



TERM 3 JULY-SEPTEMBER 2023

# CPELC NEWSLETTER

## Updates and Reminders

### AGM - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As the end of the year is fast approaching, so is our AGM. This is a great opportunity for families to see how the centre has been tracking throughout the year, it is also a fantastic opportunity for families to ask questions and suggest ideas.

Columbia Park Early Learning Centre is a community-based centre and it is important that members of the centre attend our AGM to understand how the centre is managed and more importantly CPELC families have an opportunity to join the committee, helping to ensure the centre is long standing for future generations.

Keep an eye out for an email with further information

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 27th October - Halloween themed creative arts show

Friday 24th November - Family Christmas Party at Lollipops (Noble Park)

Centre Closure Dates: Friday 22nd December 2023 - Monday 8th January 2024

Please bare in mind this means that the children's last day in 2023 is Thursday 21st December and their first day back will be Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Please note - for all children who are commencing primary school in 2024 this means their last day with us will be on December 21st 2023, unless otherwise discussed with management.



## Educators Day

### 6th September 2023

To our dedicated early childhood educators, we celebrate you on this special day. Your patience, dedication and commitment for educating all children who attend our centre is largely appreciated. You make a difference in each and every child here at CPELC.

Your passion is inspiring.

Please join us as we celebrate and thank the dedication, passion and effort of all our educators that make up our teaching team.

We would also like to welcome Bhagya A and Ella to our team.



## From the Kitchen

### Richard's Blueberry Muffins

Serves 12

-2 and 1/2 cups of self-raising flour

-1/2 cup white sugar

-1 tsp baking powder

-1 cup milk

-8 tbsp vegetable oil

-2 eggs

-2 tsp vanilla essence

-250g blueberries

Method -

1. preheat oven to 180 degrees celsius
2. mix dry ingredients
3. whisk wet ingredients and add to dry ingredients, do not over mix
4. add blueberries and lightly stir in
5. grease muffin trays and fill with mixture
6. bake in oven for 20 minutes



## Sustainability Updates

We have been introducing the recycling bins. Great discussions about what needs to go in which bins when children are unsure. We have had Monash council work with us about sustainability the Woolerts and Babajins have had a incursion about waste management, recycling and worm farms. We are purchasing a new worm farm and compost bin. We have also introduced the waste management of our paper towel use. We found out from the council sustainability team that they can go into our greens bin. So, the children and educators are now placing the paper towels in to a bin and they are taken out and put into the right bin at the end of the day.

Next term we will be working on food wastage and how can we change.

We will be having discussions with children about how to save water.

Only take or serve up how much you think you can eat as you can always get more.

We are finding the children are so aware of the environment around them and the care that they are doing to save the planet. When we are at nature explorers we find that they are aware of rubbish, vegetation and wildlife. When we are at nature explorers we observe and leave. Maybe at home you can see how you can improve on your sustainability.

We would love if you had some drawing paper or construction boxes at home you might like to donate, we would love anything that the children might be able to use. Thank you very much to the families who have brought in some already.



# Coobaaroo News

Well here we are, our third newsletter of the year. We have promoted lots of learning through intentional teaching in the room. We have focused on embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander learning through our program. The children are responding well to Acknowledgement of Country and engaging in art, stories and music about these cultures. Nature explorers is a great way for the children to connect to country as well. We also looked at different cultures of the world through home corner experiences with multicultural foods and dolls. Dental health Week and healthy eating was also focused on through home corner setups as well.

Book Week encouraged literacy experiences including counting activities, books with puppets and props, songs and rhymes and music. Numeracy experiences such as numbers and shapes were very popular with the children and lots of counting skills emerging. We also engaged in science experiences such as sealife, space and colour mixing for Science week.



The children's self-help skills continue to build and they are all showing confidence and independence in their learning and development. We will be encouraging further skills as we head to the end of the year as a lot of the children will be moving up to the Mirrin Room.

