

THE HUB WARATAH SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT 2019

The underpinning ideals of the National Early Years Learning framework recommend that sustainability be 'embedded in all daily routines and practices' (DEEWR, 2009, p.29) within early childhood settings, and that early childhood educators need to discuss with children that all 'living things are interconnected' (DEEWR,2009, p.29) through considered use of intentional teaching.

As a service, we are committed to embedding sustainable practices. A mind map has been developed to guide us on this journey. Sustainability is such a broad concept so we aim to take small steps over a long period of time, to embed practice into the service. We aim to make this project individual for our service, as it involves all of us, and impacts on all parts of our lives.

"Sustainability is an ongoing and evolving process. We can never say, "That's it, we've nailed it!" We must keep learning, changing, improving and evolving. Sustainability is a broad issue of social justice which allows us to use the principles and practices of our curriculum documents to work collaboratively with parents, children, educators and the community to achieve positive learning outcomes for your children" quote taken from Educating young children- Learning and Teaching in the early childhood years Vol 20, no 2, 2014.

TEACHER: Nicole Denzin MARCH 2019

“Children are and should be seen as competent beings who are able to be leaders, active citizens in their own learning and agents of change. Children are naturally attuned to the environment- as adults, some of us have lost this trait. Sustainability is an issue of social justice and equity.” *Bowley and Clark 2014.*

Teacher: Nicole Denzin March 2019

2019 PROJECT

2019

- Silkie Bantams introduced to the centre x 8 (Daily visits, collecting of scraps for chickens, cleaning and caring for the chickens, collecting the eggs)
- Sponsor Children (Hennry-Mexico, Smith family Girl- name unknown at present)
- Worm wee and Eggs being sold to go towards the support of our two sponsor children
- Utilising Return and Earn- collecting bottles, cans and glass to raise money for our sponsor children.
- Book Swap being fully utilised
- Handout given on all our sustainability initiatives to parents
- Saved a lost bird and we are keeping it until the find the owners. Vet notified.
- Recycle Right Week
- Using shredded paper for Easter baskets
- Clothes Swap

2018 PROJECT CONT

- Worm farm set-up
- Fish purchased for the Lions room

OUR SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT

2017 PROJECT STARTED

- Book Swap STARTED
- MRG STARTED
- RECYCLING processes initiated
- Veggie Gardens established

Further extensions

- Electricity
- Water
- Landfill and waste
- Cooking
- Gardening
- National Tree Day
- Utilise the following; Recycle Right, Planet Ark, NCC, Hunter resource recovery.

- QIP