Partnership with families
20th September to 24th September 2021

Dear Families,

As a part of the continuous improvement required by the National Quality Standard, this week we are:

* making sure all educators understand their responsibility to teach children about the natural environment, the effect of human activity on the environment, and things they can do to care for the environment and promote sustainability. We try and link learning to our families and communities, and would love to hear about any environmental issues affecting you, or any measures you’re taking to help protect the environment, big or small
* reviewing our Environmental Sustainability Policy and Chemical Spills Policy. Summaries follow:

**Environmental Sustainability Policy**

Educators will involve children in activities which help them appreciate, care for and increase their understanding of sustainability and natural and man-made environments. Some of the ways they may do this include:

* involving children in environmental activities like gardening, nature walks, composting, caring for worm farms
* providing natural materials like wood, stone, sand, plants and recycled materials
* monitoring usage of electricity, gas, water and water and amount of rubbish going to landfill
* promoting life skills like growing, harvesting, and cooking food
* using environmentally targeted resource kits and information to tailor relevant activities
* collaborating with families and community groups with expertise in environmental issues eg bush care groups
* acknowledging and celebrating environmental awareness events like Clean Up Australia Day.

**Chemical Spills Policy**

* Chemicals are cleaned up immediately and safely
* Remove children, contain spill, and follow instructions on Material Safety Data Sheet.
* Decontaminate or dispose of clothing/equipment
* Reflect on incident and minimise or eliminate risk spill may happen again

There is a copy of the policies near the sign in/out sheet. Please take a moment to read them.

We value any feedback you may have.

Nominated Supervisor