Partnerships with families
26 February to 1 March 2024

Dear Families,

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

* reviewing the intentional teaching strategies educators use to support and extend each child’s learning. These include for example:
	+ modelling/demonstrating
	+ open-ended questioning
	+ speculating/hypothesising
	+ explaining
	+ problem solving
	+ engaging in sustained conversations with children
	+ giving children time to think, create and problem solve
* reviewing our Food, Nutrition and Beverage Policy. A summary follows:

**Food, Nutrition and Beverage** **Policy**

* Food and drinks provided must be healthy, meet the nutritional and cultural needs of each child and be consistent with the Australian Dietary Guidelines and Infant Feeding Guidelines
* Food will be safely stored and prepared following procedures in the Health, Hygiene and Safe Food Policy
* Children must have access to safe drinking water at all times
* Children who do not eat at mealtimes or are hungry will be provided with food at other times
* Educators will never use food as a reward or punishment
* Services that provide food will display a weekly menu
* Educators will include learning about healthy food options in the curriculum
* Educators will provide healthy food information to families and encourage them to serve healthy food at home
* Bottles of breast milk or formula will be stored and heated safely following the procedure in this policy.

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