



October News Letter

2015 Enrolment

The 2015 Reenrolment form has gone out to all families in relation to the enrolment for next year. Please indicate which days you will need for your child to attend our day care next year. If your child is going to school, please fill in the last day that your child will be attending. If a sibling requires a position, please indicate on the form. We will give priority access to siblings.

Transition to School Next Year

- Children that are going to big school next year are allowed to bring their own lunch box. Parents please remember to bring nothing that contains nuts, and no chips or lollies too.
- We also have some information for supporting school aged students on the Autism Spectrum from Positive Partnerships. The Positive Partnerships professional development program is part of the Australian Government's Helping Children with Autism initiative and is funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR). You can contact them on their info line: 1300 881 971

Parents Reminder

Since the weather is getting warmer now, we need to ensure that all children follow our sun safe policy.

- ◆ Please put sunscreen on your child in the morning.

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- ◆ Ensure your child has a hat and a water bottle with their name on it.
- ◆ We will reapply sunscreen each time the children go out to play.
- ◆ We will encourage children to play in the shade and drink plenty of water.

Please repack your child's bag to include shorts and T-Shirts to change into in case of accidents—no singlet tops please.

October 2014 Calender of Events

All Month – Energy Awareness Month

04th - Saturday – Yom Kippur – Jewish tradition, this day is considered the holiest day of the Jewish year. Participants fast and many do not attend work/school and attend synagogue services.

04th - Saturday – Dasara – Indian Festival “remover of bad fate”.

4th - 07/10/14 – Eid Al Adha – Islamic tradition, the feast of sacrifice commemorates the ordeal of Abraham who was asked to sacrifice his only son to prove his faith to Allah (God).

06th - Monday – Vijaya Dashami – Hindu tradition, this marks the triumph of good over evil.

06th - Monday – Labour Day – Centre Closed.

16th – Thursday – National Ride to Work Day.

16th – Thursday – World Food Day.

18th – Saturday - Loud Shirt Day – Wear a loud shirt and help deaf children.



20th – Monday – PHOTO DAY WITH FOTEK

22nd – Wednesday – PHOTO DAY WITH FOTEK



Father's Day Afternoon tea.



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24th – Friday – PHOTO DAY WITH FOTEK

23rd – Thursday - Diwali– Hindu tradition, Festival of Lights, this festival celebrates knowledge over ignorance. The festival is very colourful, with fireworks and sweets involved and is a great favourite of children.

31th - Friday – Halloween Party – come dressed up as a spooky person, “Trick or Treat?”



Starfish Room News

Hello everyone! Who can believe that spring is here! It's been another busy month here in the Starfish room! A big happy birthday to Christopher, Clarice, Lagi and Ruby, who all turned five this month! We would also like to welcome our newest Starfish member Chloe Stire! We are so excited you've joined us here at Pumpkin.

The end of the year is rapidly approaching, and with it the transition to big school for many of our Starfish! Everyone is getting so excited for their new schools, and many of the children have already gone for visits! We love hearing about your visit to big school, so be sure to keep us updated!

Some more exciting news here in our room! Many of our Starfish are set to become big brothers and sisters within the next few weeks and months. Towards the end of this month Llyod welcomed a baby sister to his family! Lloyd was kind enough to bring in a picture he had drawn of him, his mum and his new sister! Mack, Shihab, and Aleyna will also be welcoming baby sisters to their families very soon. Jasmine on the other hand will be welcoming a baby brother! Eloise will also become a big sister early next year, and is so excited to find out if it's a boy or a girl. To celebrate all these new siblings, the children were invited to bring in an ultrasound picture of their baby. All of the Starfish were thrilled to see the pictures! We also watched a



What is in our garden?



Outdoor play.



Outdoor play.



The children love the fish tanks☺



video of an ultrasound on YouTube so we could listen to the heartbeat.

This month in the Starfish room there has been an interest in the ocean. This interest came from a beautiful artwork made by Kailea, and a cool pencil holder made by Ryan A. Both of these works of art were shared with the class during the news topic "Something I've made". The children were inspired to create their own ocean background, and fill it with fish and octopus. The children also decorated pirates, parrots and pirate ships to complete the ocean scene. By far their most favourite art to create was their very own mermaids! The mermaids and the pirate ships are now currently hanging from the net in our ocean area. Pirates seems to be coming back as an interest towards the end of the month, so the Educators and children will work together to develop ways to extend this interest.

