Curriculum Snapshot

Nature play and natural resources have captivated the children’s interests.

Mud play in the garden was an exploratory experience for many children as they dug and mixed the dirt and water, feeling the mud squish between their toes and in their hands. Others watched how and where the water flowed, as they began to uncover the garden watercourse that had been buried some time ago.

In the digging patch, many children have: dug tunnels, mixed mortar and built with bricks; and created monster truck tracks for the trucks and excavators.

The sandpit has often been transformed into river systems - at first the children dug rivers and watched the sand flow, then the explored using very wet sand to strengthen the banks and build a bridge. In the days that followed children extended their river making by experimenting with natural and recycled materials to create water tunnels and bridges.

One of our TAFE students provided a wonderful clay activity that inspired children to explore the sensory aspects of art as they moulded the clay with their hands. This activity was extended as the children added to their creations using drift wood and pebbles.
MOUNT BARKER SHOW—Thank you to all the families who stopped by to spend some time with us. A special thank you to the parents who volunteered their time to support the kindergarten at the show: Kylie Warke; Victoria Milne; Renai Leonard; Deb Montgomery; Maureen Edwards; Nikki Coats; Joanne Middleton; Juanita Delaine; and Habiba Zafari.

MEET 'N' GREET NIGHT - is this coming Friday 8th April from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the kindergarten. We ask that boys bring a savoury and girls bring a sweet dish to share. Fairybelle will be here to entertain the children and do face painting.

FEES- to those who have already paid this term's fees, thank you. Please ensure your child's fees are paid before the end of term - this money is used to buy resources and materials that support the children's learning.

SUSTAINABILITY - We are seeking donations of old pots/pans and forks/spoons for a music project using recycled materials which Jade’s Mum Kylie would like to do with the children. We also seek donations of empty, clean 1 litre cardboard milk cartons which we recycle for the children's paints.

STUDENT EDUCATORS - For the first six weeks of next term we will be joined by Madeline Roberts a student teacher studying her Bachelor of Early Childhood Education at University.

LAST DAY OF TERM - Friday 15th April is the last day of Term 1. Kindergarten will resume again on Monday 2nd May, 2016. Term 3 commences on Monday 2nd May, 2016.

CLOSURE DAY - There will be a closure day Friday 27th May (Term 2 Week 4) for staff to undertake numeracy training.

DENTAL SERVICE : Did you know that there is the Mount Barker School Dental Clinic, which provides FREE Dental care for ALL babies, Preschoolers and most children under 18? The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider. Please call now for an appointment. Phone: 83910858

Tissues: Can every family provide a box of tissues for our children to use. Please