



CELC NEWS

March 2015

Jump for Joy!

The Jump for Joy class on Tuesdays has been a big hit for all of the children involved. They are super excited to see Mel every week and find out what is in her big red suitcase. The staff have been really pleased with the program too, seeing a great variety of energetic and fun activities that address all areas of the curriculum.



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Diary Dates:

© Mon 20th April

Pajama Day & Teddy Bears' Picnic

© Weds 6th May

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

© Photographs

Children's portraits and group photos will be taken during the week of 11th - 15th May. More information will be available soon.

Reminders:

© There is no public holiday in lieu of Anzac Day on Saturday 25th April. We will be open as usual on Monday 27th.

The Babies

A warm welcome to Sebastian O. who joined us this month, it's so nice to have you in our room. The Bubs have really enjoyed the brand new car swing outside and still love the ball pit in the room. The ball pit is a really inviting space for all ages and stages of development and most of the babies spend some time in there throughout the day. Throwing the balls is particularly fun! We also purchased a new toy fruit and veg set, as well as a set of large soft blocks. Building towers with these blocks and knocking them down has made for lots of giggles, especially from the older babies. It's also great for their hand-eye coordination and fine-motor skills.

- Carmen



The Toddlers

Autumn is upon us and the Toddlers are watching with interest as the leaves start to change colour and fall. We have been collecting them to use in our artwork. During 'Safety Month' we briefly explored things like the Police and of course the Fire Brigade. Being on Mt Dandenong Rd, there's never a shortage of wailing fire engines going past, which excites the children. Every single time! Quite a number of our families have babies on the way (or have just had new bubs), so we have been talking about this and spending time playing with the baby dolls. - Jess & the Girls



Cheeky!



Kindi Kids

Welcome to Tiani, who is new to CELC. We hope she will have lots of fun with us. The Kindi Kids have been doing activities and having discussions about emergencies, and identifying who helps us when there is an emergency. We read the book 'Dino Rescue', which sparked a big interest in dinosaurs, which we have been exploring. Making our own fossils with plaster was especially fun. We have also enjoyed playing with the dolls outside, as well as testing out our new bubble blowers.

~ Cassie & Jo



Kindergarten

Safety Month saw us talking a lot about emergencies and the Police, Fire Brigade and Ambulance services. This can be a complex topic for young children, but we try to keep our discussions and activities suitable to their level. We feel that it is important for the children to know what constitutes a real emergency and who is there to help us during such an event. Our visit to the Montrose CFA was a wonderful experience. Check out the photos on page 4.

- Kiran



SAFETY MONTH

Safety Month has included discussions and activities about the Police, Fire Brigade and Ambulance, as well as following rules and keeping ourselves safe from danger. The older children also talk about what an emergency is and calling 000.

Does your child know how to use the telephone? Mobile phones can be tricky to navigate to the actual call screen with the numbers to dial - consider teaching them how to call a parent, grandparent or other trusted adult in case of an emergency if you aren't ready to show them how to dial 000.

Regularly practising how to say their name and address is also helpful and can be done via verbal story-telling. Eg: 'Once upon a time there lived a little boy named... He was ... years old. This boy lived at ... His Mummy's name was...' Make up a little story each night, starting with the same few sentences and encourage your child to fill in the blanks.

Does your child know what to do if they get lost or separated from you in a public place? Remember to continually remind them of what to do. For example: Go to the person who works in the shop (they work there and cannot leave); Find another Mummy with kids and ask her for help etc...



FACEBOOK

There are some changes happening to our Facebook page. They do not allow businesses to have a personal profile, so we had to change to a public page. However, we are now in the process of changing that to a private group, as we feel this will be more suitable for us. Over the next few weeks you may receive an email invitation to join the group or you may also be able to search for the 'Croydon Early Learning' group and request an invitation.

"We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today."

~ Stacia Tauscher



Happy 2nd
Birthday
Daisy