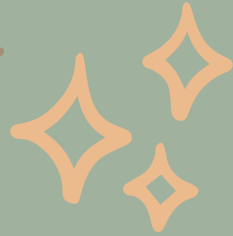


Playtime At Port February Newsletter



WELCOME TO FEBRUARY

We have had a wonderful start to the year and it has been so lovely seeing the children settling into their new rooms and routines.

There has been a strong focus across the service on building relationships, developing a sense of belonging, and supporting each child as they transition into the new year.

A very warm welcome to our new 2-3 years room families. We are so excited to have you join our service community and look forward to a fantastic year together.

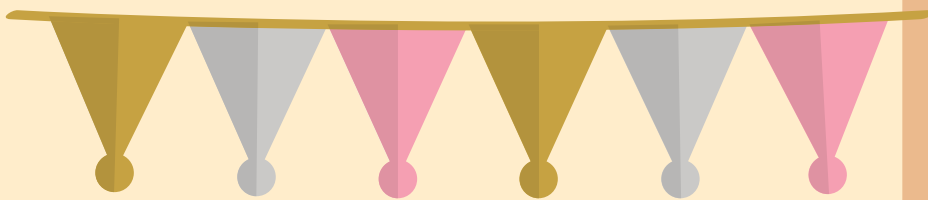
STAFFING UPDATE

Ellie will be going on medical leave this month to undergo surgery.

During this time, Mel will be covering Ellie's role in the office. If you have any administrative questions or need support, please don't hesitate to reach out.

REMINDERS

- Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled.
- Remember to pack spare clothes as we continue to engage in messy, sensory play and accidents do happen
- If your child is still settling in, please feel free to speak with their educators for updates or reassurance.
- Make sure you bring your child's drink bottle
- Please remember to sign your child in and out
- Try to keep toys from home at home, we would hate to see them get lost, broken or going home with a different family





Learning Focus – Belonging, Being & Becoming

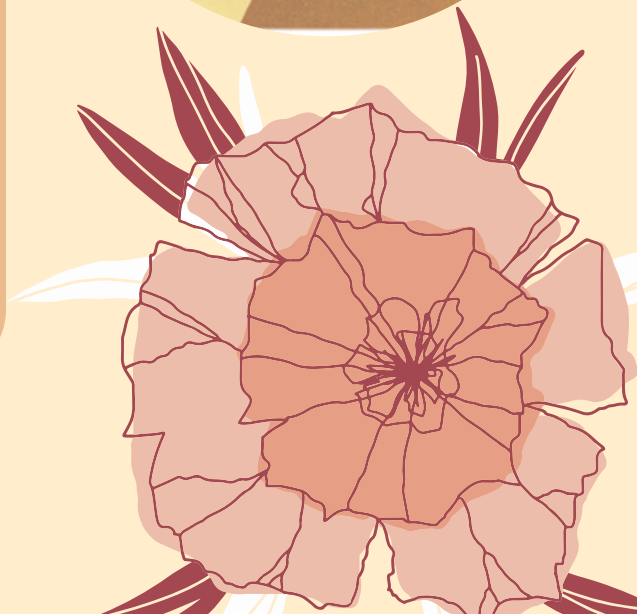

Both our Juniors Room and Preschool Room have been focusing on:

- Building secure relationships with educators and peers
- Supporting children as they settle into new routines
- Encouraging independence and confidence
- Developing a strong sense of belonging within their learning environment

Aligned with the Early Years Learning Framework, we are embedding the principles of Belonging, Being and Becoming into our daily practices. It has been beautiful to see friendships forming and children growing in confidence each day.