The warmer weather is approaching so we will be encouraging children to wear their sunhats and assisting with sunscreen.

Thankyou from the Coobaaroo team

How can you be practicing self-help at home?  
Self serving meals, using tongs, pouring water  
Self dressing  
Brushing teeth

These encourage confidence and building up of self-esteem





## Mirrin News

This term the children have been busy exploring the program and have participated in a number of events including Mid-Autumn festival, Superhero week, Footy week and Science week. During science week the children participated in a variety of different experiments including color mixing as we used some paint as we finger painted the colors to mixed from primary colors to secondary colors.

The children have been exploring with scissors, we began by using the scissors to cut our playdough, as we built our fine motor skills we then were able to move to cutting paper and card as they enhance their small hand muscles and movements. The children are provided with opportunity to develop understanding of safety with scissors. This experience has been a big hit in the Mirrin room the children have been concentrating at this activity for a long period of time.



We are unfortunately having to say goodbye to Andrea, she has been a fantastic part of our team and we will miss her loads, we wish her all the best with her future endeavours

Nature Explorers has given the children the opportunity to explore the environment around them and become aware of sustainability. This experience has given the children the ability to make connections with the local community, promote nature play and exploration, and increase children's respect for the natural environment. As we have experienced some rain we have had the opportunity to use this to our advantage in our program as we explore the mud and all the benefits it has for us. The children have been using this as a sensory experience as they walk, run, jump as well as using their hands to feel the different textures of the mud.

We were fortunate enough to get some new bins within the rooms and the children have used this opportunity to become familiar with the recycling bins and what we can and can't put in them.

**“Nature is a tool to get children to experience not just the wider world, but themselves.”**  
– Stephen Moss.





## Woolert News

We have had such busy term but what fun we have had. Take a look!

### Science week

We had a great time this week celebrating science and doing experiments each day that the children really enjoyed. The science experiments we did were the Skittles experiment, Rainbow rain, Sink or Float, Magic potions and Fireworks in a jar. The children were introduced to a range of new concepts such as chemical reactions, mass, density, weights, observation and prediction. It was such a great way to learn about science as well as to have fun with our peers.

### Book Week

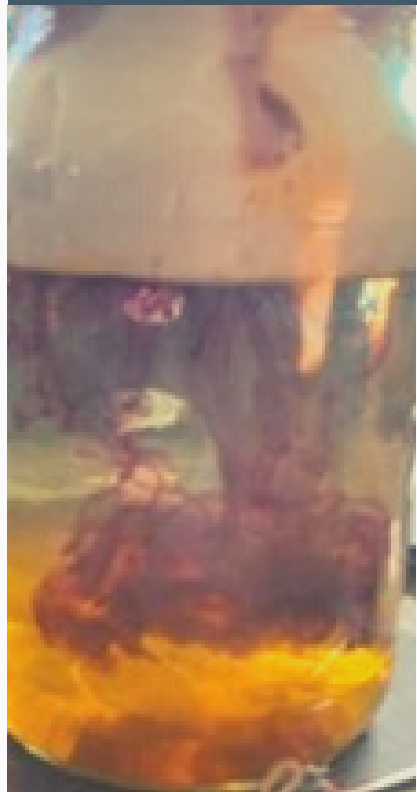
We celebrated Book week with each of the children bringing in their favorite books to read and share with the group. We were so lucky to have such a range of books to read. Some of our favorite books included 'The Gruffalo', 'A day at the zoo', a book about dinosaurs, 'The Wonky Donkey' and 'The Perfect Hug', just to name a few. Book week allows us to share with our peers as well as highlight the important part that Books play, allowing us to develop basic language skills, develop children's imagination and stimulate curiosity, and build a love of literacy.



