Partnerships with families
22 to 26 May 2023

Dear Families,

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

* reviewing how we support children to learn from each other’s different knowledge, skills and backgrounds. We do this, for example, by organising group activities, providing time for children to engage in mini projects, providing the spaces and resources needed, and supporting children to negotiate their roles and interactions with other children. Please let us know about any of your child’s interests, skills or knowledge we’re unaware of
* reviewing our Sand Pit Policy. A summary follows:

**Sand Pit Policy**

Educators and the Nominated Supervisor will ensure:

* the sandpit has adequate drainage
* the timber has not been treated with Copper Chromium Arsenate
* the sandpit is filled with washed beach or river sand, not builders’/brick sand which is unsuitable
* the sand is at least 500mm deep, and replenished when it drops 100mm below the top edge
* any natural elements (eg boulders) are stable and cannot be moved
* the sandpit is adequately shaded
* they clean the sand by regularly exposing it to sunshine and fresh air
* they rake sand pits before use and regularly during the day, carefully removing and disposing of any contaminated sand or dangerous matter
* they turn the sand over monthly to aerate it
* they change the sand at least annually and whenever it’s extensively contaminated
* they remove toys from the sandpit at the end of each day
* they cover sand pits closely when they’re not in use.

There is a copy of the policy near the sign in/out sheet. Please take a moment to read it. We value any feedback you may have.

Nominated Supervisor