Incursion

Living Safely with Dogs
An interactive program for preschool children, that teaches pet safety and responsible ownership using suitability-tested dogs, storytelling, song, dance, and role play
March 20th



Upcoming Excursion

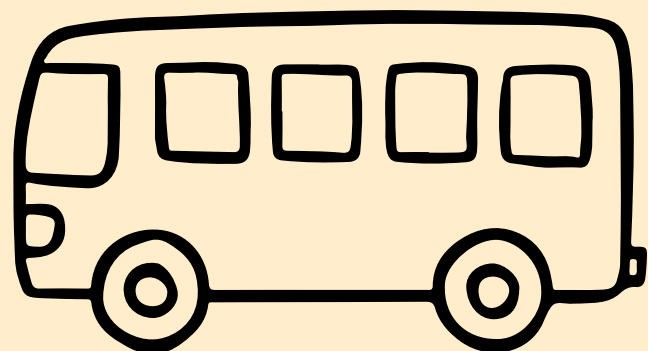
- Visit to the Nursing Home

We are excited to announce an upcoming excursion to our local nursing home, our next visit will be the 25th of February. This intergenerational experience provides a wonderful opportunity for children to:

- Build connections with members of the wider community
 - Develop empathy and social skills
 - Share songs, stories, and creative activities
- Further details and permission forms will be shared shortly.

We're excited to share that on Wednesday the 18th we connected with Linked Transport Port Macquarie, who have recently fitted out a brand-new bus with children's car seats and restraints.

This means we'll soon be able to hire the Linked bus and start heading out on some exciting excursions with the children. We can't wait to explore new places together — watch this space for more information!





Baking Bread

Each day, the children have also been developing their fine motor and early cooking skills while helping Deb make fresh bread. This hands on experience supports coordination, turn-taking, measuring, and following instructions. The children have thoroughly enjoyed being involved in the process and especially enjoy eating the warm, freshly baked bread in the afternoons!

We have recently purchased some herbs for our garden, and soon the children will begin adding these to each loaf. Until our garden is ready to harvest, we are very lucky to have Deb bringing in fresh herbs and fruits from her own garden to make our delicious bread even more special.



Sustainability Within Our Service

We provide clearly labelled recycling bins throughout the centre and support children to sort paper, cardboard, and appropriate materials. Recycling is embedded into our daily routines, helping children develop an understanding of reducing waste and caring for the environment.

We also repurpose recyclable materials for art, construction, and play experiences, encouraging creativity while minimising waste. Families are welcome and encouraged to contribute clean recyclable items for learning activities.

Our sustainability practices extend to our gardening and cooking experiences. Children help grow herbs and learn about where food comes from, fostering respect for natural resources and sustainable living.

Through these everyday experiences, we aim to build children's awareness, responsibility, and connection to the environment.



Things we
Love

Children's Voices

"I love finding
ladybugs at
school"
Halle

"I Love the
swings at
school, I go on
with Ruby"
Wynter

"I love my friend's,
my friends are the
best, I kiss and
cuddle them"
Daphne

"I love building
things, and I
love my friends"
Naïa

"I love my water
bottle, It's yellow and
nice and cool"
Tygo

"I love building things,
and I love my friends"
Naïa

"I love Daddy making
cookies"
Mars

"I love my teacher"
Nova

I love my mum, giving
kisses to me"
Joe

"I love giving Barbies baths"
Ruby

"I love grass Hoppers"
Sully

"I love my toenails"
Camden

"I love my mum"
Theo

"I Love Painting"
Alvey

"I love my mumma and my new garden gnome"
Harper

"I love cleaning the floor"
Eli

"I love Gussy, orange, and chocolate"
Abe

"I love buying Lego"
Floyd

"I love Cheetahs"
Naia

"Mummy"
Isabella



Quality Improvement

At our service, we are committed to continuous improvement to provide the highest quality care and education for your children. As part of our ongoing work under the National Quality Framework (NQF), our educators regularly reflect on our practices, environments, and programs to ensure we are meeting children's needs and supporting their learning and wellbeing.

Our team engages in ongoing professional learning, critical reflection, and regular reviews of our policies, procedures, and teaching practices. This includes reviewing children's experiences, enhancing our learning environments, strengthening health and safety practices, and improving how we communicate and partner with families.

We value families as partners in our quality improvement journey. Your feedback, ideas, and suggestions help guide our decisions and support positive outcomes for children.

If you have any feedback, suggestions, or would like to contribute to our Quality Improvement Plan, please speak with our educators or management, we would love to hear from you.



Staff Meeting 24th Feb

Our upcoming staff meeting will focus on reviewing supervision practices, identifying key supervision points within the environment, and engaging in reflective discussions to further strengthen our approaches.