



## August - November Newsletter

## DIRECTORS CORNER

Hello families,

Our final newsletter edition of 2022 is here! What a year it has been at Rose Cottage.

At this point of the year, I always sit back in heavy reflection mode on the many things that we have achieved as a team. Our abilities to overcome stressful and unexpected situations, working together as professionals in an early childhood setting to provide quality education & care, coming full circle on the journey of improvement and being awarded an Exceeding rating but most of all keeping relationships and one another at the centre of it all. This is what matters the most!

As we close the chapter on this year and move into a new one, which will be 2023, I want to take this moment to thank our families for their undivided support for us as a team. We appreciate and value all of you so very much, and look forward to another wonderful year together for our children and families who stay on.



*Caring for our environment  
through gardening in the Koala  
room*

From Kerri's Kitchen 😊

Lunchbox week is here!

From 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> December, the Kangaroo children have the opportunity to pack their lunchboxes and bring them each day to Rose Cottage. This helps to prepare them for school and being responsible for their own health, wellbeing and for their belongings.

Remember to pack healthy, nutritious foods and snacks; avoiding nuts as we are a nut free service!



Professional Development in August - November for educators:

Practice Plus with Philip Butler: Began in February 2022 (ongoing)

Education Leadership: Dav and Marcela

Leadership coaching with Sarah Moore: Tara (ongoing June – October)



## Koala Room

Over the last few months, the children helped Marcela put together our new garden! They began helping to take all the leaves out of the garden bed, then once all the succulents had been planted, they each took turns watering the garden. We would like to extend a thank you to everyone who contributed to the project!

We also welcomed three new members to the Koala room during this period, Poppy, Toby and Lilian.

We have also been taking a closer look at the various schemas, particularly trajectory, transporting and enclosing. The children have explored these through various activities and set-ups. As part of International Literacy Day – the children were encouraged to swap books brought in from home. Several trips happened to the big yard, which allowed us to explore and try new things, strengthen our skills and bond with our older peers.

The children assisted in changes made to the garden by October with a new plant-pot. There were inclusions made to the indoor and outdoor areas aswell, like a small shop area, which was child-initiated, as well as a few accessories.



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## Wombat Room

The wombats have been busy over the past few months with lots of new and exciting adventures taking part in our room.

Excursions are back! Especially lately, we have been focusing our monthly curriculum on few experiences that would allow the wombats to experiences time out of the centre and discovering new things.

In September, we have focused a lot on our gardening practices. By taking turns our wombats have been to Whites Creek Community Garden, such a great opportunity for our toddlers to see the big effort the Kangaroo had made my taking care of it for this whole time.

In October, our little guys went to a fun morning at Market Place in Leichardt. We had babycino, donuts and a plenty occasions to get together and discover our surrounding and support or community.

In November, our little Wombats experience the Australian museum with a close eye on dinosaurs and aboriginal practices. It has been definitely one of the most excited excursion after three long years.



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## Kangaroo Room

The month of August brought a new focus for the Kangaroos in the form of tennis and soccer skills as part of our FITT program. This also brought in the practical maths element to the curriculum as maths in daily practice, the Kangaroos got to use their acquired maths skills to count goals, points and to keep scores of the games.

September was another busy month in the as we kicked things off with a visit from Healthy Harold! A great incursion that encouraged teamwork, turn taking, emotional regulation, music and movement and ended with a cuddle from the giraffe himself. We went on our regular garden visits and the Kangaroos were excited to harvest some kale, tomatoes and cucumbers.

November has proven to be a huge month of exploring for the Kangaroos - a trip to the Australian museum to see the Burra, Garrigarrang: Sea Country and Dinosaur exhibitions. We even had some of our Wombat friends, Tara and Kerri join us- it was an amazing day and we had loads of fun!



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## Sun Protection policy and expectations

Recently I sent families our Sun Protection policy and reminders about sun safety practices here at Rose Cottage.

It is expected that we follow this very closely during the warmer months of summer from December-February especially.

While we have expectations as educators in regards to this, families are also expected to support this and apply sunscreen when you arrive at Rose Cottage in the morning. The educators are quite busy with breakfast, greeting and helping with upset children and one less thing for them to have to do is much appreciated. There is always sunscreen at the front near the iPad or in each outdoor space so it is readily available for you to apply with your child.

We appreciate your support with our sun safe practices.





## Christmas Closure 2022

Our last day of the year is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2022. Final fees were debited yesterday and the first direct debit for fees in 2023 will be Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Statements will be sent on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January so please look out for this to be sure what amount is due to be debited the next day. Bind top ups will occur on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January to reflect the new fee structure.

We hope all of our families have a wonderful Christmas and a safe & happy new year!



## Farewell to our Kangaroo children!

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December we welcomed our children & families to Rose Cottage to celebrate their time at Rose Cottage as it sadly comes to an end. This is always such a happy yet sad moment for us educators as we have seen these little people grow from a baby into a confident, happy and wonderful little person. We cannot tell you how proud we are of who each of them are individually, and just how much we are going to miss seeing them every week. We wish them all the best on their next journey as they begin school!



## Relationships and connections in Early Childhood

*“Educators’ practices and the relationships they form with children and families have a significant effect on children’s involvement and success in learning. Children thrive when families and educators work together in partnership to support young children’s learning.” (EYLF, page 10)*

As human beings, we are hard wired for connection. This is integral to our lives especially when it comes to important relationships. This is the number one most important aspect of being an early childhood educator and wanting the best possible outcomes for children’s learning and wellbeing.

There are five Principles and five Practices in the Early Years Learning Framework, which are sometimes overlooked as the outcomes seem the most important. Embedded principles and practices are what provides greater learning outcomes for the children within an early childhood setting.

The first principle is Secure, Respectful and Reciprocal Relationships. When educators are attuned to this and spend the quality time to develop such relationships with children and families, they support strong connections and the development of a strong sense of wellbeing. Through this network of secure relationships, children develop confidence; feel respected, seen and valued.

Our philosophy at Rose Cottage places high values on our relationships and partnerships and what the children gain from this over the years that they attend our early childhood setting.

We will always place the children first, and what it means to develop such relationships and connections with one another. Children will become strong in their identities, wellbeing and confidence as learners and carry this with them throughout their lives.

Written by Tara.

[https://www.acecqa.gov.au/sites/default/files/2018-02/belonging being and becoming the early years learning framework for australia.pdf](https://www.acecqa.gov.au/sites/default/files/2018-02/belonging%20being%20and%20becoming%20the%20early%20years%20learning%20framework%20for%20australia.pdf)

*“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”*

*Nelson Mandela*

