Partnerships with families  
11 to 15 March 2024

Dear Families,

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

* reviewing how we implement a child directed curriculum ie how educators continually provide opportunities for children to make choices and decisions about play and activities which support their interests and wellbeing, and that of other children. Do you think we’re doing a good job? We’d love your feedback and suggestions
* reviewing our Animal and Pet Policy. A summary follows:

**Animal and Pet Policy**

The Nominated Supervisor will:

* complete a risk assessment before allowing any animal to be kept at the service, or pet to visit the service, and take appropriate actions to reduce the risk of harm
* ensure service pets are well cared for, and implement a staff roster to ensure any animal that requires care or feeding outside operating hours is cared for at the service or an employee’s home

Educators and staff will ensure:

* children are closely supervised when interacting with animals or pets
* animals and pets at the service are fed and cared for appropriately eg cages cleaned daily
* animal or pets do not access food preparation areas, sandpit or where children play, eat, sleep or rest
* room tasks include feeding, cleaning and caring for the animal
* all adults and children wash their hands after handling animals or pets
* children’s animal or pets are only brought into the Service if first approved by the Nominated Supervisor
* pets accompanying families to the service are left at the gate.

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