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Newsletter – August 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to our monthly Hawthorn Street Early Learning Centre newsletter! We are thrilled to share exciting updates, valuable insights, and essential information to keep you connected with our childcare community. Our goal is to provide you with a comprehensive overview of the activities, initiatives, and developments that make our centre a vibrant and nurturing place for your children to grow and learn.

At Hawthorn Street Early Learning, we pride ourselves on providing exceptional education and care for children aged 3 months to 6 years. Our dedicated team of educators is committed to creating a nurturing and stimulating environment where every child can thrive and reach their full potential.

Your Feedback is Essential: We greatly appreciate your feedback and suggestions, as they help us continually improve. We also love the family feedback and photos shared on our Facebook page, showcasing your weekend adventures. This input enhances our ability to enrich the learning experiences of our children.

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
Hawthorn Street Early Learning Centre

Upcoming Events and Reminders Save the Dates

Park play dates: Connect & Enjoy!
Saturday 21st September.

Portfolio nights: Discover Your Child's Progress
Tuesday 24th September

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

Preschool Graduation: Thursday 12th December

School Photos: Week of 19th August -SNAPS BY MADD'S



School photos the deadline for booking school photos is **Monday, August 12th**. Please note that no bookings will be accepted after this date. Ensure your child's spot by scheduling before the cut-off to avoid missing out.! You can place your order now by following this link. [Childcare Photos 2024](#)

There is also a QR code at the computer signs in.

Any enquiries please email Madds:
hello@snapsbymadds.com

Preschool Excursion



On Friday, July 5th, children from Dubbo Early Learning and Hawthorn Street Early Learning Centres enjoyed a special visit to Horizons Retirement Village. They spent quality time with the Parkinson's Support Group, bringing joy and excitement to the residents. The children were particularly thrilled about the bus ride and the engaging activities they participated in during the visit. This heartwarming event fostered

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intergenerational connections and created lasting memories for both the children and the residents.

Learning in Preschool



In our preschool class, children have been enhancing their letter recognition skills through a variety of interactive and enjoyable activities. By playing letter bingo and singing songs about counting, we are creating a dynamic learning environment that supports both literacy and numeracy development. By integrating games and music into our learning curriculum, we ensure that our educational programs are both stimulating and responsive to the developmental needs of our preschoolers. This approach aligns with Quality Area 1 of the National Quality Standard (NQS), emphasizing the importance of providing high-quality educational experiences that support children's growth and development.

Learning and Fun in Junior Preschool

Our Junior Preschool has been actively engaged in learning number and letter recognition, aligned with Quality Area 1 of the National Quality Standard (NQS), which emphasizes educational program and practice. Through a variety of indoor and outdoor activities, children are developing essential literacy and numeracy skills in a fun and engaging manner.

Writing Skills: Children practice writing numbers and letters, enhancing their fine motor skills and familiarity with the alphabet and numerical system. This activity supports learning outcomes 4.2 and 5.1 of the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF), fostering confident learners and effective communicators.

Nature Walks: Using the environment to find letters and numbers in nature, such as counting leaves or identifying shapes that resemble letters. These activities integrate physical movement with learning, supporting children's overall well-being and learning disposition (EYLF outcome 3).



Toddler 3



In our toddler 3 class, the children have been enthusiastically engaging in a hands-on activity to create a number line using different coloured animals. This educational exercise aligns with Quality Area 1 of the National Quality Standard (NQS), emphasizing the importance of educational programs and practices that are stimulating and responsive to children's learning and development needs.

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Numeracy Skills: By matching animals to numbers, children develop foundational numeracy skills, understanding the concept of sequencing and numerical order (EYLF outcome 4.1).

Colour Recognition: Sorting animals by colour helps reinforce colour recognition and categorization skills, contributing to their cognitive development (EYLF outcome 5.1).

Fine Motor Skills: Manipulating small animal toys aids in developing fine motor skills, crucial for writing and other tasks (EYLF outcome 3.2).

Toddler 2

In Toddler 2, the children have been exploring numbers through the joy of song. They have particularly enjoyed singing songs like "5 Little Ducks" and "5 Little Monkeys," which are wonderful tools for introducing basic numeracy concepts in an engaging and memorable way. These songs help children understand the basics of counting and simple arithmetic in a fun, musical context (EYLF outcome 4.1).