### Recycling incursion

We had Naomi from Monash Council come out and talk to us about the importance of recycling. We talked about the different bins that we have at our house and then we had the opportunity to have a go at working out what things go in the red, yellow or green bins. We found out that the yellow bin is for things such as paper, cardboard, glass and plastic. In the green bin can be leaves, grass clippings, teabags and fruit scraps. And the Red bin, which was called the silly bin, was for things that could not go in the others such as nappies, soft plastics and old clothes.

Play is  
the  
highest  
form of  
research.



## Woolert News continued...

### MOPA

On Wednesday the 30th of August the Woolert Children and Educators set out on an adventure to MOPA (The Museum for Play and Art). We excitedly rode the bus to Sandringham and then we went and explored all of the play spaces they have to offer. We got to play with balls and make them fly up pipes and shoot around the room, we built and tested vehicles and zoomed them down the hill test tracks, built with giant blocks, slide down super slides and had a dance party, just to name a few of the fun things we did. It was so great to go out of the centre and have fun somewhere that was so exciting and had so many amazing things to offer!



The Woolert Room would like to give our families a huge shout out and thank you for all their support for the year to date. We have really appreciated all the donations of boxes and other reusable materials to use within the program, particularly for sustainability week. We Would also like to thank all the Dads and special people for coming and visiting us for Fathers Week and hope they all had a great Fathers Day. We love being the educators of such a fantastic group of little humans and appreciate all the support from families.



## Babajin News

### PYJAMA WEEK FUN! 10-14TH JULY

The children had a great time wearing their pyjamas to Kinder!

We were learning about different families and talking about foster children and why we donate money to assist others. As well as learning about the important role of the Pyjama foundation which is the charity we are raising money for.

Wouldn't it be nice to wear our pjs all the time?!



21ST JULY GOOD BYE WENDY -We sadly said goodbye to Wendy. We will all miss her and we thanked her for all her hardwork and passion. We had another dance concert to say good bye and Wendy shed a few tears. This sparked conversations about crying as they said adults don't cry. Wespoke about feelings we have which are similar and different.

We welcomed Heidi, Liza, Serena and Rachael into the Bilby team.

### 31ST JULY -COMPOSTING/WORM FARM INCURSION

Tiffany came and spoke to the children about the importance of worms. She read them a book and they learnt all about worms including that worms do not have eyes, they use their sense of smell. They are also vegetarian and they all had a turn to select a food item and learnt what worms can eat and what goes in the compost bin.

They listened and danced along to some songs further enhancing their learning about worms and then read another book. They were given the opportunity to hold and look at some worms.

We will continue to enhance their learning and we are using a compost bin at all meal times now AND THE COMPOST/WORM FARM IN OUR GARDEN.

### RECYCLING INCURSION 24TH AUGUST

We also had a recycling incursion where they selected an item and decided which bin it went in. Read a book and sang songs. They continue to enhance their awareness of what goes in the recycling bin, the colour of recycling bin and learning why we recycle.



# Babijin News continued...



ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION  
BUILDING THE SKILLS TO STOP, LOOK, LISTEN AND THINK and hold adults hand

- STOP- at the kerb so that you can look, listen and think in a safe spot.
- LOOK-in every direction for traffic that can harm you
- LISTEN-to confirm what you hear
- THINK ABOUT
  - How far you have to go?
  - How fast the traffic is
  - If there is somewhere safe to wait half way across
  - If the driver can see you
  - if there is anywhere else traffic might be coming from

You then hold an adults hand (Mum, Dad, Grandma, Pa etc) before you cross.

## THINGLE TODDLE INCURSION- 17TH AUGUST

Professor Eric Speriment came into kinder to continue to teach the children about road safety. They learnt through songs, games and discussions about how to cross the road safely. Stop, look, listen and think and always hold an adults hand. He then bought out Thingle Toodle the puppet and we taught her and she celebrated her birthday, and she now knows about road safety. They then drew pictures and shared their learning.



WERRIBEE ZOO EXCURSION 31ST AUGUST

Nature's Calling on all the senses to explore, play and learn about wildlife and the natural environment.

