



FUNTASTIC GEMS NEWSLETTER

TERM 3, WEEK 3

Friday 4th August, 2017

Dear Parents,



Alex and I was very privileged and fortunate to be given the opportunity to organize face painting and balloon twisting in celebration of St Joachim's and St Anne's Feast Mass by our school principal Mrs. Parsell last Sunday 30th July, 2017. It was such a wonderful time spending time with the children as they got they face painted. The face painting was AMAZING and what matters is that the children had fun. Contributing to the community is what Funtastic Gems loves to do as this way we can connect with the wider community and school and build a strong lasting relationship. It was such a pleasure to meet the parents and have a casual chat outside work hours and have some bonding time. Although we were not there for a long time it was fun seeing the children laugh and having a great time.



Thanks,

Diana

Following Week Program

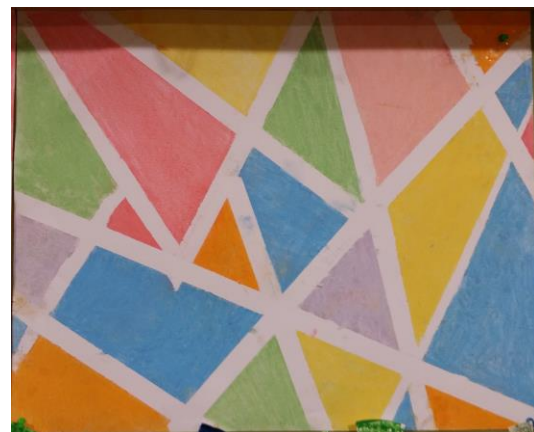
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| Monday 7 th August, 2017 | Sustainability – Butterfly Life Cycle Paper Toy Sustainability – Wool Initial Monogram |
| Tuesday 8 th August, 2017 | Got Game Multi-Sports 4pm to 5 pm Science – Skittles Rainbow Experiment |
| Wednesday 9 th August 2017 | Cooking – Mini Shaped Pizza Cooking – Veggie Patch |
| Thursday 10 th August, 2017 | Art & Craft – Planet Making Craft – Canvas Display Message |
| Friday 11 th August, 2017 | Science – Magnectic Slime Brazilian Jiu Jitsu |

Julie's Recap of the week

On Monday, Julie's group did a cooking activity of making Rainbow Weather Snacks. Children were split into two smaller groups, each with a group leader. They were to spread blue frosting on the crackers provided and place mini marshmallows to represent sky and cloud. Then the rainbow straps were placed in the middle. It was quick and easy so even the younger children were able to make one on their own. All the children in this group had lots of fun throughout the activity. Nicole's activity consisted in a science experiment that was of milk and cola. This experiment was to show what would happen if milk and cola are added together and how it separates. The children were very intrigued on how this experiment was to be carried out. On Tuesday, children enjoyed participating in sport incursion outdoor. They played 'Ball Passing' game on balancing equipment. Nicole's activity consisted in cooking dirt pudding. Each child was given a cup that was to put the pudding into. Nicole made the pudding mixture and rolled out the oreos in which that was to act as 'dirt'. After everything was done the mixture was poured into each cup, then the 'dirt' and they then added gummy worms. Children had lots of fun



making the dirt pudding. On Wednesday, Julie's group did a art & craft activity of making Sea Creatures out of paper plates. Children were to make sea creatures that they wanted by cutting out paper plates. They made puffer fish, star fish and tropical fish. After cutting out they were to paint the plates with different colours of paints. The children were very excited with painting activity. Nicole's activity was the Abstract



Painting. The children were separated into three groups, each group had a leader in who was to lay down the masking tape onto the paper creating different patterns. Then the children in the groups were to colour in the shapes with chalk. When it was time for the big reveal everyone was excited and couldn't wait to see how their abstract painting turned out. Overall the children had a great time making the



abstract painting, they all worked very hard. On Thursday, Julie's group did a craft activity of making a Windmill out of paper cups. Children were to decorate their cups with textas and coloured pencils. Some children requested Julie for flower stickers to put on the cups. Then they cut out foam sheets to make windmills and Julie helped them to place the windmills on the cups. It was a great activity for children to show their creativity and imagination. On Friday, Julie's group did a science experiment of mixing oil and water colour. All the children in the group had chance to do their own experiment. They were so amazed that they saw what was happening when oil and water colour was mixed together. It was a good opportunity for them to learn about 'density'. Nicole's group had Brazilian Jiu Jitsu training. They were grouped in pairs and versed against each other.

Important Dates & Upcoming Events

Saturday 12th August, 2017 – St Joachim's Sausage Sizzle Fundraising Day 9am-5pm at Lidcombe Bunnings