Exploring our environments

This term we have been exploring the natural environments within our reach and have been in discussions with children about this and the outer space above our heads. The children will often point to the moon in the daytime when they see it in the sky. These areas of interest have been explored in our art, craft and construction in the indoor and outdoor environment.

Library
We have also been on visits to the local library to celebrate book week and to attend rhyme time. On these walks children have noticed the different gumnuts all over the ground shown interested in the sticks and bird life we have heard and seen.

We have attached a Flyer called ‘Great Start—Everyday ideas for learning’. This gives us ideas and reminds us how children can learn in their daily lives. One example is shopping together and using this food to discuss the difference between foods. Cooking is a regular part of our program which teaches children about the different ways we can use food. We have made spinach smoothies, banana muffins, boiled eggs, Ham and cheese toasties.

Christmas Closure for Rural Care
We are advising you as early as possible of our Christmas closure days. We will close from the 18th December and reopen on the 11th January 2016. (Last day of care will be Friday 18th Dec) Thank you
Welcome to our new relief staff, we are pleased to see you so engaged with the children and how interested the children are enjoying learning and playing with you.

Tara Scott Pei Aik

Alyssa Milligan is studying her Certificate III in Children's Services and is with us every Wednesday morning for her placement. Please say hello to our new relief staff and Alyssa.

Working Bee
Saturday 19th Sept
9am start
Please come to our working be so we accomplish some tasks together for the benefit of our integrated

Rural Care
Change to account payment method
We have attached a letter that describes the new BPAY payment method that is being introduced from 12th October 2015
Enquiry information about this new method is included in the letter.

All cultures have meaningful days of celebration.
Fathers day is an important celebration for many in Australia. Here in Rural Care we celebrated by looking at how we could support children’s interest in literacy and creativity by giving their special person a gift. It was suggested that we could supply a mug for children to decorate as a gift.

We have received many favourable comments from children ‘can I do another one’ and from families ‘This has been well used already’, ‘dad has had a coffee in it already’. This photo on the right shows that Grandpa received a mug as well.

KIDS matter quote “Families and staff who share partnerships experience more satisfaction when they interact with one another”

‘Young children do best when they are nurtured within a tightly woven web of LOVE”.
Two fundamental reasons why outdoor play is critical for young children in our early childhood programs and schools.

1. Many of the developmental tasks that children must achieve—exploring, risk-taking, fine & gross motor development and the absorption of vast amounts of basic knowledge—can be most effectively learned through outdoor play.

2. Our culture is taking outdoor play away from young children through excessive TV and computer use, unsafe neighbourhoods, busy and tired parents, academic standards that push more developmentally inappropriate academics into our early childhood programs, thus taking time away from play.

Weather must not be the factor that stops children’s learning in the outdoors.

Play is children’s way of developing and practicing their skills and making sense of and understanding their world.

We did it together, can we do it again, yes we can!

Children need and want the time to be involved in solitude play where they can practice skills.

Children learn through solitary play and as confidence grows their interactions with others support the extension of further skills.

Adding to the children’s environment creates different challenges.

Experience the changing effects that water has on our natural surroundings.

Sharing conversations about our campfire we made together.

When the digging patch is dry our experience is different.
**Favourite Songs**

Baby Koala, Baby Koala  
Cockatoo, Cockatoo  
Wallabies and Wombats  
Kangaroo, Kangaroo

**Give Me a Home Among The Gum Trees**

Give me a home among the gum trees  
With lots of plum trees  
A sheep or two a kangaroo  
A clothesline out the back  
Veranda out the front

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**Communicating**

A Shared understanding grows when parents and carers communicate their concerns, stories, observations and

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The Lap-a-thon was a huge success, we raised over $1000 as a centre. Thank you to everyone for your support it was great to see so many parents and children out supporting this great event that promotes a sense of health and physical wellbeing.

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**Tupperware Fundraiser**

Thank you to all the families who supported the Tupperware Fundraiser. Total sales came to a whopping $2572. We received a Summer Pack and Baking pack. These items will be raffled off soon, to raise funds for the centre. Thanks to Corey Ann for all her efforts of organising this event.