

The Sanctuary at Hillside

October 2018

Important dates to remember

Event	Date & Time	Other details
Food safety week	9 November	
National Recycling Week	9 November	
Remembrance Day	11 November	
Paul Saddler Water Safety Talk	14 November	Rooms 3 & 4
Photographs Aver and Line	19 November for week	All groups throughout the week
Stars of the sea incursion	19 November	Room 2
Buy nothing new day	29 November	

VICTORIAN CAR SEAT RULES



In Victoria, children under seven years of **age** must be restrained in an approved child restraint or approved booster seat when travelling in a motor vehicle.

Children over seven years of **age** and under 16 years must be restrained in a booster seat or adult seatbelt.

The Victorian road rules allow children aged **7** years and over to travel in the front seat. However, research shows that the injury risk to children aged **12** and under is nearly double in the front seat compared to the back seat.

The team at The Sanctuary will ensure parents / guardians use correct seats and position in car and will request they are obtained before allowing a child to leave our premises. You may be required to leave and come back with suitable car seats.

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Staff

Nursery:	Maria Monica, Bansi, Nikki
Room 1:	Caitlin (Assistant Manager) Margaret, Jesma, Ruth, Kayla, Mona, Shelli
Room 2:	Cass Stacey, Tammy, Niloo, Biljana
Room 3:	Rachuel Terri and Ranjit
Room 4:	Preeti Trudie and Vanessa (3 rd in charge)
Cooks:	Jacqui, Centre Cook (Mon/Fri) Baljinder Centre Chef (Tue - Thur)
Management:	Kellie, Centre Director & Owner Nicole, Business Manager Melinda, Administration Manager Seniz, Educational Leader
Relievers:	Sandra, Eliza, Nancy, Asma, Monique, Briana, Jenny, Namneet, Shimpy



OUR CENTRE

PHONE NUMBER

1300 131 958

We have been having some difficulty with our phones and this continues – Telstra has not been able to correct for us as yet.

It is important when you call the centre to use the **1300 131 958** as it is the line with line hunt and more likely to reach one of us or at least our correct message bank.

Nursery News

Lots has happened in the nursery this month!

First and foremost, we would like to wish our friends Jaxon and Hunter good luck, as they have moved up to Room 1!

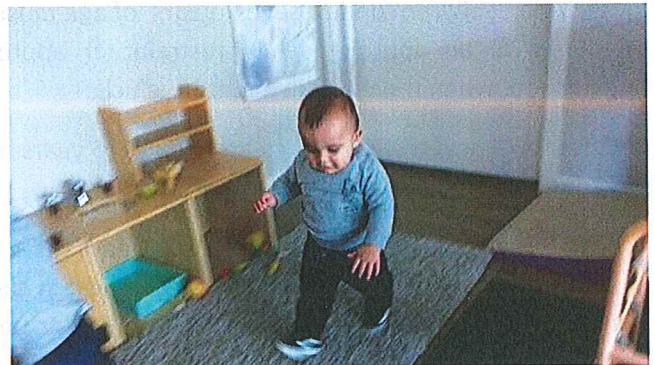
We would also like to welcome our three newest members: Hudson, Grace and Kayla!

They have all made tremendous efforts to become familiar with the routine and connect with everyone. We are looking forward to sharing this very exciting journey with you!

We would also like to wish the twins a very big Happy Birthday! We celebrated this very special day with Chelsea and Emmett by singing them Happy Birthday and sharing a delicious cake.

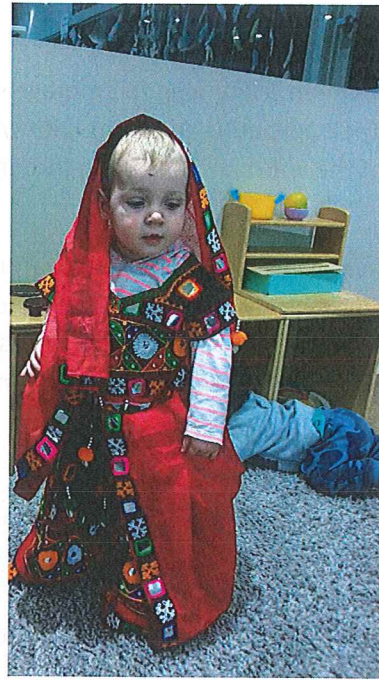


Leo, Edward, Sophia, James and Blake have all begun walking! Each of them have gained a significant amount of confidence and independence as a result.



Navratri Festival was this month! We celebrated by dressing in the traditional Indian clothing and danced to some beautiful music!

The children had lots of fun dancing and examining all of the colourful fabric!



