



Dates for the Diary



Meet Danielle

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Welcome Danielle
To the Imaginations Team. You will see Danielle working in all three rooms at the centre, as a casual teacher.

Danielle is a local girl, who is currently studying her Bachelor of Teaching (Primary).

Natissse will very soon be jetting off on her European adventure.



She will be on holidays from Wednesday the 9th of September to Friday the 9th of October.

During this time Anna will be working Tuesday to Friday for Natissse. Kerry

will be working on the Mondays.

Anna



Welcome to Faye-Maree.

Faye-Maree has joined us as our newest casual teacher. Faye-Maree is studying for her Diploma in Children's Services

Wednesday the 5th of August and Thursday the 6th of August- Parent/ Teacher interviews in the Baby room.

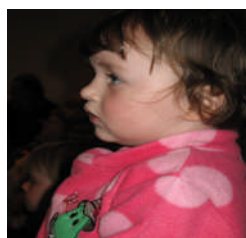
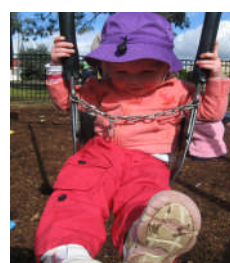
Monday the 10th of August -Visit to Pioneer house.

Wednesday the 9th of September- Vision Screening for Pre-schoolers.

Tuesday the 15th of September (Date to be confirmed) - Farm safety show at the centre.

Excursion to "Wild Numbats Show" and picnic in Robertson Park.

On Thursday 30th July we took the children to the Wild Numbats show at Club Mudgee followed by a picnic lunch at Robertson Park. The children had a great time, thank you to all those parents that came along and helped out



Thankyou to all the parents that attended the parent teacher interviews, it was great to have such positive feedback from the parents and teachers about this experience.

The teachers put a lot of time and effort into your children's portfolios. If you could not make it to the interviews you are more than welcome to talk to your child's teacher about making an interview time or taking the portfolio home to look at.

Think Positive

Be determined to be cheerful and happy, in whatever situation you may be in; We should learn from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not upon our circumstances.

**Martha
Washington**



Computers in Child Care:

As most parents are aware, we have started to program and create our day book on the computers now in the Octopus and Starfish rooms.

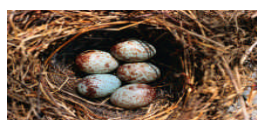
The use of computers is growing rapidly in our society, children are increasingly showing an interest in using and gaining access to computers.

In developing this format we have found a way to increase interactions with children, teachers and parents. Using this technology the teachers have additional ways to explore and record the current interests of the children and discuss elements of their culture that are important and meaningful to children. We also hope to encourage the teachers use of computers in the room, recording observations and the interests of children, and then transferring it into the children's portfolios.

We now have access to the internet in the rooms, the teachers will often use the internet as a tool to research children's interest's and develop their project work.

The children also have 2 computers to use in the Octopus room, they use a variety of software programs to develop their literacy and numeracy skills such as Reader Rabbit. These programs encourage children to solve problems and to use logical reasoning, leading them to make decisions and choices, and to multitask, encourage them to take turns and negotiate with peers, and assist them to use computer software competently.

If you have any feedback regarding this new programming format, we would love to hear from you as it is a work in progress and we would appreciate your comments.



Plover Birds

We have a pair of plover bird nesting in the block at the back of the centre.

National Parks have come to have a look at the birds after some concerns were raised that when the eggs hatch the birds might become aggressive.

National Parks have advised us that the parents will be very protective of their chicks, and will swoop if people come too close, but they are very unlikely to enter into the children's playground, as they have become used to the sound of the children.

Plovers will only swoop for about three weeks after their eggs are hatched, which happened this week.