Toddler 1



Our Toddler 1 class has been enthusiastically engaged in learning about counting and matching. These activities have been designed to be both educational and enjoyable, ensuring that the children have fun

while developing essential early math skills. By incorporating counting and matching into our daily routines, we are ensuring that our Toddler 1 children develop essential early math skills in a fun and engaging manner. This approach is aligned with Quality Area 1 of the National Quality Standard (NQS), emphasizing the importance of educational programs that are both stimulating and responsive to the developmental needs of young children.



Nursery 3

Nursery 3 has been actively engaged in a variety of activities designed to enhance their fine motor skills. These enjoyable and educational tasks help children develop the dexterity and coordination essential for their growth and future learning. Activities such as: **Using Tongs to Pick Up Colourful Animals:** This activity improves hand-eye coordination and grip strength as children use tongs to pick up small, colourful animal figures. **Rescuing Animals from Being Stuck on the Table:** In this imaginative play scenario, children "rescue" animals stuck on the table, which encourages precision and careful hand movements. **Making and Shaping Playdough:** Working with playdough allows children to use their fingers and hands in various ways, fostering creativity while strengthening fine motor skills. These activities are just a few examples of how we are making learning both fun and beneficial for the children, ensuring they develop crucial skills for their future growth.



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Nursery 1

Nursery 1 has been enjoying tummy time and engaging in various sensory exploration activities. These activities are essential for their development and provide numerous benefits.

Tummy time helps strengthen the muscles in the neck, shoulders, arms, and back, which are crucial for later motor skills such as rolling, crawling, and sitting up. It encourages the development of gross motor skills and coordination, laying a foundation for future physical activities. Being on their tummy also allows babies to explore their environment from a different perspective, which aids in visual and sensory development.

Sensory activities stimulate the brain, helping with cognitive growth and sensory integration. Handling different textures and objects during sensory play helps develop fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination, it also encourages curiosity and creativity, allowing children to explore and learn about their environment in a hands-on manner.

By incorporating tummy time and sensory exploration into our daily routine, we are supporting the overall development of the children in Nursery 1, ensuring they build a strong foundation for their future learning and growth. This approach aligns with the principles of the National Quality Standard (NQS), providing a high-quality educational experience that meets the developmental needs of our young learners.



Nursery 2

Nursery 2 has been busy learning to recognise and sort colours into their respective groups. This activity not only enhances their ability to identify different colours but also significantly contributes to the development of their fine motor skills. **Colour Recognition:** These activities enhance children's ability to distinguish between different colours, a fundamental aspect of early childhood education (EYLF outcome 5.1). **Fine Motor Skills:** Sorting activities require precise hand movements, improving dexterity and hand-eye coordination (EYLF outcome 4.1). By integrating these activities into our daily routine, we are committed to providing a comprehensive educational experience that supports both cognitive and physical development in alignment with the National Quality Standard (NQS).



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Join Our Team!

Are you passionate about early childhood education? Do you have a positive attitude and a great work ethic? Join our dedicated team and make a difference in the lives of young children!

Position: + Early Years Educators
+ Room Leader

What We Offer:

- **Paid First Aid Training:** Ensure you are prepared for any situation with comprehensive first aid training, fully funded by us.
- **Monthly Social Events:** Participate in social events that promote wellness and wellbeing, fostering a supportive and enjoyable work environment.
- **Professional Development:** We prioritise your growth by providing opportunities for continued education and career advancement.

What You Need to Succeed:

- **Positive Attitude:** Bring enthusiasm and a can-do spirit to inspire and engage young children.
- **Great Work Ethic:** Demonstrate dedication, responsibility, and a commitment to excellence in all your tasks.
- **Team Player:** Collaborate effectively with colleagues, parents, and children, fostering a harmonious and productive environment.

If you are dedicated, reliable, and ready to be a part of a dynamic team that values professional growth and wellbeing, we want to hear from you!

Apply now and embark on a rewarding career in early years education. Together, we can create a nurturing and stimulating environment for the next generation.

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