

HAWTHORN ST.

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Newsletter – February 2024

Dear Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and that you had a wonderful start to the year. February has arrived, bringing with it a sense of love, friendship, and endless possibilities. At Hawthorn Street Early Learning, we are excited to embark on this new month with your little ones and share some exciting updates and activities planned for February.

Monthly Theme: Celebrating Friendship and Love

February is the month of love and friendship, and we have a heartwarming theme in store for our little ones. Throughout February, our daycare centre will focus on nurturing the bonds of friendship and spreading kindness. We'll engage in activities that promote sharing, caring, and appreciation for one another.

Our Commitment to Safety: Ensuring the safety and well-being of your children is our top priority. We continue to uphold strict health and safety protocols, including regular sanitization, handwashing routines, and staff training, to create a secure and healthy daycare environment.

Our Commitment to Learning: Education is at the core of our mission. In February, we'll engage your child in enriching activities that promote cognitive, social, and emotional development. From literacy exercises to hands-on science experiments, every day is a chance to learn and grow.

Our Commitment to Fun: At Hawthorn Street Early Learning, we believe that learning should be fun! Our dynamic curriculum includes exciting arts and crafts, music and movement sessions, and outdoor play that stimulates your child's creativity and imagination.

Your Feedback Matters: We always value your feedback and suggestions, as they play a crucial role in shaping our daycare's programs and services. Feel free to reach out to us anytime with your thoughts and ideas.

Open Door Policy: Remember that our doors are always open for you. If you ever have questions,

concerns, or simply want to chat, please don't hesitate to contact us, or drop by for a visit.

Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of caring for and nurturing your child. We look forward to a month filled with warmth, learning, and the joy of watching your children flourish.

Warm regards,

Claire Hayward
Nominated Supervisor
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EYLF Focus: The Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) is a holistic approach to early childhood education in Australia. It emphasizes play-based learning, recognizing that children learn best when actively engaged. EYLF focuses on five key learning outcomes:

Identity: Children develop a strong sense of self, their own identity, and an understanding of their place within their community.

Community: They develop a sense of belonging to various communities, fostering social skills and a respect for diversity.

Wellbeing: EYLF promotes physical and emotional health, ensuring children's overall well-being and providing a foundation for lifelong health.

Learning: Children are encouraged to become confident and involved learners, building essential cognitive and problem-solving skills.

Communication: Effective communication skills are nurtured, enabling children to express themselves, listen, and engage with others.



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Quality Area 1 of the National Quality Standard (NQS) focuses on Educational Program and Practice.

During hot weather, water play becomes a valuable tool for early childhood educators. It offers more than just relief from the heat; it becomes an educational opportunity. Water play stimulates sensory exploration, fine and gross motor skill development, and social interaction. Children learn about volume, buoyancy, and cause-and-effect relationships through pouring, splashing, and experimenting. Educators can incorporate educational elements such as colour mixing, measuring, and even science concepts. Thus, water play in the scorching heat aligns perfectly with NQS Quality Area 1, facilitating holistic child development through engaging and purposeful activities.



Parent Corner: Encouraging Storytime at home.

Storytime is a wonderful way to foster a love for reading and learning in your child, and it's easy to incorporate into your daily routine. Here are some tips to encourage Storytime at home:

Set a Routine: Establish a regular reading time, such as before bedtime or after school. Consistency helps make reading a habit.

Make it Interactive: Encourage your child to participate by asking questions, discussing the story, or even acting out scenes together.

Be a Role Model: Let your child see you reading and enjoying books. Children often imitate what they see.

Visit the Library: Plan regular trips to the local library. It's a great way to discover new books and make reading an exciting outing.

Make Reading Fun: Use different voices, sound effects, or props to make stories come alive. The more fun it is, the more your child will enjoy it.

Respect Their Choices: Allow your child to choose their books. It empowers them and helps develop their personal preferences.

Remember, storytime is about quality time together, fostering imagination, and building a strong foundation for literacy skills. Happy reading!

Upcoming Events and Reminders –

Save the Dates

Park play dates: Connect & Enjoy!

Saturday 6th April, Saturday 29th June, Saturday 21st September.

Portfolio nights: Discover Your Child's Progress

Tuesday 9th April, Tuesday 2nd July, Tuesday 24th September

Children's Christmas Party: Friday 29th November 2023, 6:15pm.

Preschool Graduation: Thursday 12th December

School Photos: Week of 19th August

Thank You

Warm regards,

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