

Koala Room January 2022 Reflection 1

The first few weeks in the Koala Room have been very exciting and filled with lots of independence and friendships. The children were very eager to get out and play outside in the 'big' yard something we have been talking about for the last month. They went straight for the bikes but we spoke about safety riding the bikes and that we needed to wear our helmets. Although it can be quite tricky to push the bike, they were able to keep going with one big push from an educator. Another thing they have been enjoying is the climbing equipment in the yard, they have a bridge attached to the a-frames and the Koala children seem so confident when climbing. As the children are now in the Koala Room we have been talking about independence and giving them instructions before lunch time and throughout. They are now serving themselves morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea as well as pouring their own drinks. With some guidance the children are able to advocate and ask for what they want throughout their meal times. Our lunch time routine is also very different and after we have finished our group time an educator will show them pictures of their names alongside an animal and some of the children can already confidently identify their name based on their animal. It's very impressive to see the children already associating their own name based on the animal next to it, after they have collected their name, they are to pick a seat and wash their hands. Once they have finished washing their hands, they then collect their own cutlery including bowl and cup and go back to sit on the table. The Koala children have really enjoyed becoming independent and doing things for themselves.

We had a very special visitor this month, our friend Lucille-Grace brought in her two new puppies Lefty and Twinny. She was very proud of her puppies and was excited to show all her friends and educators. The puppies were an American bulldog cross and they were very cute and all the children got to have a little pat as did the educators. We are now looking for some dogs to put in our cubby house inside the Koala Room.

