



FUNTASTIC GEMS

NEWSLETTER

TERM 3, WEEK 1

Friday 21st July, 2017

Dear Parents,

I would like to warmly welcome back everyone to term 3. I hope all children and families had a wonderful holiday break with loved ones. I was very busy operating the 2 weeks vacation care program with Alex and we both enjoyed the company of the children that attended. The program that was planned went extremely well and with changes made to July vacation care program having implemented countless incursions/excursion the children seem to enjoy it a lot more. At Funtastic Gems we are always planning activities and program that not only cater for children needs we look into their interest as well. The children had fun so much that the next upcoming vacation care I have planned many incursions for the children comprising of soccer/tennis to name just a few. Nicole did a fantastic job with running the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu incursion on the second week of the holidays. Julie on the other hand did a wonderful job assisting me with the popular fidget spinners and mini aquarium jar. I was very surprised with the children creativity, how they behaved throughout the holidays that I planned to Fridays children choice from term 3. Julie will go accordinging to what the children request or write down on the white board to plan activity for the day, that way our centre is fullfilling children suggestion and feedback. Brazilian Jiu Jitsu commenced this week, children were very excited and filled with excitement that session has resume. To all the new parents that have enrolled their son and daughter to Funtast Gems, welcome to our service and the first newsletter for term 3.

Thanks,

Diana

Following Week Program

Mon 24 th July, 2017	Art & Craft - Bug Paper Ring Sustainability – Building Bucket Tower
Tues 25 th July, 2017	Cooking – Windmill Pastries Science – Glow in the dark experiment
Wed 26 th July, 2017	Group Work – Easy Beaded Rainbow Wind Chime Sustainability – Nature Spray Paint Canvas
Thurs 27 th July, 2017	Science – Rainbow Roses experiment Cooking – Pizza making
Fri 28 th July, 2017	Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

Star of the week

Kripa

Kripa showed great behaviour throughout the week. She passionately participated in the activities and helped staff with finishing mural and pack-up.

Julie's Recap of the week



On Monday, Julie's group did a craft activity of making 4 Seasons Trees. The group consisted in K to Y2 children since the activity contains simple drawing, colouring and decorating. The children were to decorate four different trees according to each season. Some children used cotton balls to represent snow. Some children drew birds, flowers and fruits on the trees. Every child showed fantastic ideas and creativity throughout the activity. Nicole's craft activity consisted in the making of 4 Seasons

Tree Murals. The group was separated into four smaller groups. They were to divide their paper into four squares in which in each square the tree would go into the four different seasons. The Y6 were the team leaders for each group and they designed the tree then instructed the younger children in the group to colour in and decorate the tree. The results looked pretty awesome and were put on the wall for everyone to see. On Tuesday, Julie's group did a cooking activity of making Chocolate Cheesecake Cookies. Summer and Thashalia in Y6 were beautiful helpers for the activity. They were



in charge of making cookie dough. The girls asked the younger children to measure the ingredients and mix them well. The children had lots of fun throughout the activity and they couldn't wait to taste the cookies. Since Julie's group finished the activity early, the group was asked to help Nicole's group with



creating a World Continent Mural. There were 3 groups and they were given two continents to draw. After the older children were done drawing the younger ones in the group were to decorate the continents. What the kids found hard during this activity was the positioning of the countries and their famous landmarks and this was due to the children not knowing where they were located. The children need more practice with locating countries on a map and their famous landmarks. On Wednesday, Julie's group did a craft activity of making Tissue Paper Snails. The children were to cut out the snail templates and paste on a piece of coloured paper. Then they decorated the snails with different colours of tissue paper. The kindergarten children had a separate table to do the craft with the Y6's assist. The activity was great

for the children to enhance their concentration and creativity. Nicole's activity consisted in the making of a Bead Peg Butterfly. The group was to make butterflies using pegs, beads and pipe cleaners. They chose the colours of the pipe cleaners they wanted and started adding the beads onto it. After that was done the children started decorating their pegs. The children showed great ideas and creativity by making all different colours and patterns of butterflies. On Thursday, Julie's group did a science experiment of Lemon Volcano. The older children did the experiment on their own whereas the younger ones did it in pairs. They were to poke and squeeze the lemons to get some juice and mix with food colouring of their choices. Then they added baking soda to see the reaction. The children were very excited and amazed to see the bubble eruption out of the lemons.

Diana's group made Hotdog Pretzels. Diana made the dough beforehand for the activity. The children were given some dough so they could knead it to make their own pretzels. They enjoyed the activity a lot. On Friday, Julie's group did cooking activity of making Coconut Oat Cookies which was Kripa's choice. She was picked to choose any activity she wants for behaving well for the entire week. The children took their turns to participate in the cooking. Nicole had her first BJJ class for this term. The children were so excited to do BJJ again after school holiday. The children were grouped in pairs and versed each other.

