



The Hub Rutherford

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2022, Term 2

Welcome

Term 1 started off with plenty of adventures and fun. We celebrated Chinese New Year, Water week, Pet day, Harmony Day, Clean up Australia, Autism Awareness Day and Easter Celebrations. During Term 1 we also engaged in community partnership with the local "Maitland Men Shed" who made our beautiful outdoor table in our farm area. We had Fiona from Maitland City Council here who did a presentation on recycling for us. The children made beautiful artwork for our Rutherford Community Care Park residents to display in their foyer.

We have another full Term 2 planned full of surprises. We also have added to our Team during this term. We welcome Brooke, Brittany, Corinna and Skye.

We want to say a big thank you to all our families for their support during Term 1. We are looking forward to hopping into Term 2.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me via email, phone, or you can book a time to come and chat. My email is director.rutherford@thehubpreschool.com.au Our contact number is 02 4967 2342.

Louise le Roux



TIGERS



CROCODILES



LIONS



HORSES

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ROUTINE

When you arrive:

- Sanitize your hands.
- Sign in your child into OWNA.
- Take your child to their to drop their bag off.
 - Take them to the open room.
 - Let staff know of our arrival.
- Complete any handover notes on your OWNA app from home.

Pick up time:

- Sanitize your hands.
- Collect your child from the room.
 - Let staff know of your arrival.
- Sign out your child on OWNA iPad.
- View your child's day on the OWNA app from home.



Hello Families,

This has been such an amazing term for all our Tigers, we have worked on settling children in and developing strong bonds and relationships with each of the children and parents to create a sense of belonging, to extend on this we have created our beautiful family tree and provided family photos to create an extension of the home.

Throughout the term we have followed the children and investigated different sensory mediums such as Goop, Playdough and Clay to lay the foundation of many sensory skills important for growth and development.

These experiences are not only great for the children's sense of touch but also building their motor development in their fingers and hands. As all of our babies place everything in their mouth as a way of exploring objects and their environment, we have used food in different ways to promote this interest, and build on both oral skills and an invitation to healthy eating habits.

We have been blessed to witness the children start to build on their gross motor skills and beginning to roll, walk, crawl and stand and have done our best to create inviting spaces that build on these skills.

We look forward to the next term and further building these important relationships as many new friends arrive and further explore self-identity and self-help skills together, we look forward to being able to share this with you in the coming weeks WATCH THIS SPACE!!!

Holly

Charlie

Indea

Brittany





Monkeys Room

This term in the Monkey's room we said good bye to some of our friends as they moved on to the Bear's and Crocodile room's, we also welcomed several Tigers and new children to the room who have all settled in well. We welcome staff members Emma, Brooke and Gabby to the Monkey's room who are building solid bonds with the children. We have had lots of interest in exploring our sensory capabilities with a variety of experiences such as jelly oceans, textured sensory walking courses and rainbow rice that challenges the children's exploration and investigation skills. We are continuing on to extend on this interest, exploring all five senses with a current focus on "scents". The Monkey's are enjoying exploring their gross motor skills with strong engagement in our outdoor obstacle course that we will continue to incorporate different challenges to in order to promote critical thinking along with body awareness, coordination and balance development. As the weather starts to cool we would like to ask that parents please ensure warm clothing and enclosed shoes are packed with your children as we engage in both indoor and outdoor exploration throughout the day.
Emma, Brooke and Gabby.

Emma



Gabby



Brooke





Bears Room

The Bears room has been focusing on developing their self-help skills for example in cooking experiences , caring for our farm and animals and learning about our basic needs for example washing our hands before and after meal times, gathering our belongings and putting our own hats and shoes on and even applying our own sunscreen . We have also focused on sensory-indulgent areas, where we explore our colours and learn about mixing and identifying the correct names for each colour. In the Bears room Jess , Ellen and Coen have build relationships with the children which assists the bears in their social and emotional development. The environment is warm and nurturing, this gives the Bears the best opportunity to build on their physical strength and motor coordination, fine and gross motor skills and full body movement.

