



# FUNTASTIC GEMS

## NEWSLETTER

TERM 3, WEEK 8

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

Dear Parents,

I hope all the children spoiled their father's on Father's Day last weekend. With only two weeks to go until the Spring Vacation care we are already 80% booked so a reminder to parents that if you are interested in booking your child into any of our programs do so soon before places fills up fast. The past two weeks the children at St Joachim's have been attending the swimming carnival and this Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September is the school swimming carnival in which all children are so excited to attend and couldn't stop discussing about at Funtastic Gems. I hope everyone does well and enjoy themselves at the carnival. I would also like to remind parents that this Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September is the local council Election so please do remember to go vote. Please connect with us on Instagram and Facebook for all latest news and photos of Funtastic Gems events

Thanks,

Diana

## Following Week Program

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September, 2017	Science – Build a boat and see if it floats Craft – Simple Bird Kite
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September, 2017	Got Game Incursion Multi-Sport 4pm to 5pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Sustainability – Press Flower Art Sustainability – Leaf People Craft
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September, 2017	Craft – Self Portrait Science – DIY parachute
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September, 2017	Cooking – Stained Glass Jello Cooking – Rustic Raspberry Lemon Cheesecake Tart

## Julie's Recap of the week



On Monday, Julie's group did a science & craft activity making Magic Bubble Wand with pipe cleaners and wooden beads. Majority of her group was the younger children as the activity was easy and simple. The children were provided with 2 pipe cleaners and asked to make a wand in any shapes of their choice. They made a star, love heart and circle magic wand. After it's done the group went outside to do a bubble experiment. Julie prepared the bubble solution in advance for the children. Everyone was very excited to go outside to play with their bubble wands. Charissa's activity was a Gummy Bear Science Experiment. For the experiment, she had a few helpers to help her pour vinegar, baking soda, sugar, salt and milk into the plastic ups. Everyone in the group were excited and curious as to what will happen to the gummy bears and to see if this experiment worked. On Tuesday, the children participated in sport incursion doing gymnastics. On Wednesday, Julie's group did a cooking activity making Watermelon & Orange Jell-O. Before the activity, with Anthony's help, Julie scooped out the oranges and limes to make into a bowl. Sophie and Deanna were in charge of making Jell-O mix and pouring it into the fruit bowls with the children. They were amazed with the idea of fruit bowls and couldn't wait to see how it would turn out. Everyone had so much fun during the activity. Charissa's activity consisted in the making of a Handmade Piñata. Diana printed out the templates and the children had to cut it out and bend the pieces to the exact line that was shown on the paper. The older children helped out the little ones to construct the piñata and making it to look presentable and colourful. When they were done they were so excited to go home and put some lollies in their piñata. On Thursday, Julie's group did a craft activity making Paper Straw Tulips. The children were to cut out a piece of coloured paper into tulip shapes.



Some children were struggling with making a tulip. Julie provided them with the example so they could trace it. Once it's done, the children were lining up for Julie to punch the holes on their tulips. Then they did weaving with a straw. Julie had to help some younger kids with weaving but overall everyone in the group participate very well and listened to the instruction throughout the activity. Diana had the children participate in a cooking activity making Marshmallow and Strawberries Kebab. Diana prepared a demonstration prior to the activity commencing and noticed that if the chocolate is not hardened on the marshmallow it would be difficult to do the skewers so she prepared the choc marshmallows in advance for all the children that participated. The groups were divided into two small groups and two group leaders were chosen to lead the group. Both Jett and Shayla delegated task for their team members to do fairly and everyone worked really well. Once everyone was done they were very excited to eat what they made. The activity went very well. On Friday, the children didn't participate in any activity as they were exhausted from being at the school swimming carnival all day so Diana had them all watch a movie. Everyone seemed to be happy that a movie was on instead of participating in an activity as they were so tired. A small group brought out pillows to lie on and watched quietly whilst sharing marshmallow.

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