

# September Reflection 2020

The month of September has brought the children together from the Possum's and the Joey's rooms. Each day the children would family group in the Kookaburra Room for breakfast, and then at 8am we would come down to the Possum room for the full day together. This opportunity has benefitted both the Joeys and the Possums in very different ways.

The Possums have eagerly involved the Joeys within the routine of the room, role modelling all the things they have learned throughout the year. From how to use the art trolley, to using two hands when climbing on the a-frames in the yard. The Possums have been very warm and welcoming to the Joeys and often are seen helping the Joeys when they need support by doing things like getting a washer after a meal to collecting their hat from the hat pocket to get ready for going outdoors.

The Joey's have been enjoying the different environment and the opportunity to choose for themselves if they would like to play indoors verses out. This added freedom to explore and choose for themselves, has the Joey's bouncing between experiences, learning about all the options on offer to them. The Joey's have been very settled throughout the month. We have even seen some new walking, talking and great sleep time routines being established and the Joey's were quick to understand what a progressive tea time looks like.

The children have had a lot of diverse experiences offered this month from a tent in the yard filled with all our favourite books to some guided and free play art opportunities such as Father's Day crafts and squirt bottle paintings in the art studio outdoors. The see saws have come back out and everyone races to be the first person on them each morning, Possums and Joeys alike.

Group time has been child led lately. The educators now say to the closest Possum, "It's matt time. Would you like to call everyone in?" and usually we here our chant, "To the Mat, To the Mat, To the Mat, Mat, Mat" being bellowed from the classroom doorway. Every child comes running with at least one Possum helping a Joey to the matt.

As difficult as the stage 4 lockdowns have been on everyone, the Possum and Joey children have embraced the adjustment and have been eager to explore the opportunities of being together and it has been a very fun month, indeed.

