

August Reflection 2017

August is only half over and it has been very busy already. Early in the month we had Zoo Comes to You visit, which many of the children enjoyed. They were able to get up close and touch Australian native animals. We have had the Tooth Fairy come for a visit and talk to the children about healthy eating and dental care. This was very timely as we have recently been working on a small project about everyday foods and sometimes foods. We then moved on to a cleaning teeth experience in preparation for the Tooth Fairy's visit. The children enjoyed this experience and were amused by the size of the teeth. The children were in awe of the tooth fairy and listened intently to her every word. Have you noticed a difference in their approach to brushing their teeth? We mixed things up a bit at the start of the month by moving the painting to the table and providing some drawing at the easel using a variety of "black" only tools. There are black textas, crayons, pencils and charcoal. The results of the black only drawings have been inspiring where there has been more focus on the shape and design of the drawing as opposed to colour. The water painting at the table has introduced the children to a more subtle use of colours as the paint comes out in pastel shades. The children are good at working in teams. This block building activity demonstrates cooperative team work and strong determination skills. In home corner we have healthy food props and the children share a pretend healthy meal, often inviting educators to come and have a "cup of tea" with them.

Links to the National Quality Standards: Quality Area 1, Educational Program and Practice and Quality Area 6 Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities and TRCC Philosophy