Two other interests have dominated the room towards the end of the month; picnics and hairdressers/beauticians. Much of the indoor dramatic play has revolved around preparing a picnic in the kitchen, then moving to the 'park' to eat the picnic. Outside the children have enjoyed 'cutting' the hair of educators and other children, as well as 'painting' everyone's nails! To extend on these interests, we thought it would be a good idea to have a beauty day here in the Starfish room at the end of the month. A teddy bear's picnic will also be held early next month for all of the children and their furry friends.

On the first and second of September, we celebrated National Wattle Day. National Wattle Day celebrates all Australians, no matter where you're from or what you look like. The wattle is a very diverse flower, and so is our country! After discovering that the wattle is our national flower, we decided to create an artwork based around it. We discovered that wattle surrounds the picture of our Australian coat of arms, so we recreated our very own! The children drew their own coat of arms onto paper plates, before painting wattle flowers around the outside. They all turned out beautifully and are currently on display in the room!

We have been finishing off the letter P, and starting the



This is my baby sister!



Ms Leanne was getting pampered by the Starfish children



News time outside☺



letter Q and R this month in the Starfish room. The characters for each letter were Quarrelsome Queen and Red Robot. The children have been doing a wonderful job of brainstorming words that begin with each letter, as well as practicing the sounds associated with the letters. The letter Q proved to be a bit tricky when brainstorming words, but the Starfish powered on.

Finally, just a reminder to all families to please bring a bag for your child every day. The bag should contain bed sheets (2 is preferable), a water bottle, a hat and a full change of clothes (suited for the weather). Please try to ensure that all belongings are labelled so we can make sure they return home at the end of the day. With the weather heating up, it is extremely important that your child can stay protected and hydrated during any outdoor play. A full change of clothes is needed for every child, so they can change if need be (painting can get messy!). Lastly the News topics are emailed out to families every month. If you do not receive the email, please inform one of the educators and we will either forward you the email again, or get a hard copy to you as soon as possible. If your child requires a new book, please let us know and we will provide you with a new one. Families, please keep us updated when something exciting happens so we can be sure to share the news!

Until next month, all the best!

Starfish Educators.

Lionfish Room News

The children have had many opportunities this month to interact with their outdoor environment. On the 1st, the children were excited to find that a tomato in the garden patch had ripened. Marco picked the ripened one, and we all had a look at it during group time. They saw lots of tomatoes growing, but most were still green, so we talked about waiting till they're red to pick them.

The Lionfish always have fun chasing butterflies that fly around our garden too! They have discovered other insects in our playground as well, such as the lizards that climb up



Reading the book with Miss Juliet.



We love our sand pit.



Dragon dance in the Starfish room.



This is a picture of my mummy and baby sister.



the brick walls when it's sunny, the worms in our garden patch soil, and snails. The children have become fascinated by these bugs as they watch them move very carefully.

We have been practicing our favourite songs for our Christmas concert this month. The Lionfish children enjoy getting up and performing, especially when they get to use our special musical instruments! The children have shown great enthusiasm by getting up and having a dance and sing, together.

We have explored the topics: my doctor, my teeth, and my house, during news time this month. The children always stand up confidently on their news day to share about the topic. Sometimes though, the children would bring in something to show instead. For example, Anabia brought in her special fairy book and stickers to show her friend one day, and Jasmine brought in her Elsa dress (Frozen) to show as well.

We have celebrated important dates such as, Wattle Day, which we learnt signified the first day of Spring, National Flag Day, and the Moon Festival. Marco brought in Moon cakes to share with his friends to celebrate the Moon Festival. To celebrate the events the children made their own wattle pictures for Wattle Day, Australian flags for National Flag Day, and lanterns to celebrate the Moon festival.

We had many rainy days this month, so when the children made it outside to play, they were very excited. When indoors though, the doctors kit, local town set, connector blocks, and Lego were very popular choices amongst the Lionfish children.

