

# BELC NEWSLETTER 24 JULY 2018



Hello everyone and welcome again to Broome Early Learning Circle. It has been a fantastic and busy start to BELC. As expected there have been a few settling tears but mostly lots of smiles and fun!

Thank you to all the parents who have come on board with our software system Xplor. While we have had a few teething problems the sign in/out Hub seems to be working smoothly for most people now and we hope that you are managing to use the app too.

## Learning – A Tiny Snapshot

Our child centred approach means that as educators we are responsive to children's ideas and play. This has led to some really fun activities over the last few weeks with a strong focus on science and experiments. The children enjoyed making volcanoes in the sand pit using food colouring, vinegar and bicarb. Making lemons explode with vinegar and bicarb and experimenting with things that sink and float in the water trough.

*Outcome 4.2 Children develop a range of skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching and investigating*

'We're going on a bear hunt' by Micheal Rosen, has been a firm favourite over the last few weeks. Yvonne set up the scene inside and the children have loved re-enacting the story! *Outcome 5.2 Children engage with a range of texts and gain meaning from these texts.*

Fishing and boats have also been of interest to the children. The children used building blocks to build a fishing boat to fish off of. They caught salmon and barramundi and popped the fish in the Esky. When the boat started to sink, they all jumped out and onto the rocks!

*Outcome 2.1 Children develop a sense of belonging to groups and communities and an understanding of the reciprocal rights and responsibilities necessary for active community participation.*

Painting has also been very popular over the last few weeks! In celebration of NAIDOC week we demonstrated and showed the children Aboriginal dot painting which they tried their hand at. The babies and toddlers loved the sensory experience of painting with coloured ice blocks. *Outcome 5.2 Children engage with a range of texts and gain meaning from these texts.*

Our babies and toddlers also enjoyed investigating sensory bags! Plastic bags filled with coloured water and different shaped floating objects. They used their hands, mouths, feet and faces to squish and move the water and the objects.

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## Lunch Boxes

Thank you to everyone for packing your children such healthy lunch boxes full of food that the children enjoy. Just a reminder that we are a **completely nut free zone**. If you ever have any questions about nuts you are welcome to call or text Lisa Spicer on 0438946878.

### RECIPE OF THE WEEK

#### LUNCHBOX BACON & VEGGIE QUICHES

INGREDIENTS:

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- 2 sheets puff pastry, thawed
- 2 rashers bacon, thinly sliced
- ½ cup frozen corn kernels
- 1 zucchini, grated
- ½ cup cheddar cheese, grated
- 4 eggs, lightly whisked
  
- Preheat the oven to 200 degrees Celsius.
- Cut the pastry into circles and line a muffin pan with them.
- Mix the eggs, cheese, zucchini, bacon and corn together
- Pour evenly between the pastry cups (they will be about 1/3 full... but they will puff up
- Bake for 15-20 minutes
- Cool in the muffin tray for 5 minutes

## Staff

We would like to welcome our new full-time educator, Santi who will join us from 30<sup>th</sup> of June. She comes highly recommended and will be replacing Caitlin who is off to take up a management role elsewhere. Yvonne and Santi have worked together before and are looking forward to working together again.

Many of you have had the opportunity to meet our casual staff over the last few weeks. It is our aim to make sure that families and children are familiar with our casual staff so that we have continuity of care.

Amber Bekkers worked as a casual at Broome Circle Crèche for nearly 10 years. She is diploma qualified, has a huge amount of experience and is great with the children. She will be standing in for Lara on Monday 30<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> while Lara is away. She is in this week too, so that she can get to know all the children before next week.

## Renovations

We are excited to be making some changes to the outside area. We are going to be digging up part of the garden to create space for monkey bars and more physical play. The works will start at the end of July and should take no more than a couple of weeks.

We are also putting in a new intercom system between the front door and the classroom door that will be used between 7:30am and 8:00am and 4:00pm and 5:00pm when the Broome Circle offices are closed.

## Website

We are in the process of slowly updating the website.

Our policies as well as our updated Parent Handbook have been loaded up. Please refer to the Parent Handbook regarding absences and make-up days.

We have also uploaded an interesting article *by Child Australia called "When Children Bite"*. We haven't had a biting incident yet but it is unfortunately inevitable.

## Volunteers

Volunteers have always been a big part of Broome Circle and we are lucky enough to have a wonderful volunteer called Nancy who comes in and plays with the children in the afternoons.

If you know of anyone who would enjoy being a volunteer and spending time with the children please do let them know that it is always a possibility at BELC.

*Regards*

*The BELC Team*