



August Newsletter

Educational Program:

As a team we are exploring with incorporating the 8 Ways of learning into our program which is an Aboriginal education framework that is inclusive of various learning styles and dispositions. We are highlighting this within our written program and in our children's observations as well.

Using the local Indigenous seasons the children are learning about YARRGEHMBU-windy season and the elements that this season encompasses. The native yellow wattle tells us that the whales are migrating, the "booniny (echidna) and the binning (turtle) are moving around and the black cockatoo sounds indicates rain in the mountains" (*ref Seasons Calendar Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Council*). The children have enjoyed group collage and art making a turtle and an echidna as they explore our native animals. Who knows maybe we could take Gladdy B to the beach to see if we can spot some whales! There has been a focus on natural environments and habitats as the children explore environmental awareness. We have incorporated categorizing animals and habitats and mammals/marsupials etc to extend children's understanding. Cutting/scissor skills and pre-writing have been implemented informally to support school readiness. Name recognition and shape exploration have been in the program as well to get back to basics.

We have been getting into the use of loose parts again and being creative to design our physical and gross motor skills. The children have been amazing at understanding the boundary of our play space. It has been great to see them create cubby's/shade structures as well as shooting hoops with the basket ball hoops. More collaboration has been occurring using large floor puzzles. This has been a great way for the children to discover communication and negotiation as well as group success. The supportiveness and encouragement of each other has been so wonderful to observe.

As the weeks roll on we are working to make our new space our own and lived in.

Developing a sense of belonging has been so important for us to create. The disruption of construction has impacted our routine slightly as we have had to

reduce the amount of transitions to and from our building while construction is underway. Fingers crossed this will be completed in the next week. We are hoping that appropriate fencing will be installed in the next month. There is a delay on materials. Once completed we can fully utilize the amazing outdoor space our new location offers.



Portfolios: Term two portfolios have been emailed in week one to all families. We hope that you enjoyed reading about your child's development and the fun learning that they were apart of during the term. If you didn't receive your child's portfolio, please let me know. We would love to hear your feedback on these as well. If you have any questions about how your child is going please let me know and we can organize an informal chat to answer questions/concerns you have.

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Possums Community Pre-School - photos 2022
Tuesday 6 & Friday 9 September 2022
Price: \$30 3 edited photos on a USB

CLASS PHOTO for preschool only

Don't miss this opportunity to capture those precious "in play" moments of your child by a professional photographer. Receive 3 edited photos on a USB for you to have the finished images in those copies as you would like. You can print anything from a large canvas to regular 6 x 4 or other size, and you can do this in your own time! They make great Christmas gifts for Grandparents and other family members who often miss out on having a professional school photo.

The USB must be pre-paid for prior to photographs being taken. Payment must be made by Direct Credit by Friday 2 September. Please contact me for cash payment or any enquiries.

Direct Credit Payment Details: (The Greater Building Society)
• All Point Photography
• BSB 637 000
• Acc: 718218543

I look forward to capturing some special moments in your child's life for you!

School Photos: Our School photos will be on Tuesday 6th September and Friday 9th September. An order form will be emailed shortly. If your child does not attend on these days please see an educator to discuss your options.



SUPER HERO DAYS: Possum's and the other local preschool's will join forces to celebrate and fundraise for our local SES. We will be holding Super Hero Day's at Possums on Tuesday 23rd and Friday 26th August and dressing up as a super hero. Please send in a gold coin donation on the day as we acknowledge the incredible work these amazing humans do in our community.



Fundraisers coming up!

Lamington drive: It's back! Possum's annual Lamington Drive is coming up very soon. Order forms have been given out a few weeks ago. Fingers crossed they are selling well and we can raise much need funds to recoup some of our losses after the flood. Orders are to be returned and paid for by 12th August.

Grill'd: During the month of August we have a fundraising jar at Grill'd in Tweed City. When you purchase a burger you are given a token to place in one of three jars. Gather the troops and have yourself a delish burger!

Bunnings BBQ- Save the date 22nd Oct. We have been allocated a Bunnings

BBQ and will need some volunteer's to help at our stall. More info will be provided later but keep the date in mind!

Possum's Enrolments 2023: For returning children next year, I will be sending out a preference of days form. Please note that for children attending three days a week, the third day will be a Monday which is the Riverside Nature Program. More information will provided on the form.

Red Hats: do you have any of Possum's red bucket hats at home or in the car? we are missing a number of these. If you could please check and return to Possum's that would be amazing.

Possum's family get together! we are hoping towards the end of the term we can host a get together for families to officially welcome you all to our new digs! We are conscious of keeping everyone connected with our service and ensuring that you feel apart of us. Any ideas or suggestions would be amazing and I would love to hear your thoughts of what this might look like for you.

Labeling clothing: Please remember to label your child's belonging. We have lots of item's with no names at Possum's. If these are not claimed, they are given to a local charity.

Staying healthy: Illness continues to rampage through our community including Possum's. I thank and appreciate families for keeping their children at home while unwell. Just a reminder in order to break the cycle of transmission we will continue to send unwell children home. I acknowledge the challenge and frustration that families are facing and the disruption the illness causes.

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