noticeboard outside the classroom.

*Please remember we are a healthy eating and nut allergy aware centre. Please refrain from sending nuts in lunchboxes.

*To help develop independence please have everything out of your child's bag and sitting in

their cubby so they can go and get their own belongings throughout the session.

***Hats all year round please!** Or beanie in winter months

***Please make sure you pack spare clothes and label all personal belongings**

*Old clothes or kindy shirt are encouraged as there is a good chance they will get covered in paint whilst exploring through play!

*Parent roster is out! We would love for you to come join us.

*Throughout the year work samples will be collected for your child's portfolio. Please don't be alarmed if your child is not bringing home lots of paintings etc.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM:

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

*Culture and diversity- The centre took part in Harmony Day, St Patricks day and Chinese New Year. If there are any holidays or celebrations you would like us to explore please let us know. If your child goes on any holidays and would like to share about these, they are welcome to.

*Colours- Each week children learnt about a new colour though water play, painting, books, shaving cream, craft and also explored mixing primary colours.

*Dramatic play- home corner, a cafe, role play and mud kitchen in the sand pit.

* Fine motor skills- Play dough, pegs, peg boards, tongs, picking things up, stickers and other hand strengthening activities.

*Messy play- allowing children to explore using their senses. Shaving foam is a favourite, mixing colours. This is an introduction to experimenting and science.

Outdoors-

***Water play- washing toys, floating, colour mixing, ice exploration, chiselling ice blocks to find toys (developing fine motor, coordination and perseverance skills)**

***Gross motor skills- Climbing, obstacle course, balancing, moving left and right side of the body and teaching children how to move their body. These skills are important to develop pre writing and reading skills.**

At Whitford 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.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

***Neighbourhood house week- children will take part in a different activity each day. The centre was given a small grant to provide services and craft activities for all groups.**

***Mother's Day morning teas- Please see the email sent out for day and time of your group's morning tea. If your child has any allergies please see teachers to discuss food.**

***Parent roster- This term you are invited to stay for the session and assist with activities and morning tea. Younger siblings are welcome if you cannot make alternative arrangements.**

All groups are almost full! The 3's group on Friday has a few open spots if you would like to add on a session!