





THE BUZZ

HOLLAND PARK KINDERGARTEN'S OFFICAL NEWSLETTER

# **Director's Report**

It has been a busy month as the Children have become comfortable in their kindy environment, know the routines and have made connections with friends and Educators. They are keen to share their ideas and make plans. The children know what resources are available and are confident to ask for help. Educators have followed up with many of the children's interests and intentionally added experiences into the program. Both groups were very curious about the caterpillars and are amazed at the beautiful moths that emerged. Thank you to Quinn's dad (our resident Zoologist) who was able to identify them for us. This was a great experience for the children to increase their knowledge and respect for the natural world. We released the moths back into nature the hope they will continue their life cycle.

Kevin from Evergreen Puppets has visited both groups to share his story about the animals that are found in the Great Barrier Reef. Not only does he take us on an imaginary adventure amongst the animals, he also shares interesting facts, songs and we helped rescue a dolphin. There is also the message about looking after the environment and putting our rubbish in the bin. Not only is this a chance to learn about the animals but it is also an opportunity for the children to be part of an audience and use our whole body listening skills.

The Kookaburra children have continued to visit play that explores movement and an object's response to force — water courses, car ramps, ball runs have continued to be a favourite. In addition, many children have taken an interest in pretend role play with restaurants and dress ups continuing to be weaved into play throughout our days.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Working Bee Sunday 14th April at 8am Help get the playground ready for the children on Monday morning.

#### **VIP Night**

Thursday 16th May at 6-7pm This is a special event for all kindy children to bring an adult (no siblings) to kindy to play.

#### **Come and Play**

Saturday 18th May at 9:30-10:30am

If you know anyone who is interested in our kindy for 2025 please encourage them to attend.

### **Parents Night Out**

Friday 31st May

Leave the kids at home and get to know some of the other Kindy parents. More details to come.

#### **Open Day**

**Sunday 28th July** 

This is our major fundraiser and Community event. We will be asking parents to join a Subcommittee early next term to help organise this event.

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The Geckos have been curious about colour mixing which led us to include sensory play and mixing into our program. They have also worked co-operatively to design, build and test with the pipes to create water causes, car tracks and marble runs. Our imagination has taken us on different adventures and we have been able to extend one these ideas on our days at kindy. The pizza shop was stocked full of Pizza and many children dressed up to have dinner out at the shop. But you needed your phone to be able to "Tap" to pay.

Thanks to the parents who have donated resources throughout the term. The children have enjoyed creating with these both inside and outside. We have also moved towards open ended resources for our dress ups. We have noticed the children using their imagination to transform themselves into many things, eg Pizza shop owners, turtles, princesses.

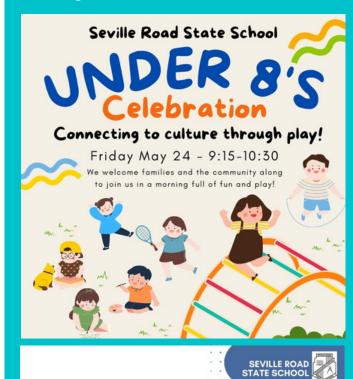
We have been very interested in the children over the fence. Some of us have friends from other ECECs and often call out to them. We have also noticed Carol and some of their children have noticed Benita. The Gecko children recently wrote a letter to them inviting them over for a play and morning tea. We are looking at both groups having morning with the Mott park children early in term 2

Both groups have incorporated different forms of story telling in to our programs. We have highlighted to the children that stories don't just have to come from a book but can be told. Educators also value the opportunities for children to reread known stories and often provide opportunities for children to have these experiences. We have noticed that children have engaged and enjoy learning from each other as they retell their favourite stories.

## Other reminders

- Please always check the gates are closed behind them and only to let their family in or out
- We are having some works completed over the holidays. This is part of the Flood Resilient Program with the Brisbane City Council. There will be no access to Kindy during this time.

Thanks to families for attending Parent teacher interviews. Please feel welcome to speak with Educators about your child. We can always book in appointments if parents feel you need a longer chance to talk with Educators.







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