Jess

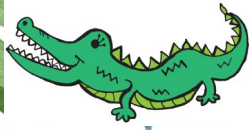


Ellen



Coen





Crocs Room

A great start to the year as the Crocodiles have furthered their own understanding of their own identity, numbers and colours which have been a great test to what they know now and what more we can explore. As the year continues we are continuing to challenge our children in areas they might already know but exploring it through a new perspective. Over the coming months we will be working on recognition especially with our senses and what is around us to the sensory experiences and exploring self help skills that are of our age group. These themes that will be both provided throughout the room and in our daily activities will both challenge and inspire our children to learn more. We are excited to see how the abilities and skills of our children further with the amount of learning that is to come.

Jarne



Felicity



Ella



Amy





Lions Room

Start of the year in lions room!

The first 4 months of the year have been fun and learning filled in the lions room. At the start of the year our friends took the big transition up from the crocodile's room and many new friendships were made in this time as the children got to meet their new classmates and educators. Over the first 4 months we in our curriculum have focused on concepts such as building friendships and connections, practical life and sensory experiences. During the course of the first part of the year both Emily and Kylie have joined the lions team and we all can't wait to see what the rest of the year will bring. We can't wait to share with you all what we have in store for Term 2 as we learn and develop together!

Damon

Emily

Kylie

Amy

Damon



Kylie

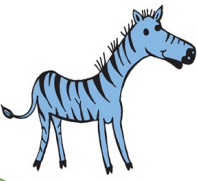


Emily



Amy





Zebra Room

Hello again Zebra families, time really is flying by and your little Zebras are working hard, over the past term the Zebras have been working on a sense of belonging to the room with the help of our family tree and room setups, we have been building those important social skills and have been moving into emotional regulation to understand our emotions and that it is ok to feel all emotions :) The Zebras have been lucky enough to spend so much time in the farm yard and gardening along the way along with exploring our sensory creativity skills in the art studio with Mel. I have loved establishing relationships with all our beautiful families and look forward to the next term of building on this. Moving into the next term the Zebras will continue to work in group times, caring for our belongings exploring our environments and building our own confidence, independence and self help skills ready for big school, we hope you are as excited for our next term as we are.

From your Zebra team Sam, Mel and Pippa

Sam



Mel



Pippa

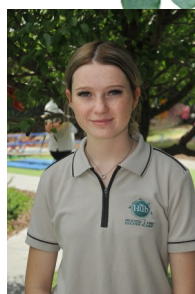




Other Staff



Tayla



Kiara



Kylie



Skye



Corinna



Kayla

Admin Staff



Louise
Director



Kalinda
Admin

What's Cooking

This term chef Stephen has been busy incorporating his own menu into the kitchen. The children have been able to experience a wide variety of foods from many different cuisines including Greek, Mexican and Italian as well as some classics such as a full backed chicken lunch all while staying in the healthy eating guidelines. Judging by the amount of leftovers the children are absolutely loving it. Stephen has also managed to move away from the big chain stores and is sourcing most of our produce from local suppliers keeping profits in the local community and building on these important community partnerships.

We are blessed to have a diverse centre and are finding with the help of the new menu many children are willing to try a range of different food such as sour croute that they may not have previously had an opportunity to explore these foods.

Stephen is sharing with us the importance of inclusion within a kitchen, Through the use of an all-inclusive menu catering to children's dietary requirements such as lactose and dairy free right down to gluten and nut free without any child feelings as though they are over looked, missed out or have lesser than another, we have seen this through Stephens vegan cheese, chickpea foam and more.

Stephen



Community Partnerships



Joel from JD's world of magic came on the 14th of March and provided us with a beautiful performing arts show filled with magic and giggles. He also taught us about recycling in his show.



We have been honoured to have James from Magik Maysk Murals with us painting our front pillars. We want to represent our first nations people in this manner and embed these practices in our centre.



Aunty Merilan has been visiting our site several times during term 1. She provides us with some very important tips on how to help our farm yard flourish. Aunty Merilan has lots of experience and we really enjoy her hands on visits.



As always our Intergenerational program with Rutherford Community Care Park is always something we really value and look after. We have the residents over to us in term 1 and we have also visited them.



During the National Love your pet day we had a visit from Maitland Vet Clinics with Lucy, Lauren and the dog Luna. They provided us with some very useful information on how to keep our pets safe. We also had a few dogs and a pet snake come and visit us.



