Preschool - Puggles, Term 2 Overview 2016

Our play-based learning program in Term 2 will continue to cater to the children’s many interests, personalities, well-being, parent input, and special events. This is based on the elements of the Early Years Learning Framework [EYLF]. Intentional teaching and provocations will act as springboards for learning experiences within the preschool setting.

This term the Puggles will be going on their first excursion to the Canberra Museum and Gallery to explore the Bush Capital Exhibition. Students will be viewing artworks and artefacts that showcase the flora and fauna of the Capital and discover the meaning behind them.

Please read and add to your calendars the Important Dates, as listed at the end of this overview.

The Learning and Teaching Program

Literacy
The embedded literacy activities from Term One, such as listening and responding to a variety of texts and songs, speaking and listening in small and large groups, role play and borrowing from the preschool library, will continue with the addition of story writing/drawing books. The children are encouraged to draw in their books on a regular basis, and then narrate a story about their drawing, with Mariana or I writing the story. The aim of the activity is to continue to grow children’s oral language and for them to see the connection between oral and written language.

In Term 2 we will begin visits to the primary school library to make use of this whole school facility with the children engaging in a story time and having the opportunity to browse and become familiar with the library.

Please continue to enjoy being a part of the Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge.

Numeracy
Numeracy is embedded in all areas of the preschool curriculum. Numbers feature in many areas of the preschool day – counting, measuring, comparison (sinking/ floating; heavy/light; big/small). Children engage in discussions about money, musical notation, numbers, time, days of the week, and so forth.

Technology
The Puggles will have opportunities to use the wood working bench this term, using hammers and nails, screws, glue, sandpaper and a range of recycled materials to develop their imaginations and wood working skills. Safety glasses and face masks will be used as required to ensure the children’s safety.

Lego, Knex and other construction activities will be provided daily, during inside and outside playtime, to encourage children’s design skill and enhance their fine motor skills and strength.

IPads and the large touch screen will be used for researching topics of interest with the children. Later in the term the children may have opportunities to use the iPad’s for accessing games that promote numeracy, literacy and problem solving skills.

Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS) & Health
All children will be encouraged to complete a FMS circuit during outdoor time each day to develop spatial awareness, body management skills, safety and wellbeing of themselves and others. They will also have the opportunity to join in organised games and activities that promote healthy behaviours. FMS will be based on the ACT Government’s ‘Kids At Play Active Play’ program.

Music, Creative Arts & Drama
Our music program encourages a love of singing and moving to music and will include action songs, echo singing, finger plays, dancing as well as body percussion. An understanding of beat, rhythm, pitch and sol-fa will be promoted, with the children being introduced to the Solfège System to help develop pitch memory.
The creative arts are a daily part of our program, with children having opportunities to use materials such as paint, playdough, clay, pencils, scissors, glue and oil pastels. As part of the lead up to our Canberra Museum and Art Gallery [CMAG] excursion we will be introducing the children to a range of artworks and artists, with children creating their own artworks using similar ideas. As a follow up, children will be experimenting with some of the techniques and tools that the artists used to create the artworks viewed at the gallery.

This term sees the introduction of Drama sessions designed to assist students in understanding more about movement, space and sound. Through the introduction of animal movements and some fun facts and activities, Preschoolers will gain confidence in presenting to an audience, develop a control of movements and use their imaginations to create a creature of their own making. Marina Fowler is our specialist Drama teacher who will join us once a week to continue expanding the academic and social experiences of our valued Preschoolers.

**Indonesian**

Children will continue their introduction to Indonesian language and culture through playing games, singing songs and listening and responding to stories.

**Inclusion/Transition**

Puggles will continue to visit Garran Primary School to aid their transition into Kindergarten in 2017.

**Important Dates**

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Please note that Nude Food Day is every Thursday.

Kind Regards,

Carolyn Dunphy

**2016 P&C Meeting Dates**

The P&C holds its meetings on Wednesday evenings in weeks 4 and 8 of each term commencing at 7.00pm in the school’s staff room.

**Term 2**
- 18 May
- 15 June

**Term 3**
- 10 August
- 7 September

**Term 4**
- 2 November
- 30 November

You are cordially invited to attend.