



# FUNTASTIC GEMS NEWSLETTER

TERM 1, WEEK 5

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017

Dear Parents,



This week was a very special week as Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March was celebration of Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the first day of the season of Lent, which begins 40 days prior to Easter. Lent is a time

when many Christians prepare for Easter by

observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. Beginning of the week I have been told by the Chris from the office that the air conditioning installation would commence. After so many years its finally the day, I shared the great news to the children, families and staff and everyone was very excited. There are 5 reverse cycle air conditioning installed in the hall and addition to that there is a small air conditioning in the homework room. I am so very thankful and grateful that there is air conditioning to cool down the hall on hot weather and warming the hall during winter. April vacation care is currently available online to view and book. I would like to remind parents that Funtastic Gems work together with the school and thus the school rules are our rules here at the centre. I have noticed that children are bringing in the toy blade to play at the centre knowing that it is not allowed at school so please ensure that toys that are not allowed at school should be kept at home. On that note, I wish everyone a lovely weekend and looking forward to another week.

Thanks,

Diana

## Following Week Program

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017	Cardboard Castle Skeleton Leaf Bowl
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017	Paper Helicopter Stress Balls
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017	Bath Salt Making Didgeridoo Craft
Thurs 9 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2017	Sport Incursion
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017	Jam Drop Biscuits DIY Funny Face Flipbook

## Star of the Week Is

Shayla

Shayla took care of kindergarten children very well. She dealt with them with care, love and passion. She spent most of the time helping them with activities and playing with them at the centre.

## Julie's Recap of the week

On Monday, Julie's group did a craft activity of paper dinosaur hat making. This activity was challenging for the children so Julie had to help them with measuring and drawing. It took for a while to finish making it but the children were very happy with their dinosaur hats. Nicole's group created a glow in the dark dragonfly. They were split up into pairs due to not having enough water bottles. All the children communicated with each other for the making of the dragonfly, each expressed their ideas for the making of the wings. On Tuesday, Julie's group made 3D trees using craft papers. All the children participated very well but it was bit difficult for some children to make the tree by themselves. Tanya, Thashalia and Summer helped the younger children. Nicole's group made CD Wind Spinners. The



children were asked to decorate their cd with colourful stones. On Wednesday, Julie's group baked Blueberry Muffins. Julie made sure every child in the group have their turn to participate. We used disposable cups instead of muffin tins. Unexpectedly the cups melted in the oven so no one could get their muffins. Diana promised to buy muffins for the children next week. Nicole's group made flowers out of recycled materials. Each person got a coloured piece of cardboard paper, pipe cleaners, 3 buttons and egg cartons. Nicole

explained to the kids the process of recycling and also how you can use recycled materials to make craft. The children were amazed and asked to do more recycling craft activities. On Thursday, we had a sport incursion. All the children enjoyed gymnastics and had so much fun. On Friday, the children were divided into two groups to do science experiments of 'Fizzing Jupiter' and 'Lava Lamp'. Julie's group made balls with baking soda, water and food colouring. The children poured vinegar on baking soda balls to see how the balls react to vinegar. Nicole's group did a science experiment consisting of making lava lamps. The children understood why water and oil are separated from each other. All of the children loved science experiments a lot.