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Important Dates

May

- 9th—12th International Compost Week
- 14th Mother's Day / 11th Mother's day morning tea
- 15th—19th Mexican Fiesta Week
- 24th National Simultaneous Story
- 22nd, 24th, 26th School photos

June

- 29th—2nd Crazy hair day
- 5th—9th World Oceans Week
- 19th—23rd Hero week

July

- 3rd—7th Naidoc Week
- 10th Teddy Bears Picnic Day
- 17th—21st Pyjama Week
- 26th Margo Dentist visit
- 30th National Tree day

Events



Teddy Bears Picnic

Remember to bring your Teddy for our Teddy Bears Picnic on Wednesday the 10th of July



Pyjama week

Wear your pyjamas this week to raise awareness for Foster Care.



World Oceans Week

We will celebrate the ocean and all the creatures living in.



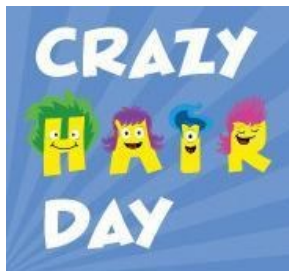
Hero week

We will be celebrating all our local Hero's. The Fire brigade and Police department will be visiting too.



Mexican Fiesta week

Plenty of Mexican dishes and craft activities will be happening this week.



Crazy Hair week

This week we will raising awareness for Cystic Fibrosis by celebrating crazy hair day.



Compost week

During Compost week we will be looking at our worm farm and our compost bins. We have plenty of activities planned for this week.



The Speedy Sloth

For National Simultaneous Storytime we will be reading the book The Speedy Sloth in our service. We have a special visitor who is coming to read to us.



Events



Mother's day Morning Tea

Please keep an eye on your child's pocket and OWNA for more information about our Mother's day Morning Tea.



Naidoc Week

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. During this week we will have some special guest joining us for celebrations

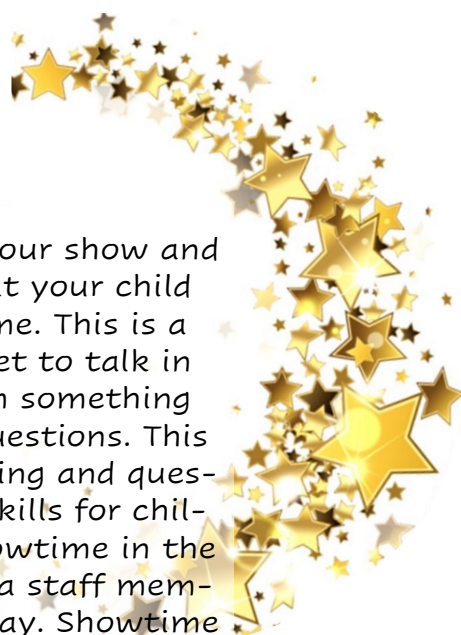


National Tree Day

Every year we do something to celebrate National Tree Day. This year each room will plant a tree in our outside yard. We will also have a picnic under our magnificent tree in our farm area.

showtime

Showtime is a very exciting time in our day - it is our show and tell time. To make it fair on everyone we ask that your child only bring in things to show at their rostered time. This is a special time in our program where the children get to talk in front of their peers while they show or tell them something special. At the end of Showtime friends can ask questions. This activity encourages listening and talking, turn taking and question and answer. All of these are very important skills for children to develop in life. Please put your child's Showtime in the Showtime bag at the beginning of the day and let a staff member know what it is your child is showing for the day. Showtime is happening in our LIONS and ZEBRAS rooms only.





Important information

Competition

Enter our 'Hub Library' competition for Term 2!

Collect a book from our library in the centre and read it at home with your child. Email Louise a photo of your child reading from home to win a chance to win a book set. Competition ends 21st of July.

Email: director.rutherford@thehubpreschool.com.au

Your voice matters!

We value our families and your feedback are important to us. Every fortnight we will have a parent question sent out through our OWNA app. Please provide us with your feedback on this questions. We also ask parents to vote for our 'Educator of the Month' that will also be sent out via our OWNA app.



All parents should be able to log into our OWNA app. You will be able to view all your child's daily information on here. If you have any questions regarding this, please see Louise.

Allergies

In 2023 we have children enrolled that have severe allergies to nuts. Please remember if your child eats peanut butter, Nutella or other nut products before coming to preschool, we ask that you please wash your face and hands so we can avoid allergy reactions where possible.

