

Celebrating Childhood

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From Sue

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the second half of Term 2. I do hope you all enjoyed a restful break! We welcome Tracy Morgan in her new P.A. role, with Tumi assuming the role of our efficient Pre-Prep receptionist.

This week I was part of a science Workshop which gave me further insight into the Preparatory and High School. It certainly is a privilege to work on a campus that connects the learning through each Phase.

The Early Years is the best phase to tap into scientific enquiry as children are naturally curious, with a desire to understand how things work. Curiosity is the basis of all learning and as natural scientists our children learn through exploration and discovery.

Children learn Science by DOING Science:

In KG1 we lit a candle and watched (**observation**) as the candle slowly went out when the **OXYGEN** in the glass was used up. A flame needs to breathe air like us to burn and we all need OXYGEN to breathe! (**Connection** to their ready knowledge).



In KG2 we **discovered** how to create static electricity by causing **friction** and the effect was - it made the balloon stick to us! (**Cause and effect**).



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We **wondered** if an egg could float! Some of us **predicted** yes and some no. We **tested** our prediction and it sank until we put salt in the water. We measured teaspoons of salt and **changed** the consistency of the water and with teaspoons of salt (**quantity**) the egg floated! The salt water was **heavier** than the egg! (change)

In Gr0 we **planned, designed and made** paper jets. We then **tested** their ability to fly off the steps onto the field. We **measured** to see which one flew the greatest distance and which the shortest.



After a trip to the dairy we practiced what it would feel like to milk a cow by creating a similar **model** in the garden. We **measured** the amount of water we could "milk" in our measuring jugs.

We **changed** liquid cream into solid butter by stirring and shaking it before freezing it and then tasting it on our bread! We had to remember the steps in the process and **describe** what we did!



The range of skills developed are either through explicit focused teaching or free choice play and Science is not done in isolation but connected to all learning in language, maths and numeracy, motor skills and thinking skills.

New questions may be formed. We can probe, ask leading questions and scaffold learning which children is how learn and take their learning further.

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Happy birthday, Pirate Captain Gerassi!

Mr Gerassi, the Captain of our ship, celebrated his birthday with the children in the role of CAPTAIN HOOK! The children were taught a pirate song by Captain Hook which they delighted in singing! We wish Joseph all the very best!



REPORTS

KG1 and KG2 Reports have all been emailed to parents. If you would like to discuss the report further, please make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher.

Grade 0 reports will be issued on 2 August before we close for the August break.

Please remember to send a spare change of clothing in your child's bag.

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HAPPENINGS 9 – 20 July

A reminder: We are a nut-free school

Day	Date	Happenings
MONDAY	9 July	Lunch: Beef/Chicken Sausages and Rice
TUESDAY	10 July	KG2 and GR0 boys Gross Motor exercises: please wear comfortable clothing (shorts or leggings are better than dresses). Tin Tuesday Learning the gift of giving & Ready to Recycle Lunch: Cottage Pie
WEDNESDAY	11 July	Madagascar Dress Rehearsal – Gr0 and KG2 children invited to attend @10h00 with teachers. Book Sale 7h30 to 12h00 in Redhill Room Lunch: Chicken strips/potato wedges and sweetcorn
THURSDAY	12 July	Lunch: Spaghetti and meatballs
FRIDAY	13 July	Lunch: Fish and Chips – Red jelly for dessert
MONDAY	16 July	Lunch: Beef/Chicken Sausages and Rice
TUESDAY	17 July	KG2 & GR0 boys Gross Motor exercises: please wear comfortable clothing (shorts or leggings are better than dresses). Tin Tuesday Learning the gift of giving & Ready to Recycle Lunch: Cottage Pie
WEDNESDAY	18 July	Lunch: Chicken strips/potato wedges and sweetcorn
THURSDAY	19 July	Lunch: Spaghetti and meatballs
FRIDAY	20 July	Lunch: Fish and Chips – Red jelly for dessert

INVESTIGATION TOPICS

KINDERGARTEN 1	*	Birds and Insects
KINDERGARTEN 2	*	Pirates, Princesses and Mermaids
GRADE 0	*	Manufacturing