



Kings Road Long Day Preschool

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Weekly Wrap – week ending 28 October 2016

Dear Families,

Another week comes to an end. The days are moving past so quickly with the children engaged in many learning experiences. This week we focused on machines and friendships.

Machines as children have been interested in different ways of making and doing things. Friendships as these are important to developing social and emotional competence in the early years:

https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/sites/default/files/public/KMC2-201205-02_friendships.pdf

Building inquiring minds!!

Machines

We have been looking at different machines through the week. Teachers have been resourcing children's learning and understandings through different items and through experimentation of cause and effect. Our learners have made predictions and hypothesised outcomes and made adjustments if their outcomes have not been reached and extended on their understanding of how machines in their world works.

This week also looked at innovations and how ideas create the need to invent, renew and refine. We looked at this through an old camera provided by our teacher to our present day digital camera. We also posed "big questions". What would happen if we didn't have electricity? Children thought and recalled a time when they had a blackout and no electricity and that things around the home could not work and the lights do not turn on.

Another question was: what would we do if we did not have any machines? Children thought and decided that we might need to make things, work together, or just would not be able to do some things. Others thought you could just go to the shop and buy some things. Interesting how little minds work. We encourage creative thinking and problem solving. Our pre-schoolers will be the inventors, creators, teachers and leaders of the future – what better time to grow their

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curiosity and imagination through hands on learning experiences.

Children have been able to experience using simple machines that were used in the kitchen throughout the week.

We also discussed that machines can be useful but also dangerous, that we need to be careful and work with adults.

Dealing with sad and traumatic news

We would also like to take this time to pause and reflect on the people who lost their lives and others who were impacted by the tragedy at Dreamworld this week. Many of us have been on that very ride at Dreamworld and so feel a connection to that event. Children have not commented on this at Preschool, however, if they have at home we have included a link on how to support children through these traumatic events that they may see in the media:

Source: Kids Matter, [Trauma: when times get tough](#)

Reminders

Illness in the community

We have had a few children away from Preschool unwell this week, with high temperatures and gastroenteritis. Please remember to keep your child at home if they are unwell. Closely monitor children with gastroenteritis as young children can quickly become dehydrated and medical attention is required.

We have not had any children become sick at Preschool, so we really appreciate that children are kept at home when they are unwell. This helps to control the spread of illnesses. Please remember that children can “catch” a cold or virus from siblings, community venues including shops, schools, playgroup, and playgrounds. Good hygiene skills are important to be taught and practised at home. We ask that children wash their hands thoroughly on arrival at Preschool. The recommended time for handwashing to remove bacteria and germs is 10 seconds of soaping and rubbing then rinsing.

Our program – we are a little out of sync with our planned activities as scheduled on our term events, so here is an update:

Next week – we are focusing on **road safety**.

We are still to plan an excursion. At this stage as it is a new concept for the Preschool only the Kangaroos will participate. A risk assessment will need to be completed and permission sought from families.



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Parent meetings

Information to book into the meetings will go out next week for families to make a time and talk with Sue for the Kangaroo children and Namita for the Wallaby children.

We ended the week with the children (and some educators) getting henna art on their hands for Diwali. Thank you, Mrs Mareedu for your time - the children, families and educators love your works of art!

From the Kings Road Long Day Preschool Team