



Kookaburra Room April 2024 Reflection

April in the Kookaburra room was a lively and bustling time, filled with the laughter and energy of children eager to explore the arts and outdoors with their friends. Amidst the festivities, our primary focus remained on nurturing the children's emotional and physical well-being, which has shown promising signs of improvement as they exhibit more kindness towards one another.

Literacy and numeracy remained central to our curriculum, and we've been thrilled to witness significant progress in the children's name recognition and writing abilities. They're becoming increasingly independent in their skills, relying less on pre-cut names and demonstrating newfound confidence in writing their own names on their artwork.

The transitioning from Summer to Autumn has been an adventurous experience with outdoor fun collecting leaves of different shades and branches for the children to create their own trees.

Throughout the month, we celebrated various occasions including Easter, International Children's Book Day, Eid, Ramadan, and Anzac Day, providing ample opportunities for creative expression through arts and crafts. The Kookaburra Room was transformed into a colourful haven, with vibrant displays of artwork ranging from Easter bunnies to Eid lanterns and Anzac Day poppy collages.

One notable project that captivated the children's imagination was "The Three Little Pigs," where they constructed houses using recycled materials such as pizza boxes, fruit trays, and sticks. With guidance from educators and a variety of art supplies, they brought each house to life, accompanied by farm animal figurines and natural materials for added authenticity.

As April drew to a close, we commemorated Anzac Day with heartfelt collages of poppy flower arrangements on a black paper background.

As we transition into May, our calendar is filled with exciting activities:

- May 4th- International Star Wars Day- May Fourth
- May 4th- International Firefighters Day
- 8th May- World Red Cross Day
- 5th- 11th May – International Compost Awareness Week
- 12th May: International Nurses Day
- 12th May – Mother's Day
- 14th – 21st May – National Road Safety Week.
- 15th May: International Day of Families.
- 20th May – World Bee Day.
- 21st May – World Day for Cultural Diversity
- 22nd May_ National Simultaneous Story Time
- 26th May: National Sorry Day
- 27th May- 3rd June: National Reconciliation Week
- 31st May- Last day of Autumn

During May, our main emphasis remains on fostering emotional and physical wellness, along with enhancing numeracy and literacy skills. Nonetheless, as we progress through the month, our attention will gradually shift towards exploring the transition from Autumn to Winter, preparing for the upcoming seasonal change in June.

Looking back on the previous month, it has been remarkably enjoyable and rewarding.

Learning Outcome 3: CHILDREN HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF WELLBEING

Children become strong in their social, emotional and mental wellbeing.

This is evident, for example, when children: Seek out and accept new challenges, make new discoveries, and celebrate their own efforts and achievements and those of others.

Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment.

This is evident, for example, when children: Recognise the contributions, they make to shared projects and experiences.



