

## *Outside of School Hours Care*

*Week Six Term Four*

*Hello St Joseph families,*

*We have been extremely busy over the past few weeks. I will take this opportunity to present some 'happy snaps' of our exciting program...*



*This project began when children showed interest in pirate ships, telling stories of hidden treasure, acting out adventures on the seas. So, we set about creating treasure maps. The children learnt how to make the paper look old and worn, they learnt how to map out the playground then marking 'X's' as to where to find the treasure. I brought in heaps of old jewelry, so the children could hide it in the playground to seek out and find the precious treasure.*



We used coffee and tea solutions to help age the paper.



Summer separated her map into 3 pieces. So, the children seeking treasure had to firstly find the missing pieces of the map and place it together for the clues. Great idea! Make them work for their treasure!!



The interest extended to children making big treasure chests, using my old jewelry and plenty of sparkles. The children had so much fun. We love turning 'nothing' into 'something'. The boxes were left over from a school function, we got them out of the recycling and my old jewelry was really appreciated. The kids love using items that are a little different, it inspires imagination and play. If any families are

getting rid of such items, please consider donating to the children to use for creating and play. We don't waste anything!



I just want to let families know, if a child's birthday falls on a day, they are attending afterschool care, we do our best to have a little celebration, some treats, games and special attention! Sorry Kirby, not the best pic!! He really did enjoy his caramel mud cake and custard!!



Of course, I have to include some pics of Halloween preparations... We worked so hard on designing and creating treat baskets and bags that were practical, functioning, strong and looking festive! We worked together, helping each other, sharing ideas, collaborating and problem solving.



Kayd made a thoughtful card for Evelyn and Caitlyn's mum for inviting them to 'trick and treat'



Rhys is very talented at creating all types of characters that all have their own story. These crazy, spooky characters were in theme of Halloween.



I bought some new items for the cooking corner, such as 'always' food and 'sometimes' food as well as shopping baskets, money and toys of alike. This has inspired the kids to make a café. It is a popular game, creating a café. So, I extended on the interest by buying some new items for the kitchen play area.



The children are becoming interested in exploring designs for paper aero planes. We began researching various designs, over the next week we will test and trial many designs. I encourage children to experiment various techniques of the art of folding paper to create the plane. We will hold a challenge and measure distance, height, loop ability, tricks and gliding abilities. The children may think of other categories to assess the ability of the paper plane, who knows where this project will lead?!?



Liam thinking and concentrating hard in a game of memory with Lachlan. Abigail playing with our beautiful pony which has magnets to mix and match the look of the pony.



Lastly, a reminder to hand in forms relating to bookings for next year. Especially for those who have regular bookings. If you are not regular, we can re-establish your government subsidy and enrollment next year, beginning of the term.

*Any queries call or text 0437 713 067*

*Have a great rest of the week from Libby, Gamze and OSHC children.*

