



FUNTASTIC GEMS NEWSLETTER

TERM 1, WEEK 1



Dear Parents,

I would like to warmly welcome back all parents and children to 2017. I hope that everyone have had a safe and wonderful holiday break and ready for another new beginning of a new year. 2017 is about changes at Funtastic Gems and what we can do to improve our services to you. Funtastic Gems will launch a weekly newsletter for parents to know the latest and updated news on what's going on at our service. This newsletter will be posted on our

website each week on a Friday. Parents will also find links to vacation care programs and booking forms on our website. I am so excited to run the Kids Homework Club Program and hope to encourage and improve children learning. Vacation Care Holiday went very smoothly and the children enjoyed many fun activities and incursions planned.

Funtastic Gems recognize the importance of how active play and sport can beneficial the children so we are happy to announced that we have implemented sport incursions every Thursdays for Term 1 run by Mr Vince from Got Game. The incursion will run from 4pm to 5pm and the sport activity will alternate every few weeks. There will be no additional charges and it is all included within the fees. Funtastic Gems will continue to implement more exciting incursions for the children. As numbers are very limited for Thursday Incursion there are limited spaces left so if parents are interested please ensure you let me or my team know to have it reserved.

For parents that do not yet know Julie, she has been with Funtastic Gems since last year with me. Julie is a fantastic team member and is extremely dedicated in her role as well as that very caring and supportive towards the kids and the overall operation of the service. As of Term 1 2017 Julie will be in charge in operating the service with Alex as I have my hands full inside helping children with the kids homework club. I believe that she will do a wonderful job with Alex and please don't hesitate to approach if you require assistance. I also hired a new team member Nicole who will start from week 2 so I hope everyone makes her feel welcome.

Funtastic Gems spaces are filling dramatically and with the increased numbers of children enrolled in 2017 I am sorry to say that any new enrolments will be placed on a waiting list.

Thanks,

Diana

Following Week Program

Mon 6 th Feb, 2017	Cherry Blossom Tree
Tues 7 th Feb, 2017	Clothepin Airplane Inspiring Bulletin chart for centre
Wed 8 th Feb, 2017	Pine Cone Craft Funtastic Gems Children Dream Jar
Thurs 9 th Feb, 2017	Sport Incursion from 4pm – 5pm
Fri 10 th Feb, 2017	Bluberry Cream Cookies Minute to win it

Star of the Week Is

Thashalia

She did a great job as a group leader in a cooking activity this week. Also she was an amazing helper of Julie's group. She helped young children with making lanterns.

Julie's Recap of the week

Hello everyone,

I would like to tell you how your child spent their time at the centre this week. Please enjoy!

On Monday and Tuesday, we stayed in the library because it was very hot in the hall. Activities scheduled on Monday and Tuesday have been modified due to the limited resources in the library. We watched movies instead. The movies we watched were 'Robinson Crusoe' and 'The Wild Life'.

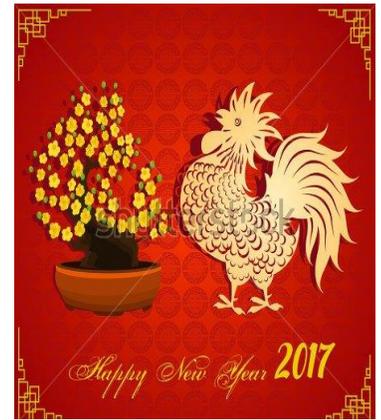
On Wednesday, all the children made their own portfolios to put on the wall. Sophie, Shayla, Thashalia, Deanna and Chloe made a giant tree for the backdrop. The portfolios of the children will be displayed on the tree for the whole year. All of the children did a great job!

The children who haven't done their portfolios continued to make one with Diana on Thursday. Meanwhile, Julie made Triple Chocolates Cookies and Double Chocolates Cookies with the children

who finished their portfolios. They were divided into two groups and made delicious cookies on their own. Julie gave them just little bit of instruction and they managed to make fantastic cookies!

On Friday, we made Lunar New Year Mural and Chinese Lanterns as part of cultural activity. From Y1 to Y2 made lanterns with Julie and from Y3 to Y6 made a mural with Diana. Please come and see the febulous work of our children.

Hope you have a great weekend!



Latest News

From Thursday 9nd Feburary 2017 Funtastic Gems will be implementing sport incursion every Thursday that will alternate every fevs during term 1. If it is a success Funtastic Gems will continue to implement more exciting incursions or programs for the children at the centre.

Dear Parents,

At Funtastic Gems we greatly appreciate families contributions and feedback about our service and the child wellbeing as well as learning. We have an open door policy where families and extended family are very welcome to visit our service and spend some time with their children, this can be through sports, arts and craft, cooking activities or perhaps a special something you can share to the children to participate or do. I know that the children will love having you around the service for a short time. I will guarantee you that you will be one of the topics discussed about at the service. You can use this opportunity to discuss with educators about your needs, how your child is at the service and mingle around and be part of Funtastic Gems team for a day.