

Adelaide Eastern Community Childcare Centre Newsletter

Term 4 2018



Nature Play

The Nature Play project is moving ahead with a final concept on display in the office at the Centre. Please come and have a look and provide any feedback to office staff.

Timelines for when the build can begin are currently being discussed. We look forward to announcing a full schedule later this year.

2018/2019 Board

The 2018/19 Board Positions are as follows:

Josh Peak	Chairperson
Elliot Raboy	Deputy Chair
Emily Lee	Secretary
Paul Santinon	Treasurer
Jason Holmes	Member
Nick Thwaites	Member (also involved with the Nature Play Project)
John Purl	Member

Thanks to these parents for offering their time to the centre.

There are yellow tags attached to Board Members Parent Pockets in the rooms. These can be used to put forward any queries or questions from families at a Governance level.

End of Year

We will be closing at the end of year on Friday 21st December at 6:15pm and re-opening on Wednesday 2nd January at 7:30am. Fees are not charged for this closure period.

In the coming weeks we will be putting out a note for you to indicate if you will be away in December and January, so that we can staff accordingly.

If your childcare bookings are needing to be changed for next year, please let Sarah or Lisa know as soon as possible so that we can plan ahead.



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Getting to Know AECCC Staff

Name:

Em

Role at AECCC:

Baby Room Team Leader

Who Lives at your House:

My husband Marc, 2 gorgeous and kind-hearted boys Angus 14y and Lachlan 11y and our loyal dog Archie (aka Phteven), Jack Russell x chihuahua that has a lovely overbite.

Favourite TV Show/Movie:

We get a great laugh from old school shows, Texas Walker Ranger and Jim Carrey movies e.g. Pet Detective.

Current Favourite Artist/Band:

Amy Shark, Pete Murray, Skillex, Les Miserable – the whole range of genres, Rufus, Calvin Harris

Likes:

Family time and being at Aldinga Beach, swimming, going for a run with the kids in tow.

Dislikes:

Cruelty to animals, poverty.

Favourite Part of My Job:

Being the first educator in a childcare setting and impacting their lives. Most rewarding is seeing the child's eyes light up when you enter the room and you get a cuddle

If I Won a Million Dollars:

Take care of my family, holiday around Australia and then money for RSPCA and Cancer Council.

**Name:**

Jess

Role at AECCC:

Educator in the Baby Room.

Who Lives at your House:

My dogs, Ava and Mia.

Favourite TV Show/Movie:

One Tree Hill (an oldy but a goody) and Outlander and The Greatest Showman and Kingsmen.

Favourite Artist:

Pink, Paul Dempsey, Adele and Hilltop Hoods.

Likes:

Being creative- drawing, colouring and painting. Checking out new restaurants, travelling, movies, beach walks with my dogs.

Dislikes:

Being stuck in traffic, olives, ignorance and dishonesty.

Favourite Part of My Job:

Seeing the children's faces light up when they see me and watching them grow and develop through the years from babies to school.

If I Won a Million Dollars:

I would buy a house in Adelaide, a house in the UK then spend my days travelling between them and exploring different parts of the world.



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Getting to Know AECCC Staff cont....

Name:

Karilyn

Role at AECCC:

Educator in Kangaroos.

Who Lives at your House:

My husband, son, daughter. 1 snake, 4 dogs and too many cats.

Favourite Movie/TV:

Colour of Magic.

Favourite Artist:

Cat Stevens

Likes:

I like spending time on the Yorke Peninsular. It's a great place to recharge the batteries.

Dislikes:

Closed minds. Not everything or everybody are the same, but it doesn't hurt to listen and learn from others.

Favourite Part of My Job:

Each day is an adventure and discovering the world through the eyes of a child.

If I Won a Million Dollars:

Travel with my family. Spend more time with my family interstate.

Name:

Vicki

Role at AECCC:

Casual Relief.

Who Lives at your House:

Husband Matt and a pond full of fish inherited from the previous owner.

