Partnerships with families  
24 to 28 July 2023

Dear Families,

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

* reviewing the strategies educators implement to teach children about sustainability and caring for the environment, and the practices we implement at the service to support and model sustainability. We’re always open to new ideas and suggestions
* 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 constructed 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 are copies 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