ROOM 1 ROOM REPORT

Snapshot of October

The Room 1 children have been continuing to embrace spring. Children have enjoyed nurturing their sprouting seedlings with water. Their plants are located on the side of the courtyard and seen through their dining room window.

As this month has had several very warm days, educators and children have been enjoying making their own icy poles. Children were given diced watermelon and banana and mashed it all up then transferring into icy pole containers. The icy poles made are 100% natural fruit and children really enjoyed devouring them.

As this week was 'National Children's Week,' the theme was 'Teddy bear picnic.' Many of the children brought a special teddy bear or comfort item from home to share the week with them in childcare. A special tea party picnic was set up during the week where children valued the social and sharing aspect of their picnic. We read special books and sang many songs.

Also, children were very excited as they made special teddy bear biscuits. They made the biscuits from scratch from gathering the ingredients, mixing the ingredients to rolling out the dough and even cutting the teddy shapes. Children were given an opportunity to decorate with special pink icing and coloured sprinkles. The best part was eating them!

This month educators and children were very excited to learn about the festival Navaratri. Educators dressed into colourful shiny clothes with bangles on their wrist and bindi's on their forehead. Children were also provided with appropriate clothing for dress ups. A positive social and cultural environment was experienced by everyone in the centre.

Children were introduced to traditional music and folk songs. They enjoyed the music and danced to its beats. Children were introduced to two special dances, a circle dance and a stick dance.

Indian lunch, Rice and Dhal, was greatly enjoyed by all. Children tried an Indian sweet dish called Sheera for afternoon tea as well. After successful completion of this festival, educators are looking forward on celebrating another Indian festival called Diwali in November with the children.



Birthdays and special occasions

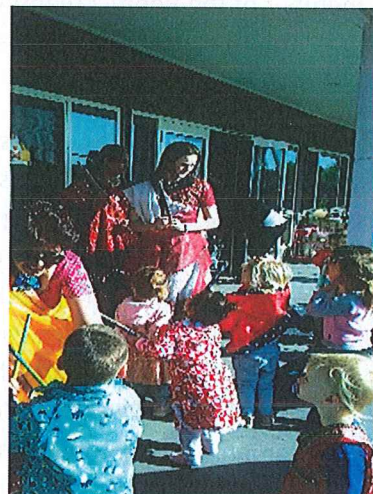
Happy 2nd birthday Leo and Annabelle! This month we would like to welcome Hunter and Jaxon from nursery and farewell Celia and Sarah into Room 2.

Being SunSmart

Our SunSmart period has started, we have been encouraging children to wear hats and sunscreen during outdoor play. If your child has sensitive sunscreen and/or a favourite hat they wish to bring, feel free to do so.

Reminders

It would be fantastic if families can bring family photos to add on our belonging tree, children enjoy seeing photos of loved ones.



October Room Report- Room Two

In the month of October we celebrated many birthdays, including Abigail, William, Samar and Sophia; all of whom turned three years old! In the past month we have also farewelled our friends Aaliyah and Eden Lee who were very excited to make the move into Room 3. In addition to farewelling some friends, we have been fortunate enough to welcome new friends into our Room 2 community. In the past few weeks we have welcomed Celia, Sarah and Ardaas as well as educator Jenny becoming a permanent member of the Room 2 team! We look forward to continuing to strengthen relationships with and between children as our team expands.

In addition to the busy comings and goings that have occurred over the last month, we have celebrated 'Children's Week' and the Navratri festival, have been engaging in an ongoing learning journey surrounding marine life and continued our exploration of cooking and food preparation! To celebrate 'Children's Week', each child was encouraged to bring a special toy or teddy and each day that week we had a teddy bear picnic outside. We used this opportunity to celebrate our Room 2 community and the individual personalities that exist within it. It was fantastic to see children bringing their special items or teddies from home and sharing it amongst their peers (as well as room 1) in a special picnic afternoon. The children engaged in music and movement such as 'Teddy Bear Twist' and 'Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear'. The teddy bear picnic provoked imaginative play amongst the Room 2 children and it was fantastic to see children caring for their bears and pretending to have tea and cakes.



During the festival of Navratri (Nav meaning 9 and Ratri meaning nights) that went over nine days, we explored aspects of the cultural celebration in a variety of ways. Children and educators were given the opportunity to dress in traditional Indian celebration clothing called ghagra and choli, we listened to traditional celebratory music and viewed the cultural dancing style which included clapping and the use of sticks called dandiya. On the final day of the Navratri celebration, The Sanctuary celebrated by having black chickpeas (chana) and semolina sweets (halwa). The Navratri festival gave our Room 2 community an opportunity to immerse ourselves into a diverse cultural celebration that was familiar to some and not to others. Moving forward, we will continue to embrace and explore the practices and celebrations of different cultures within our program.