Favourite TV Show and Movies:

The Handmaids Tale, Homeland, Fargo. Dunkirk, Gravity and Gone Girl.

Favourite Artist:

Powderfinger, Foo Fighters and Living End.

Likes:

Cars, motorsports, night stay photography, The Crows and chocolate.

Dislikes:

Chores, bills and raw onion.

Favourite Part of My Job:

Talking with the children and listening to their ideas and seeing them achieve something they've been working on.

If I Won a Million Dollars:

I'd pay off the house and chase summer around the world with Matt.



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News from the rooms

Babies

When children feel safe, secure and supported they grow in confidence to explore (Belonging, being, becoming, Early Years Framework). Many skills emerge when this outcome is reached; developing attachments, being open to new challenges, talking risks during play, learning self-regulation and exploring the physical environment and social aspects of play. With these skills, we've seen children accomplish milestones in several areas of development. Children that have taken time to settle are now feeling safe and secure to explore, gross motor skills such as first steps are being explored, feeling confident to climb and take risks such as negotiating the slide and other climbing equipment. Lots and lots of language! We continue sensory exploration through painting and gardening. The children have shown an interest in the garden and taking care of their environment. Helping water the plants has become part of our routine. We will be extending on this by planting in our upcycled suitcase (kindly donated by Kylie's mum). We're incorporating our herbs and flowers into our kitchen provocation as children help pick them and use them in play. The children continue to show an interest in the kitchen and sandpit play as it promotes role play, communication skills, social interactions and other dispositions such as questioning, hypothesising and measuring.

Madga Gerber quote..... "An infant always learns. The less we interfere with the natural process of learning the more we can observe how much infants learn all the time"

We are also introducing our A5 books and look forward to strengthening the connection between home life and here. We strive to work closely with families to link children's interest and family culture.

Em and Jess

Toddlers

This term the toddlers continued their journey with nature provocations. With the arrival of Spring we had our bees take residence in our tree outside. As with all our intentional teaching experiences the children firstly navigate the direction of our learning. The toddlers have been on a journey of discovery as we look for insects within our play spaces. This led to springs and many, many conversations of the life cycle of insects and their impact on our environment. The toddler room uses nature as our teacher as it guides us during the change of season, weather and environment. We wonder at what enters our play space, watch the birds fly overhead, look at the colour changes of the leaves in the trees and flowers as we take walks in our community to collect resources for play. We continue to explore an emergent curriculum which allows time for the children to gather meaning from their play without being hurried and engage in a holistic approach to learning as educators question what the children are trying to discover and investigate and achieve in their play. (We follow the Reggio Emilia approach as we view each child as capable learners).

This term we have introduced A5 Learning Journals that incorporate learning jottings, home interests and collaborate documentation, so far the toddler team have found this to be a great way to share knowledge between families and care, we continue to modify and reflect on this process. Chelsea has introduced a worm farm to further explore the role of insects in our environment and the toddlers have loved feeding the scraps to the worms in the "Worm House". This has further contributed to our sustainability beliefs into our daily service practice. Heidi our other student has been offering many sensory



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explorations experiences as her program focus. All children have embraced our students. Showing that they have a great sense of security when change is occurring within their play space, allowing them to cope with change and be resilient.

As always, we are super busy and engaged within our play space, please feel free to come and look at our learning in the toddler daybook, as this is a form of documentation that helps guide our journey practice and reflection.

