

# SEPTEMBER REFLECTION 2019



The last 2 weeks in the Possum Room has been full of conversations about everything from independent interactions, imaginative play and social connections with educators and peers. Our children's language skills have blossomed these past couple weeks into full blown conversations with each other about everything they can explore while in care.

To follow our interests in gardening, the children have been enjoying a new play space where they can pretend and explore planting their own broad beans at the water table. They have different sized pots, soil, seeds, garden trowels and gloves to play and explore all the concepts we have been learning throughout the year.

With the introduction of the Woolworth's Discovery Garden Program, the children have also been collecting, growing and taking care of many seedlings in hopes to add some new plants to our new space. The while service is participating in this program and our Possum Children are being pros at cultivating our plants.

The children have been learning about safety throughout the year through conversations with educators about the safe way to climb the apparatus and looking in front of us when we are running to ensure we don't hit anything. Our focus has started to shift to boke and road safety with the introduction of helmets and talking about safe practices while walking to the park. The children are showing us their understanding of these concepts by telling us about road safety. We have a survey of some road safety questions for the children's portfolios, many of which will give the parents a laugh (after all most of the children are only 2 years old).

Over the course of the last few weeks our room has enjoyed the company of a student named Tahlia who has introduced our children to some fun experiences such as our talking chicken activity. She created a fishing game for the Possums to play with designed to follow our curriculum about learning our colours and developing our counting skills. The children are really enjoying the opportunity to play with this game and have been asking to use it throughout the day.

The 19<sup>th</sup> was "Talk Like A Pirate" day and the 20<sup>th</sup> was "International Day of Peace". These days allowed us to explore our art interests by colouring Pirate pages and to make book marks to use in our favourite books. We have watched a few video book pirate stories like "How To Become A Pirate" which the children really enjoyed.

The next few weeks the children are going to have activities to Celebrate Footy Day and International Day of the Older Person which will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 1st and World Animal Day on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

