

SUBIACO CHILDREN'S CENTRE

WINTER VAC NEWSLETTER



Hangin' out at Ninja West

TAKE A PEEK!

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NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT

Recently we purchased new play equipment for the children which includes a play kitchen and many kitchen utensils and foods. They have been using it for lots of imaginative play and have been coming up with wonderful cafe and restaurant scenarios. We also purchased a hot wheels track which has been used endlessly.

The new equipment has allowed children to develop their social and emotional wellbeing through role playing, as well as their verbal and non-verbal communication.



WINTER VACATION CARE SUMMARY

Our first day of vacation care looked a little different than planned thanks to COVID regulations. Rather than going to Inflatable World, we made our own obstacle course at the Nature playground & oval and had a rugby lesson from our very own educator Wesley. We learnt to find our inner peace with a Yoga incursion on the Tuesday. We had an entire day themed around Pokemon as well - Pokeball hunts, hatching pokemon eggs, making pokemon ears... it was awesome. We also volunteered with Little Things for Tiny Tots to help them put together support packs for new families.



In the second week, we learnt all about endangered animals with Kanyana Wildlife and even some animal first aid! The kids were taught many ninja skills at Ninja West and really enjoyed watching the new Space Jam movie at the cinemas. We had a PJ day while making candles and checked out the new exhibits at Boola Bardip museum.



"I liked the balancing poses in Yoga as they helped me clear my mind" - Jlalou, Yoga incursion

"I liked making cards for the babies and mums" - Ember, Little Things for Tiny Tots excursion

"I liked that I could stand up on the wooden wheel" - Yuhuai, Ninja West excursion

"I chose the flavor French vanilla. The part I liked was when I poured the liquid in the pot" - Fergus, Candle making incursion

"Some of it was scary and some were fun" - Emily, Boola Bardip museum excursion

"I liked the museum because I found all the wildlife interesting" - Charlotte, Boola Bardip museum excursion





WELCOME TO XPLOR

As you have been made aware, our new digital sign in/out process has commenced. This is done through an app called 'Xplor Home'. The app also allows our staff to have greater communication with families in regards to their children's learning and experiences while under our care as well as allowing parent's to notify of absences or request casual days during the term.

The app is also important as it helps us to do COVID-19 contact tracing if ever need be. If you are experiencing difficulties in setting up or using your app, please visit the website support.ourxplor.com and click 'home' - or alternatively, speak to Ji Ni or Kiara. More information about the app and it uses can be found on our website under 'Family App'

POOL UPDATE

Although we have previously been able to use the pool during the summer months, this activity is currently under review by the SCC committee.

This is due to a recent change in our licensing agreements with the childcare governing body. As soon as we have come to a decision, we will inform our families. .



Kanyana Wildlife showing us some endangered animals

AMENDMENT TO POLICIES

Please note that we have amended the policy 'Guiding children's behaviour' which falls under quality area 5. If you wish to read the amended policy, please head to our website > policies > 'Relationships with children QA5'.



A Lego creation made during Bricks4Kids incursion

TERM 3 HOLIDAYS

The upcoming holiday program will be released to enrolled before and after school care families on 20th August and open to the public on 27th August. Holiday enrolments will still be paper based using a booking form as we still require signed permission for the bus and holiday activities, casual booking requests through the app are reserved for the term only.

The program will be available to view on our website and the app.

GET TO KNOW OUR STAFF



MELVIN



KATHLEEN

Hi there! I'm Melvin and I've been working at the centre since February of 2019 and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children and staff working here. I am currently studying a double major at the University of Western Australia in mechanical engineering and computer science. Some of my most memorable moments from working with the children were ones where I got the opportunity to spark their curiosity in a subject, and seeing them develop their problem solving skills. Whether that was something as simple as challenging them to figure out a simple magic trick to learning how to do some basic calculus (!), it has been a terrific joy to see these kids develop in their inquisitiveness and curiosity about the world around them. All-in-all, I have learnt a lot from my time spent with the children and it is my hope that I will continue to be an effective role model for the kids who come to our centre.

Hiya! My name's Kathleen, but if you'd like you can call me Kat. I've been privileged to work at Subiaco Children's Centre since November of last year. I'm currently completing my 2nd year in outdoor educational studies, and experience facilitating at Subiaco Children's Centre has given me incredible insight into how experiential learning and outdoor play nurtures growth in children. This is the most rewarding job I've had the privilege of working, and each day is full of energy. Not only are the kids fun to be around, but their enthusiasm and curiosity fuels my passion for experiential education and constantly reminds me to also be inquisitive and curious. I'm incredibly grateful to be part of such a professional, passionate and cohesive team, and can't wait to build stronger connections with the children at the centre.



RUSSELL

Hello, my name is Russell, and I've been working at the centre since 2016. At the end of 2018, however, I left for Singapore where I spent 2 year there as part of national service. During this time I was provided many opportunities to grow and learn many things about leadership, cooperation, and even staying healthy, which was a lot of help when I came back and started working at the centre again at the end of 2020. As of right now I'm halfway through my first year of my Bachelor of Biomedical Science at UWA, with biological science being something I have a great interest in. I love talking to the children and teaching them new things, regardless of what it is. Whether it's about how the human body works, interesting facts about different animals, how to deal with a tricky math problem, or even how to play chess, being able to teach the children something new and watching them grow is probably my favourite part of working at the centre.