PLAY
is the work of childhood
Mr. Rogers



Our chickens out in the farmyard are laying eggs and the children have a wonderful time each day as they go out to collect the eggs. Please consider purchasing some of our fresh eggs to take home, all money raised goes towards the charity Children's Ground.

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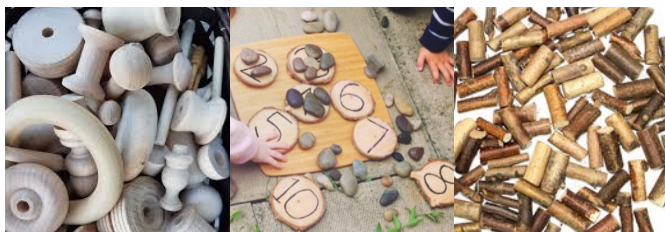
Loose Parts

Loose parts play is a type of play that supports invention, divergent thinking, problem solving and offers a sense of wonder to children.

They are materials that can be moved, carried, combined, redesigned, lined up, and taken apart and put back together in multiple ways. They are materials with no specific set of directions that can be used alone or combined with other materials.

This year we look forward to receiving your loose parts donations. Some examples of loose parts to bring in may include rocks, shells, feathers, paper towel rolls, materials, bottle caps, PVC pipes, carpet squares, old CD's, picture frames, old hair rollers, nuts and bolts, curtain rings.

You will find a basket for your loose parts donations in our foyer.



Reminder...hats

Please remember to pack your child's hat each day. There are Hub hats for sale in the office if you would like to purchase one.

Hats are on sale for \$15



Our Mini Reverse Garbage (MRG)

Here at The Hub Rutherford we have implemented a Mini Reverse Garbage (MRG). This MRG was born from Nicole's desire to be sustainable and encourage our children to do the same. The children in the preschool and toddler areas have access to the MRG to select materials to create their artworks. These materials may include (but are not limited to) small boxes, bottle tops, old wrapping paper, packaging materials and egg cartons.

If you look around our foyer you will find baskets for if you would like to donate to our MRG.

Book Swap

As part of our sustainability project we have decided to implement a book swap. You may have lots of books laying around at home which you no longer read. It would be great if you could bring them in for our book swap. We believe this is a great way to reduce waste. Please bring them in and hand them in to reception, who will arrange to have them added to our library. Books can be any type e.g. children's, cooking, fiction, non-fiction etc.





JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

- **Provide SPARE CLOTHES:** Ensure you send at least two FULL change of clothes for your child everyday. Three changes for the babies rooms.
- Please label your child's drink bottle and leave it in their locker where they can access it. Babies rooms have a basket where drink bottles are put.
- Please send a suitable **SUNSAFE HAT** for your child. **Not** a cap or cap with back flap. Please make sure the brim is at least 6cm all the way around. Hub hats and T-shirts are available to purchase.
- Safe shoes must be worn. **Thongs** are **not** suitable unless they have a back strap. Your child participates in climbing and other activities which require appropriate footwear. We do allow the children to remove their shoes for play.
- Please ensure your child has sunscreen on when they arrive each morning as it takes 20 minutes to be effective. Ours is available in every room if you have forgotten.
- Please dress your child in **SUNSAFE** clothing. Singlet tops and sleeveless dresses are **NOT** suitable.
- Please remember **BEFORE 8:30am** drop all your child's belongings to the room then take your child to the **TIGERS** room. **Please do not leave your child alone in a room without an Educator.** **AFTER 5:30pm** collect all your child's belongings from their room and then collect your child from the **TIGERS** room.
- Preschoolers and Toddlers—Please remember if dropping your child off before 9am to please take their hat and drink bottle with them to the Tiger's room.
- On pick-up please check all feedback sheets in the room so you know if there is something that needs your attention such as an accident report.
- Please remember to **SUPPLY** enough **pull-ups** for the day for your child in our Toddlers rooms.
- Please remember your child's ART is their day's work. Please try and take their artwork home and refrain from throwing it in the bin at the service. They have great pride in what they make during the day.
- **PLEASE SANTISE YOUR HANDS WHEN ENTERING AND EXITING THE BUILDING. SANITISER IS AVAILABLE AT THE SIGN IN DESK AND AT FRONT OF FOYER .**