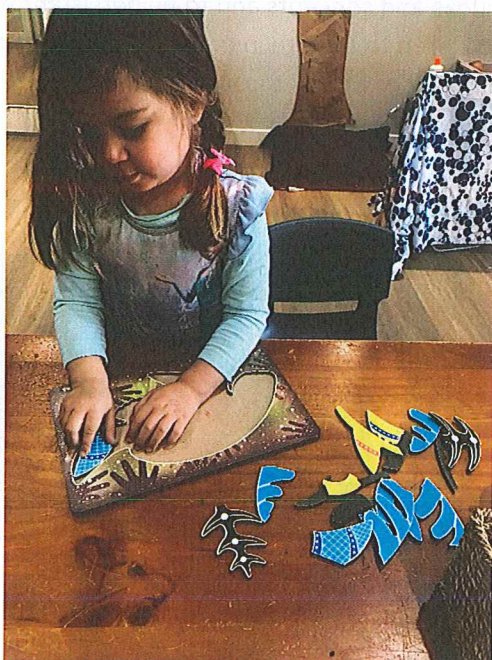
Over the past month our Room 2 chefs have been honing our food preparation and cooking skills. We began with juicing fruits and making icy poles, experimenting with different types of fruits (lemon, orange, banana, watermelon, etc.). We have been exploring our sense of taste, experimenting with texture and learning to work collaboratively. Cooking experiences such as this allow for children to practice their turn taking skills and encourage children to work with mathematical concepts such as 'half', 'full', etc. In addition to this, combining different types of matter (e.g.; watermelon and water) and producing a result that is different from what we began with (liquid into solid as it freezes) saw our children relishing these opportunities to see the results of this scientific experience! During the month of November,



our Room 2 educators in collaboration with the children intend on furthering our cooking skills and branching into cooking foods from different cultures. We are beginning with making Macedonian fluffy cheese rolls (Kiflicki) and would love families to make suggestions or recommendations on what to cook next!

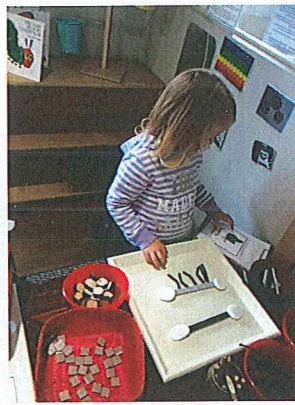
The month of October has proven to be a busy one in terms of our marine life learning journey. At the end of September, we noticed through observations that our Room 2 team had a strong emergent interest in sea life. From this, we have introduced sensory tables, books, multimedia and art experiences that have furthered our exploration and learning of all things sea animals. This learning journey has allowed children to draw connections between underwater animals, water wastage and the importance of throwing things in the bin! Through a team effort we have worked together to clean the habitat for 'Orange' our Room 2 fish and continue to investigate the needs of our sea life animal. We are looking forward to extending upon our learning and investigation during the month of November, with our Marine Life incursion taking place on Monday the 19th.

We have had a very busy month, and look forward to what's to come in November!



Welcome to Room 3 October 2018 Newsletter

This month the children have been exploring, engaging and developing their social, creativity and gross & fine motor skills in our learning environment.



This month the children have been engaged in learning using their fine motor skills activities to thread some beads on their fishing line, using their pincer grip to hand the line and try and thread on the bead to make their necklaces. While on the other table the children have been engaged in learning there letters using alphabet tiles to match the letter on the paper. While the loose parts area has been changed to bugs and insects for our spring theme, the children have been finding pictures and using the loose parts to make their own creation using their imagination.

We have introduced clay into our room and the children have been very busy sitting at the table using their manipulative skills to create things that are off interest to each of them, this activity allows for the children to develop a sense of agency when they seek and accept new challenges and use their bodies effectively to make new discoveries. The children are being challenged to explore new ideas and concepts and to be persistent when faced with difficult challenges. These activities also allowed for the children to engage in meaningful conversation with their peers, while creating and exploring imaginary worlds through play.

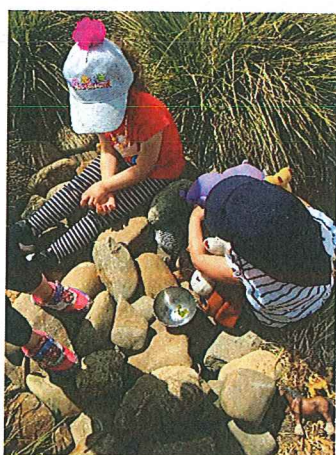


Our craft area has been very busy this month with a recreation of our favourite story "The Hungry Caterpillar", the children were engaged in making each of the steps from the egg on the leaf to the beautiful butterfly, to making the fruit and other products the caterpillar ate. Recalling this story has allowed the children to brainstorm, reflect, assemble, invent and construct the story using their imagination to recreate "The Hungry Caterpillar".