House Keeping – as the weather warms..... finally,.... We will be embarking with water play, so a change of clothes or bathers and a swimmer nappy may prove to be beneficial and don't forget to apply sunscreen each morning before care (we reapply after sleep).
Kylie, Mariama and Sylvia

Wallabies

The Wallabies have been exploring our local community, we have been going on walks to the playground at the kindergarten as well as exploring the school playground in the school holidays. Our vegetable garden is growing, and we currently have lots of herbs the children can pick and taste. The children are watching our sunflowers and tomato plants grow. With the warmer weather we are doing more water exploration, seeing how colours mix, how we can make bubbles and how ice melts and how this makes the water cold. In the coming months we will be saying bye to some of our Wallabies that are moving up to the Kangaroo room and we will be welcoming Toddlers into the Wallabies. With the warmer weather could parent please remember to pack multiple sets of summer clothing. On hot days the children can easily go through two sets of clothes from water play. If you have sun safe bathers, please pack these and we can use them/ they can be left

at the centre for the summer. If parents would like to start toilet training, please feel free to come and talk to us.

Sarah, Vic and Kate

Kangaroos

Hello families! Welcome to Term 4!

We had a very productive time last term learning about space. It was great to hear the stories from families about the ways that the children were extending this learning while at home. The Kangaroo's interested are now shifting towards dinosaurs, insects, and other living creatures, so we're looking forward to seeing what new things we'll learn!

We would love to share more of our learning with or families. To find out more, you can:

- read our reflection book, where we summarise our learning at the end of term
- read our "What we did today" book at the end of each day
- check out the current program displayed on the wall or in our programming folder
- browse through your child's individual learning folder

In the Kangaroos room we are slowly shifting away from traditional toys and towards more loose parts play. Loose parts are open-ended and allow children to direct their own learning, and allow more opportunities for creativity, problem solving, and cooperation. The Kangaroos have been coming up with some great uses for our loose parts, and we'd love to extend our collection. If you have anything you could donate, please let us know!

Some great loose parts are: nature-based (stones, sticks, seedpods, flowers, shells), wood (wood scraps, pegs, corks, rings), plastic (pvc pipes, bottle lids, spools, buttons), fabric (material, wool, yarn), metals (nuts and bolts, keys, ring-pulls), ceramics and glass (tiles, beads, gems, marbles), and packaging (boxes, tubes, bubble wrap).

We would also like to welcome Karilyn and



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Jacinta to the Kangaroo's room! Karilyn is now working as the third staff member in the room, while Jacinta will be replacing Rachel while she takes leave during October and November.

As always, please come and talk to us if you have any questions or suggestions!
Kim, Rachel, Karilyn, and Jacinta

Save the date.....!



Centre Family Christmas Celebration Saturday
24th November at Marshmallow Park, invitation
coming soon!



White Balloon Day was held in September this year. Thank you to the parents and staff that donated – we raised \$50.

Your White Balloon Day donation means that every day, all around Australia, children are being taught personal safety skills. Preventing child sexual assault starts with educating and empowering children with vital knowledge and skills to keep safe and gives them an understanding of their right to protect their own bodies.

Community Events

The City of Burnside have a wide range of events and programs upcoming over the Spring that may be of interest to you. For more information
www.burnside.sa.gov.au.

Community Information Sessions

[Water Safety](#) - George Bolton Swimming Centre, Burnside

[Pet First Aid](#) - Burnside Community Centre

[Water Focused - First Aid Training \(non-accredited\)](#) -
George Bolton Swimming Centre, Burnside

All sessions are free to attend however a \$10 payment is required to secure your place at the session which is fully refundable on attendance or cancellation within 7 days

Outdoor Movie Night Series

We have four FREE outdoor movie nights which the whole family can come along and enjoy.
Events start at 8pm with movies showing from approximately 8.45 pm
Popcorn and soft drinks can be purchased on the night.
Bring along your blankets and low chairs and settle in for four fantastic nights under the stars.

Family Fun Day

Bring along the whole family to this awesome FREE Family Fun Day, Sunday 25 November 10 am – 2 pm
Kensington Gardens Reserve (near Burnside Adventure Playground)

Fitness in the Parks

Join us for 6 weeks of free exercise classes taking place outdoor in some of Burnside's stunning parks.
Please find flyer attached with all the information

Living Smart Burnside

If you are interested in sustainable living, then this course is for you.

