

Room One report to families October 2022

We are continuing to enjoy busy days in Room One with many days now at capacity. We are welcoming new children and families week by week - most recently Tom, Marlow, and Annie and Nicolas, siblings of Patrick and Sebastian in Room Two.

Whenever possible we love to visit Pilyabilyangga with the children giving time to explore the natural surrounds, follow pathways, observe the worm farm, climb over logs and walk/crawl over uneven surfaces, watch the birds and make sounds on the fire pit with sticks when it's not in use. A wonderful space to slow down to the child's pace of experiencing the world.

As the days begin to warm we will be playing with water more regularly – so please provide several changes of clothes for your child.

Room One children have been celebrating many recent birthdays (Cooper, Gweth, Younging, Harriet and Lola) singing the Happy Birthday song, watching the candles get blown out is part of the shared celebration.

Many children are now sharing their verbal and non-verbal language with educators and their peers. Sharing stories and songs on a daily basis continues to support the foundations for language development along with many other benefits.

Many children are seeking social connections with their peers and making early friendships, sharing common play interests.

Many children love to engage in being 'helpers' – helping educators pack away toys and outdoor resources, wipe tables, sweep with the small brooms and take washing to the laundry – all in a day's learning participating in valuable real life play.

Music and movement have also created opportunities for children to positively express their emotions and share the joys of music and dance with friends.

Warm regards Room One team – Gayle, Cherry, Karen, Tamala and Paige



Room Two report to families October 2022

October is a busy month in Room Two. At first, we welcome our new friend Caroline who was in Room One last year. She joins us and has settled in very well and easily, reconnecting with her friends from Room One. We also welcome Sebastian back from his long holiday.

October is a celebration season because we have a lot of birthday boys and girls. Everyone in Room Two is always excited to celebrate our friend's birthdays.

October is a wet and dry season and children enjoy playing in rainy and sunny days. Our mud kitchen is especially popular in rainy day. Children put on their rain jackets and rain boots and pick their favourite cooking tools and work so hard in the muddy kitchen. They enjoy digging and cooking the mud in the wet, muddy kitchen.

When it is a sunny day, children like to go to explore in our natural play environment, butterfly garden and adventure playground. They always enjoy exploring the nature and challenging themselves in climbing trees, cubby house, rock climbing and monkey bar swinging.

We ordered some new toys in October and the first new toys we received are 7 Tonka dump trucks. Children are very excited for the new building construction trucks. So, October is a building season too. There is a lot of construction work happening in the sand pit and mud kitchen and these trucks are so busy to bring sand/mud/bark chips across the whole outdoor area. Educators have to remind children to follow the traffic rules and speed limits.

Children use their creativity to create their own play all the time. Children use chairs, kitchen, tables to make themselves a cubby house inside. They make an office and there are phones, keyboards in their offices, they also make a share house and do housework together. We also have a small dolls house and children enjoy to arrange their tiny dolls and tiny furniture in the dolls house. Painting and art and craft are still one of the favourite experiences no matter where they are set up. Sam is successful at putting the giant snake puzzle together by himself without any help from educators. This is a big achievement and he is so proud of himself.

Bob the Builder is back in Room Two again. Our children have requested educators to play the Bob the Builder song for them so they can have a Bob the Builder dancing party. Last couple of weeks we have had a Bob the Builder dancing party on a daily basis. Our children just cannot have enough Bob the Builder. The Wiggles need to work harder next year.



Room Three Report to families October 2022

Room 3 children have had a lot of fun in September and October. We had Pilyabilyangga morning on Thursdays in Term 3. Children displayed their great interests to explore the nature through various ways, like climbing the tree to pretending to be a koala sleeping in the tree, observing the insects looking for new home in the rain, hopping on/ off the rocks to challenge their balance skills. Due to the weather, we only had a couple of times to cook on the campfire. However, children enjoyed watching Dani cooking pancakes at verandah instead. Also, children spent some time at Adventure Playground to have fun in the cubby house, climbing competition on the climb-web and rock wall as well.

We have to highlight our Mud Kitchen down at the corner next to the swing area. Children enjoyed cooking with mud on their bare feet or wearing gum boots. They explored the sensory activities, sharing the kitchen tools, learning caring each other with gentle hands, Room 3 children were very good at looking after younger children from Room 2, telling them be gentle and showing them how to pack up properly after playing.

We have had a range of activities happened in group time. Reading favourite books from home, showing and tell the special stuff brought from home, trying doing some physical actions/ postures following the instructions in, playing board games to challenge children's memory and observation skills, laughing at Musical Statues game, Marching & Stretching with musical rhythm, and so on.

Children enjoyed playing at the verandah as a reading corner, nursing corner, kitchen corner, etc. When we set up Post Office at verandah, children engaged in writing letters to the people they love and made pretty envelopes with their drawings on the cover. Pleased to see children share their achievements to peers and show their respect to other people and the community around.

Room 3 children keep their interests in construction set, drawing, colouring, collage, and painting. Their building work looks more powerful and multi-function, the art work is more detailed and meaningful.

Feel proud of Room 3 children on their kindness to friends, "sharing is caring" in their playing time, solid friendship through teamwork, good modelling to new children / younger children.

"Look at the beautiful flowers on the apricot tree!" "Look, Look, there are some small apricots in the tree", children cheered up while they noticed the plants changing, the flowers blossoming, the birds flying around.....

Welcome Term 4, the last term of 2022!

