



# FUNTASTIC GEMS

## NEWSLETTER

TERM 3, WEEK 5

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2017

Dear Parents,

The upcoming Spring Vacation Care will be on [www.funtasticgems.com.au](http://www.funtasticgems.com.au) by the end of this week so please parents I do encourage you to visit the website and check out the exciting programs install before places fills up. This Friday was a Staff Development Day and Funtastic Gems was in operation as we had more than 15 children booked in for the day. It was only Alex and I that ran the day and the kids were surprisingly very well behaved for us. A small group did slime with Cerrys being in charge and after afternoon tea the kids enjoyed themselves relaxing on the floor watching a movie. It was very windy so although the children were let out for free play outside they were inside within 20 minutes. Overall the day and week went very well. Unfortunately Funtastic Gems will no longer be running Brazilian Jiu Jitsu on Fridays until further notice, however we are in the process of implementing new activities into our program. I am sad to announced also that Nicole is no longer working at Funtastic Gems so I have been very busy running the programs with Julie and the help of Alex as well as recruiting a team member for us. I hope the recruitment goes well and someone fantastic will be fit for the centre and that works well with everyone especially the children.

Thanks,

Diana

## Following Week Program

<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2017</b>	Art & Craft – Paper Plate Sailboat Science – Fizzy Rainbow
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2017</b>	Sustainability – Cherry Blossom Tree Got Game Multisport 4-5pm
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017</b>	Art & Craft – Pipe Cleaner Monkeys Cooking – Dominoes Cookies
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2017</b>	Cooking – Mini cheesecake with oreo crust Sustainability – Mini Pot Plant Stone
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2017</b>	Children's Choice

## Star of the week

Francesca

Francesca took care of her injured friend by carrying her bag and assisting her at the centre.

## Julie's Recap of the week

On Monday, Julie's group did a craft activity of making a turtle with paper plates and tissue paper. The group consisted in the children in kindergarten and Y1. The children were to cut out a template of the turtle and paste on a piece of coloured paper. They decorated the turtles with tissue paper and coloured in them. Some children wanted to keep their works whereas some wanted it displayed on the wall. It took about an hour for them to finish the activity but everyone tried their best to have their work done. Diana and her small group did Elephant toothpaste experiment. Although the activity did not go according to plan it still worked quite well for a first attempt. The children had lots of fun and were very excited to participate and get involved. Instead of an individual attempt they made it into a competition where children competed to see who has the highest elephant toothpaste. Diana demonstrated how the experiment is done and went through each instruction clearly and asked for questions when done. Children who came to look was cheering on wanting their peers to beat Diana's score and requested Diana to do the activity again. On Tuesday, the children were divided into two groups according to their age group and participated in the sport incursion. Since it was raining and wet outside, they did gymnastics indoor. The children had so much fun doing gymnastics. On Wednesday, Julie did a cooking activity of making M&M Chocolate Cookies. The children in the group were assigned to specific roles such as measuring ingredients, mixing them and washing dishes. Calvin and Cecil were





great helpers for the activity. They helped the younger ones with scooping cookie dough and packing up. The children enjoyed the activity a lot and couldn't wait to taste it. Diana's group participated in another cooking activity constructing marshmallow pops using big marsh marshmallows, chocolate melt and sprinkles. There were almost 20 children that participated. Diana left Sophie in charge after everyone had a

chance of making an individual one for themselves. The activity went very well and everyone was very happy and eager to eat their marshmallow pops. There were plenty of marshmallow left over so Sophie was left in charge assisting the children with their pops for seconds. On Thursday, Julie's group did a science and craft activity of making Skeletons with cotton tips. The children were to make a face of the skeleton first and then stick cotton tips on a piece of paper to make bones. It was a great opportunity for them to learn about body structure and enhance their fine motor skills. Although it was bit challenging for the younger kids, they were very proud of themselves when they finished. Diana changed her activity and had the children work as teams and do construction. The children were divided into two small groups. They surprised Diana a lot as they worked very well and impressed her with their team work. The groups allocated individual task and everyone helped one another when needed. Their communication with each other was very good and it was very impressive that the younger children were being very helpful and had a task to do. Cecil's group constructed a TV whereas Mina's group constructed a video game. Diana assisted the children with any additional craft materials they need and helped them when needed as she wants them to do it themselves. With lots of encouragement they worked and completed and helped each other to clean up. Although it was a time consuming task it was very well worth the effort. Mina's group although worked hard the actual video game that was constructed didn't work out and so was put in the trash. However Cecil's group TV turned out very good. The children loved playing and using the TV as imaginative play. Friday was staff development day at St Joachim's so there was no school. However, since there was more than 15 children booked in for the day Funtastic Gems was in operation. The children had free play majority of the time. A small group participated in making slime and they had lots of fun. Everyone was very well behaved. After afternoon tea the hall was cleaned up and everyone sat down to watch a movie. Overall the day went smoothly the children had outside play however because it was to windy they weren't out for too long.

## Important Dates & Upcoming Events

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 – St Joachim's Spelling Bee Finals