Being surrounded by nature inspired a sense of wonder, intrigue and curiosity in the children. In Nature's Calling, they used their senses to develop their connection and understanding of nature and animals in the natural environment of Habitat Haven.

Children will learn:

- § About the basic needs of animals
- § How to appreciate and care for the natural environment
- § How to explore unfamiliar and unique terrain using all of their senses
- § They used binoculars, looked at ostrich eggs, did nature painting, sang songs and observed and learnt about wallabies.

They loved the safari bus where they saw so many African animals and even bunnies in the wild. They were amazing on the bus ride there due to traffic and couldn't wait for their lunch box. They enjoyed looking at the Australian animals and having a play.



## Babajin News continued...



### NATURE EXPLORER

They are continuing to collect materials as they build lots of different camp fires and are still learning to not pick items off the trees. We use what we find on the ground as the flowers are the bees to eat and might grow into fruit/seeds for the animals. They are continuing to take risks as they climb trees, throw boomerangs, enjoy running races and make safe choices.

### SUPERHERO WEEK

The children have been very excited to dress up in their superhero costumes as we learn about Muscular Dystrophy and raise money for a cure. This has inspired conversations and learning about people in wheelchairs, our muscles and people coping with disabilities. They have been drawing themselves as superheroes and told us their super power. Have a look on the wall in the room.



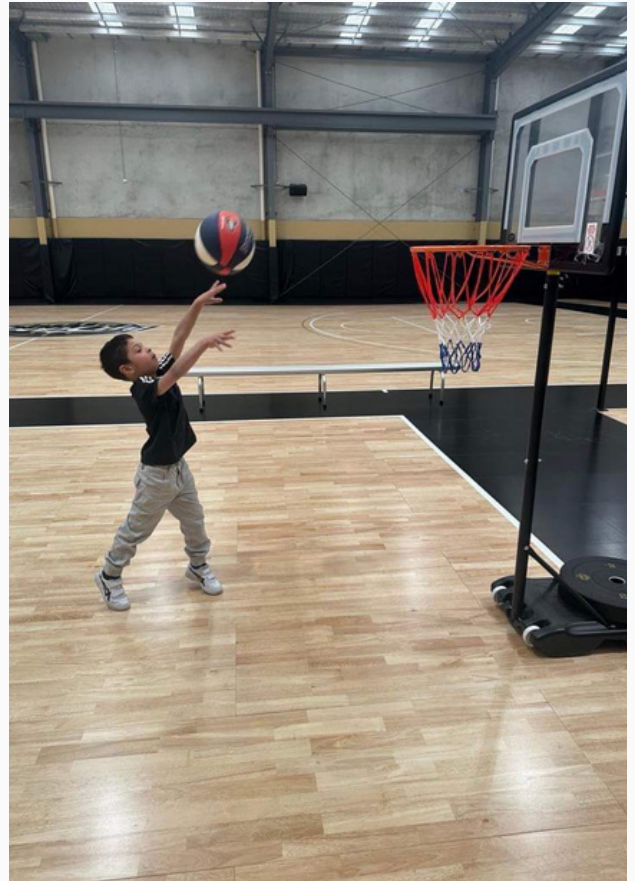


## Basketball Family Day - Hoop City

Thank you to all families who joined us for our family day out, it was a lovely afternoon and a great opportunity to explore and support the small business of one of our very own families.

Thank you to the Broekhoff family for having us!

See the flier below for more details on how you can be more active with Basketball.



### Spaulding Little Hoopers Program

This program is for littler hoopers ages 4-7 who are just starting to explore Basketball. This program is about exposing young players to the game and what fun it can be!

This program is \$200 for the term (10 weeks)

**Term 4 Scheduling:**  
Sundays 2:30-3:30pm from Oct. 8th to Dec. 10th

Book Via the Hoop City app or call 0477 120 167