The construction area both inside and outside has been very constructive with children exploring new play spaces and new challenges, work collaboratively, asking questions, reflecting on their achievements, and persisting with their building, the children have been exploring their ideas using a variety of different shapes and size block to use their imagination to manipulate the blocks to assemble and construct buses, trains and Christmas trees with decorations. Outside in the play space the children are using our new blocks to construct. This also develops children mathematical skills in counting using the blocks and measuring each half tube to see which ones are longer or shorter to fit onto the cupboard and reach the carpet. Children are communication with each other during this activity to help each other in constructing their creations.

While outside the month the children have been able to engage in gross motor skills developing their balancing skills, dancing and gymnastics, while some of the children have been interested in building campfires with the new logs in the sand pit. While we made some guitars using recycled cardboard for our concerts. The children have been engaged in maintaining their physical health, participating in their exercise and enjoying the outdoor environment and play.



The children have been very busy with our spring theme using flowers and leaves from our gardens to create their own collage gardens, and using paint on their hands to make flowers. Room 3 is looking very colourful and full of artwork that we have been doing for spring, these activities allows for the children to engage in purposeful conversations, creative thinking, and is challenge their own thinking about the world in which they live in, providing the children with open-ended experiences to create and sculpt and draw their own spring flowers to begin to understand how flowers are grown.

Hello families welcome to the Kinder:

Children in the kindergarten have been learning about letter L, F and B this month. They have been engaged in learning about different words and understanding phonics sounds through the jolly phonics curriculum. Children created colourful lollipops and squeezed some fresh lemon juice. Children engaged in social play in a forest experience. We have learnt a new poem about funny fish. They created flowers and the focus was to learn different parts of a plant. For letter B we have been creating butterflies and to enhance their eye hand coordination the children were encouraged to cut their butterflies and demonstrate scissor control. They were excited to see the different colours when they opened the butterfly wings. Children used the creative arts such as drawing, painting, sculpture, drama, dance, music and storytelling to express ideas and make meaning.



We have learnt about an Indian festival called Navratri. To enhance children's understanding about different ways of being and belonging we implemented some rituals from the Hindu Tradition. The children were excited about the rituals as well as dancing with the colourful sticks that represented the folk dance called 'Dandiya'. The children and the educators wore traditional Indian dresses to participate in the festival. The children were given a taste of authentic Indian

food for lunch and afternoon tea. To continue their journey about diversity we have started creating Diya's with clay for Diwali. These experiences would give children the opportunities to explore the diversity of culture, heritage, tradition and background which further allows children to make choices and develop new understandings.



In numeracy children are given opportunities to trace and write numbers through different mediums. They have engaged in Lego painting or tracing through stencils.



We engaged in music and movement sessions and had some indoor and outdoor musical experiences with our teddy bears. Children enjoyed dancing along the song about 'ten little teddy bears' and made sure to give their special teddy lots of cuddles. The children who are going to school next year are getting ready for graduation by participating in different songs. The experiences demonstrate that the children are happy, healthy safe and connected to others.



In science the children have been exploring volcanoes and how lava erupts. The children have been excited to mix the coloured vinegar with soda bi carb and see how it erupts. They have learnt lava is very hot and Volcanoes are formed when magma from within the Earth's upper mantle works its way to the surface. Watching a video and having a hands-on experience assisted to foster children's thinking. The experience was implemented to allow children to follow and extend their own interest with enthusiasm, energy and concentration.



Most of our children have visited their school and have some more orientations in the coming weeks. They are very excited to share about their visits to school. They were able to openly express their feelings and ideas about going to school with peers and adults in the class. We would like to request our families to donate any school uniforms for our kindergarten children so that they can be used as dress ups in the home corner. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the educators in the kindergarten.

Preeti, Vanessa, Trudie & Sandra.

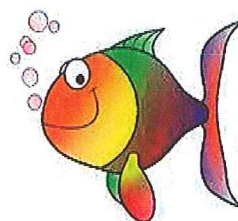


FUNNY FISH

(Tune: Jingle Bells)

Funny fish, funny fish
Swimming right and left

Tell me all the things
you see
That start with letter F



Fast fire trucks, flashing lights



Firemen on the run



Friendly frogs and firecrackers



And fairies having fun



