



# FUNTASTIC GEMS

## NEWSLETTER

TERM 4, WEEK 1

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2017

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome everyone back to term 4. I hope that you had a wonderful break and enjoyed your long weekend with your children and family during the school holidays. Alex and myself was very busy running the spring vacation care and had endless fun with the many incursions that was organized. The photos of the spring vacation care is available on Funtastic Gems Instagram and Facebook to view so please do remember to follow us. The weather was very good to us and it definitely didn't spoil any of the incursions that was set outside for us. On behalf of Funtastic Gems staff we would like say a big thankyou to all the children and parents that supported us with the Muffin Fundraising on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October at After School Care. Funtastic Gems raised \$100 for RSPCA and they are very grateful and appreciative to the donations we contributed. The RSPCA visit was on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm and it ran for almost an hour. All our visitor presented us and educated us about many things that the RSPCA does through a power point slide and role plays. I would like to remind parents to check their emails in the next coming weeks about 2018 enrolments and re-enrolments, December and January 2018 vacation care program and booking forms as well as any updates information of Funtastic Gems.



Thanks,

Diana

## Following Week Program

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 2017	Craft – Paper Ninja Stars Science – Foam Dough
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 2017	Children’s Fun Day
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 2017	Science – Jellyfish in a bottle Sustainability – Veggie Painting
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 2017	Sustainability – Egg Carton Eye Mask Craft – DIY Melted Accessories
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 2017	Craft – Heart Wreath Cooking - Brownies

## Star of the Week Is

Jett Humphreys

Jett was a fantastic helper for the activities throughout the week.



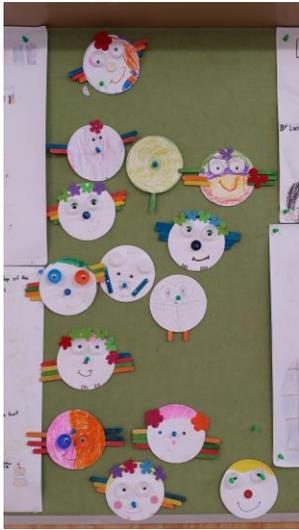
Dear Parents,

Funtastic Gems is organizing Christmas Party and Year 6 Farewell in the Mary Mackillop Hall on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. We would greatly appreciate if you can volunteer an hour or two of your time and assist us with decorating the hall. The time we require are from 10am to 1:30pm, you may stay as short or long time as you wish as your cooperation that day means more than anything. If you can donate any party food it be much appreciated as well. Please don't hesitate to let myself or my team if you wish to volunteer.

## Julie's Recap of the week

On Monday, Julie's group did a craft activity creating a Squid out of paper rolls and wools. The children in her group were to cover paper rolls with coloured papers. With Shayla and Tanya's help, Julie punched holes on the paper rolls so the children could tie up the wools which would act as legs of the

squid. At first, they found it difficult to tie up the wools but after Julie demonstrated several times most of the children were able to do it by themselves. Everyone behaved very well and helped one another throughout the activity. Charissa's activity consisted of using different materials such as buttons, paddle pop sticks, coloured pencils and bottle caps to make an owl out of it. Each child was given a circle shaped paper to put the materials on it. The children were excited about this activity and couldn't wait



to start. There were helpers on each table to assist the younger ones that needs help. They worked well individually and as a team when it came to their artwork and cleaning up time. On Tuesday, as per many children's request, Diana did a Trivia. The children were divided into three groups and versed one another. Each team had a team leader and a buzzer to answer the trivia. All the team members had to take turns to answer to make it fair. Thashalia's team that had won the trivia got ice blocks for the prizes whereas the other teams that had lost had to go outside to run 5 laps. Everyone had so much fun and requested for more games. On Wednesday, Julie's group did a Craft & Science activity making



Robotic Hands out of cardboards, straws and wools. It was a quite challenging activity so the group consisted of the older children. The children were to trace their hands to cut out and stick the straws on the hands to represent bones and then thread the wools into the straws to make the hands movable. It took for a while to finish it but they really liked the robotic hands and couldn't wait to play with it. Throughout the activity, everyone helped one another working together. Charissa's activity consisted of creating Button Art using buttons, coloured papers and glitters. This activity challenges the children's creativity to use the materials to fill up the artwork. They separated in three groups and a leader was on each table to assist the younger ones as it was more challenging. They were excited to work with different materials to make it look presentable. Diana and Charissa drew three different pictures on each paper – a tree, flowers and a hot air button house. They were all challenged however they loved it a lot. On Thursday, we had an instructor from RSPCA coming in to talk about what they are doing for animals and how we respect them in the community. Everyone was so excited and passionate to learn about RSPCA and animals. It was a great opportunity for the children to connect to the community. After their visit Julie's group did a sustainability craft creating Bottle firefly out of water bottles and glow sticks. The children were to decorate the bottles with pipe cleaners and foam sheet and then put the glow sticks in the bottles so it can glow in the dark. Some of them tied up a string on their bottle so they could wear it around their neck. Charissa's activity consisted of making Rocky Road Fudge which only took 10 minutes to make it. The ingredients inside the fudge consisted of condensed milk, vanilla essence, M&M's chocolate buttons and marshmallows. This cooking activity was easy for the children to follow along as there were not many ingredients and it was not challenging. On Friday, Julie's group did a cooking activity making Strawberry Chocolate Cookies. A lot of children have been requesting to make cookies so Julie found something special. It looked like just normal chocolate cookies but it tasted & smelled like strawberries as strawberry cake mix was



added to the batter. The children enjoyed the activity a lot and they couldn't wait to taste it. Charissa's activity consisted of wools, paddle pop sticks and with those materials, it formed a boomerang. Charissa has glued two paddle pop sticks together before the activity so that it's easier for them to start. This activity was a bit challenging at first however once they start getting a hang of it, they loved it. Many of the older ones helped the younger ones to get

started.