When we found a penguin measuring ladder to hang in our room, the children became interested in learning about lengths. The children were measured, and their names written beside their heights. One day, during outdoor play, the Lionfish children built a tall tower. When they had finished, they stood beside it to measure how tall they were next to it. Some of the other children also joined in to see how tall they were.

The children also became interested in measuring weights.



What's in our garden?



Singing and dancing time.



Painting time!



Letterland.



They played around with the measuring scale during indoor play a few times, testing different weights, and determining what was heavier and lighter.

During Letterland, we learnt about the letters: 'Q, q', and 'R, r'. The children heard all about Quarrelsome Queen's, and Red Robot's stories, and worked on making their sounds in words. The children were also given many opportunities to practice writing their letters 'Q, q' and 'R, r' on the whiteboard. The lionfish children engaged in arts 'n' crafts for Letterland as well. They made crowns just like Quarrelsome Queen's, and one big rainbow as we noticed 'rainbow' starts with 'r'.

We welcomed two new members to our Lionfish group this month; Cassandra, and Josslyn! Cassie and Jossie have fit in well with the other children, as the Lionfish have been very welcoming to them.

Until next month,

Lionfish Educators

Jellyfish Room News

A big welcome to Sueann and Tudor! Happy birthday to Dante, Allen, Sueann and Saifan! And congratulations to Peyton and her family for welcoming baby Connor at the end of last month!

On the 1st, we discussed the start of spring and the children got to celebrate it by playing in the beautiful sunshine!

This month, the children were showing a big interest towards book reading. The children frequently requested books to be read and chose to look at books on their own too. Some children brought in their favourite book from home to share with us. It was a lot of fun reading new books and discovering our friends' favourite stories!

Games were another topic of interest. We got to know our friends' favourite games and engaged in those games together. We played lots of new games including: Audrey's favourites 'Guess what song I am humming' and 'I spy with



I am taller now.



Let's play the games together.



my little eye' a couple of times, Sailosi's favourites basketball and hide and seek, Ariella's 'the very hungry caterpillar' board game, and Aiden's favourite train track building, going grocery shopping board game, body parts matching game, many ball games, matching mummy animals to baby animals game. Miss Sabina, Taseen and Peyton also played a fun game together. They held hands and danced in a circle as they sang ring-a-ring-a-roses. After discovering that George went to see his dad playing ice hockey, we decided to learn about how the game is played. The children especially liked watching a video of children playing ice hockey, and celebrated each point scored.

Since the children started playing games together, they also spontaneously started playing more in groups. For example, they started a game of placing blocks in a little house during outside times. They now like to sit around the house in a big group and play together for a while.

The children loved making special Father's day cards for their dads and having a special Father's day afternoon tea to celebrate their dads' day.

Thank you to all the families for contributing with our topics of learning, and for all the input you share with us! We are currently having a break from the topics due to the school holidays. Our next topic will start on the 6th of October. Please don't forget to check your email for the current topic.

Until next month,

Jellyfish Educators

Clownfish Room News

This month we sadly farewell Tya and Eli from the Clownfish room. We would like to welcome Abigail and Archer into the Clownfish room this month. A big happy birthday to Archer who turned one in September!!!

With the weather warming up and the children being more



Making our Father's Day cards.



Our News times.



Doing the puzzle together, team work☺



What should we put in our shopping basket?



mobile, we will be exploring the outside environment and new outside activities. Please make sure that your child is dressed comfortably for the day.

During the month of September, the Clownfish children have been busy with various physical activities inside and outside. The group has worked continuously on their social skills; taking turns, sharing and playing nicely with each other. Many great friendships have been formed during this month.

The Clownfish enjoyed many indoor activities and especially love exploring their spatial awareness in the dancing and musical experiences. The group enjoyed the various wiggle songs and have attentively watched and followed the movement to the song "Rock a Bye a Bear". The Clownfish educators have extended on this interest and explored more with the musical instruments for their music times.

The Clownfish also celebrated and made their fathers the Father's day cards. We also had a special afternoon tea for all the dads in the centre.

See you all next month.

The Clownfish Educators.



"Everybody claps,
everybody
sing...lalalalala"



We are sharing and taking
turns.



Playing nicely together.



Outdoor play☺