



Currumbin Pines Early Learning Centre

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What has been happening

We are still on the hunt for recycling items. At this time, we are looking for something specific, such as:

- Pipes
- Soft drink bottles
- Milk bottle lids
- Any wooden bits
- Screws and nails
- Cable
- Wooden cable drums
- Tiles



We have been introducing a variety of recyclable resources that are open ended and stimulate children's imagination. We appreciate if you could bring any recycling or loose parts to our centre as we would love to grow this idea of letting children use their creativity and imagination in a variety of ways. In an **early childhood** education setting **loose parts** mean alluring, beautiful, found objects and materials that children can move, manipulate, control, and change while they play. Put another way, **loose parts** promote social competence because they support creativity and innovation.



We would love any recycling items donated to us.



AFRICAN BEAT DRUMMING

We never thought it was possible for a room full of children to be captivated by one single person. The African Master Drummer had the children spellbound. He came dressed in a colourful and authentic African costume, and brought a drum for every child.

Children had an immediate attraction to the drums and loved to feel the rhythm. Interactive drumming is an excellent energy release, encouraging social interaction and building confidence.



Meet Mr Connor

As part of our ongoing search for excellence in our kindy, we would like to introduce you to our new member of staff, Connor Maitland, who joined us at Currumbin Early Learning Centre of Excellence from Monday 20th November. Initially, as our Pre-Kindy Room has quite a mix of ages and lots of boys, we thought the introduction of a male to our team in that room would be a wonderful addition. We feel lucky to have found him. Mister Connor has a wide range of expertise, including training and assessment, designing and delivering professional development programs in cultural competence and team building, special needs education plus a working knowledge of the Reggio Emilia philosophy.

Mister Connor will be joining Miss Carmelina and Miss Jesse in the Pre-Kindy Room. To facilitate that space, Miss Brie will be moving to the Junior Kindy to help Miss Donna and Miss Ashleigh on a full-time basis. Miss Mel, who is with us 3 days per week, will continue to be in that room as need arises, but will also share her expertise and her nurturing spirit in different parts of the Centre

Kindy excursion

By Miss Deb (Kindy educator)

With all the excitement leading up to our excursion to the Sir Thomas Planetarium the actual experience was so much more than we could have asked for.

Smiles spread across the children's faces as they arrived at Kindy to see the bus waiting for them and those smiles became infectious with mums, dads and teachers sharing the joy of the children's wonder. For many it was their first one on a bus and the excitement bubbled over into giggles and shrieks as they spotted trucks, trains and even their houses as we drove along.

Arriving at the Planetarium we looked after each other holding hands as we walked from the bus inside. We were greeted by life size statue of Neil Armstrong on the Moon. Max M, Henry and Nixon gravitated towards him mesmerised to see an astronaut with others gathering around gazing in awe.

Inside the Skydome we took our seats, sat back and waited for the show to begin. Mr Peter explained to us the film we would watch before viewing the night sky over Brisbane. As the lights faded, so to did the excited chatter and before long a family of

aliens popped up above our heads to take us on a magical space journey through the cosmos to visit every planet.

"We're in a rocket ship!" Owen said as it felt as though we were moving

"Wow, I want to live on Mars!" Riley commented as the aliens walked across the surface.

After the aliens, we watched as the sun sunk below the horizon to reveal a spectacular night sky. Thousands of stars lit up the dark. Mr Peter showed us many constellations we can look for in the sky ourselves such as Orion, Taurus the bull, Pegasus and the Great Dog as well as Sirius the brightest star in the sky. When we thought we had surely seen everything we were treated to a stunning display of shooting stars streaking across the blackness.

Did you know a shooting star is the size of one grain of sand?

What a truly remarkable universe we live in.

After a well deserved lunch on the grass and a run around to release some energy we took our seats on the bus once more for the homeward journey. Clicking in our seat belts the ride home was a much quieter one with many succumbing to the excitement and lull of the bus engine to catch a power nap.

We would like to thank all the parents who came along to help us today as we couldn't have done this without you.



Together we are better



FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

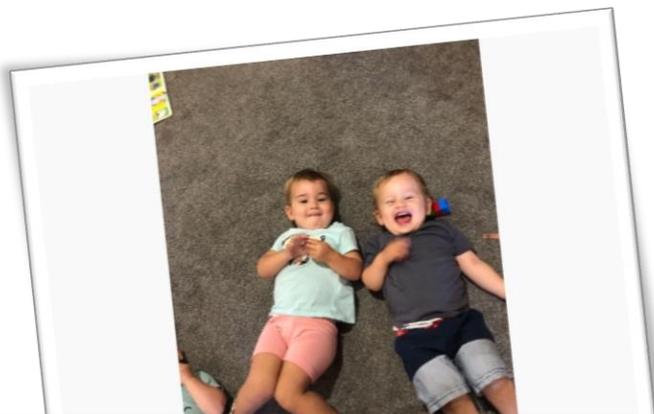
We would love to have you joining our parent's committee, if you are interested, please e-mail director@currumbinpineseearlylearning.com.au

PARENT'S COMMITTEE

On 15th November, we had our very first Parent's committee meeting. We were able to make decisions about our Christmas party and make sure CPELC is a centre that represents our families at heart. We would like to thank Andy McCallum, Kate Castriota, Anne Morgan, Gianetta Cooper. We can't wait to have our next meetin!

REMINDERS:

- PLEASE NAME YOUR CHILDREN'S BELONGINGS
- IF LOST ITEMS ARE UNCLAIMED UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR, WE WILL KEEP IT FOR SPARE CLOTHING OR DONATE IT.
- PLEASE REMEMBER TO PUT SUNSCREEN ON YOUR CHILD BEFORE COMING IN TO THE CENTRE. WE WILL APPLY AGAIN AT LUNCH TIME.



We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Thank you for trusting us with your biggest treasures. We cannot wait for what 2018 will bring to us!!