



FUNTASTIC GEMS

NEWSLETTER

TERM 3, WEEK 4

Friday 11th August, 2017

Dear Parents,

As the weather gets warmer and less cold the children are let out to the playground with Alex after activities has completed for soccer and outside play. The children have been so eager to go out but due to the weather they haven't been able to. The Got Game sport incursions on Tuesdays are going very well and Mr Vince is doing a fantastic job thinking of new games and sports for the children to participate in. I have had a lot of lost property laying around in the hall from children forgetting to bring them home, so if your child is missing a particular uniform please do let us staff know if it belongs to your child. This Saturday 12th August St Joachim's will be holding a fundraising day at Lidcombe Bunnings with yummy sausage sizzle so if you are free on the day please do come visit us and support us. It will be held from 9am till 5pm. Alex and myself will be there supporting us well so please do come say Hi and have a fun day out with your family for lunch. Enrolments for 2018 will open beginning term 3 places are very limited so please do remember to enroll your child before it fills up. I will be sending an email to all parents prior to term 4 to notify. The upcoming Spring holidays program and booking form will be up on Funtastic Gems website from next week so please be ensure to visit our site to view the exciting programs planned. I would encourage parents to visit Funtastic Gems Facebook page regularly for the latest photos of what the children doing, events and news.

Thanks,

Diana

Following Week Program

Monday 14 th August, 2017	Art & Craft – Tissue Paper Turtle Craft Science – Elephant Toothpaste
Tuesday 15 th August, 2017	Sustainability – Pineapple Pine Cone Cooking – Marshmallow Pop
Wednesday 16 th August 2017	Cooking – M & M Chocolate Cookies Sustainability – Cup Rug
Thursday 17 th August, 2017	Science – DIY Skeleton Sustainability – Pringles Stone Vase
Friday 18 th August, 2017	Pupil's Free Day – No School

Julie's Recap of the week

On Monday, Julie's group did a craft & science activity of making Butterfly Lifecycle Flexangle. The children were to colour in the templates that have been given and fold them along the lines. They had difficulties in folding the templates. Julie and Y6 girls helped the younger children with folding it into the flexangle. It was a great opportunity for the children to learn about butterfly's lifecycle. Nicole's activity consisted in the making of a Wool Initial Monogram. The group consisted in mostly the older children due to this activity being a bit difficult. The group was given a piece of cardboard in which they were to draw the first letter of their name, then they had to cut it out. After they were done cutting they wrapped the wool around the letter. Everyone enjoyed the activity a lot. On Tuesday, the older children did the duct tape challenge. This challenge was for two children to be taped up and for them to try get out of the tape within a certain time span. The younger children were to do origami. They had to make ninja stars. With both of these activities the children had fun and enjoyed themselves. On Wednesday, Julie



did a cooking activity of making Mini Shaped Pizza. The children were to cut out pizza bread with cookie cutters and add toppings of their choice. They were encouraged to put vegetables and mushrooms as well but most of them wanted to have just cheese and salami. Everyone in the group enjoyed the activity and couldn't wait to eat the pizza. Nicole's activity consisted in the making of a Veggie Patch. The children in the group were given two wafers that was to be the patch then melted chocolate was added to the top of the wafers, after that crushed oreos that was to be dirt and then strawberries added on top. The children showed different creativity and imagination throughout the activity. On Thursday, Julie's activity was changed to Playdough Cartoon Characters. The children were to choose any cartoon characters and made them with different colours of playdough. They requested Julie to show them pictures of the characters so Julie

put the screen on for them to copy. It was a great chance for the children to show their imagination and creativity. They were very excited with the activity. Diana's group did Display Messages on cardboard. The children worked individually to construct borders, pictures and a little message for their loved ones. She had many younger children participating and they were all struggling and needed her help. When the children being



assisted they were very happy and was confident to complete it themselves. The small message notes with an instant photo turned out very well. Some children with help of Diana wrote poems and made the message decorative. As the children got picked up they gave their messages and a picture to their parents and was very happy to see the smiles from their faces as their parent loved it. On Friday, while Alex was taking some children outside and playing sports, Julie's group did a science experiment of making Magnetic Slime. The children were to put magnetic powder in glue and add eye solution and baking soda to mix together. They were so amazed to see the slime sticking to the magnetics. After the experiment they watched movie.

Important Dates & Upcoming Events

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