



Goodness me, we're nearly through Term One already! And what a beautiful Term it has been! We have all been heartened to see how settled the children have become. Term one often has a few wobbles with new faces to get to know and different rhythms to home or other groups that children may attend. We try to help make the settling period as smooth as possible whether for new children or returning children after the big break. Well, I can truly say to you all that your children are a credit to you; they are each and every one just delightful to work with. It's going to be a fantastic year 😊



There's nothing like getting out and about to explore..



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# *Everyone belongs*



We had a lovely Harmony Week working with the children around multi-culturalism, and the celebration of our diversity in all its forms. We had some lovely conversations with children sparked by some of our wonderful children's books and the beautiful multicultural resources we had around the room. Of course the highlights of the week were our special Morning Tea gatherings which were attended by many family members, and representatives from Urunga School. We were amazed at the gorgeous food offerings that were brought along by families, many representing their own cultural heritages. There were brilliant Welcomes to Country by Codi on Monday, and Codi and Tyrone on Thursday, enhanced by the wonderful Malaki on the didge; big thanks to Dean Kelly from Yurruunga for organising this. We were very fortunate to have the lovey Snez on Thursday singing both songs for children and Macedonian songs. We sincerely thank every person who came along, and to those who generously brought food to share; its what Harmony Week is all about.





# More Harmony Week













At the start of term when we were learning about Chinese New Year, we were generously provided with lots of takeaway fried rice and spring rolls from the Chinese Restaurant at Urunga Bowling Club. This is one of many examples of the kindness and community spirit that enriches our preschool every day. Thank you to the People @



We thank everyone for their patience as we transition to using the OWNA digital system. As is the way of the world the Dept. of Education is nudging us to get with the program and go digital. We are getting there!

In time, as we become better acquainted with the system we will begin to use more of the OWNA functions, and you may start to see a few posts, or learning stories coming your way. We intend to continue to provide the paper portfolios as we know that having a physical record of your child's learning journey at preschool is a treasure.

As many of you are aware, our dear friend and Aboriginal support worker Rob Canning passed away late last year. We wanted to create a space for us to remember him and reflect on his warmth and kindness. Rob used to create beautiful bouquets of flowers, and he came in last year to teach the children about making lovely bunches of flowers. I remember him saying that he wanted to teach the young fellas that flowers aren't just for girls. So we planted some native flowering plants. We cant wait to get some flowers to brighten our days just as Robbo used to do.





Other highlights of the second half of the term...



Deadly Gumbaynggirr



Sprouting mung beans!



Mud monsters



Mindful yoga



Making pancakes



Watering the fairy garden



Adam's wildlife  
Adventures; Life in water



Music with  
Melina



Tooth fairy visit





## We have enjoyed a wonderful start to term one

### So far...

- We have made lots of new friends
- We have got out and about in our Explorers' group
- We have created masterpieces!
- We have celebrated Lunar New Year
- We have enjoyed yoga classes with Natalie on Wednesdays
- We have enjoyed music classes with Melina on Mondays
- We have re-commenced Gumbaynggirr language classes with Jarwin on Tuesdays
- We were excited to see so many happy faces at our Harmony Week morning teas
- We LOVED Adam's Wildlife Encounters 'Life in Water' incursion all about aquatic life
- We learnt all about keeping our teeth and mouths healthy with Welcome Dental's Susie and Kirsty
- And we are looking forward to our walking excursions along the boardwalk this week, to spot sea creatures, feed the fish and enjoy a hot chips
- We are ready for a restful break, and look forward to welcoming everyone back for term Two on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

### Reminders:

- Please apply SUNSCREEN on arrival (we top up later in the day) and MOZZIEGUARD if you like
- Don't forget a BROAD BRIMMED SUN HAT for your child (please label it)
- Please ensure there are spare clothes in your child's bag –there will be water play! And it will be chilly in the mornings next term.
- Please **pack a small blanket**, or towel for your child to relax on during relaxation
- We are building up our parent library. If you know of any good parenting books, or any that you can pass along, please let us know!
- Please remember to always sign your child in and out –if you need help just ask us 😊

### Dates to remember

- Last Day of term Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April
- First day of Term Two Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

• *Cheers, Sarah and the team 😊*