

## Kookaburra Room 1<sup>st</sup> Reflection March 2022



The Kookaburra Children have been busy helping to create their Family Tree. They have been bringing in family photos and have started decorating a wooden tree with paint. The children went to the fairy garden and collected all kinds of leaves. We brought the leaves back to the room and used them to decorate the tree. The children even used green paint on their hands to make handprint leaves. Once everything was dry and the tree was ready to hang, we placed it on the wall and added our family photos. The children have enjoyed creating this experience and are often seen visiting the tree throughout the day to show each other their families. We over hear conversations about their families, photos and siblings.

We have been very busy exploring the Kinder yard while the renovations of our yard are being conducted. Each morning, after tea is finished, we walk with a partner, holding hands as we walk to the Kinder Yard. We have been spending about an hour each morning here, getting some fresh air and burn off some energy. The children are enjoying the big open space to run and play games like tag and ball. We have also begun going on excursions to the local parks and having a play on the playgrounds.

Show and tell is going well. The children are developing knowledge about the days of the week, through the show and tell schedule. They bring in a variety of items such as photo albums, shells they collected from the beach and even a baby sister (the children and educators loved the baby visit!). The children are getting very good at following the show and tell routine of putting their object in the basket and then putting it in their bags after show and tell is finished.

We are currently focused on manners in the Kookaburra Room. Using our words in times of conflict and throughout routine changes such as meal times when we pass food. We have also been focused on our packing up routines. We have a pack up song and a five-minute sand timer in which the children love to beat the clock. Group times have been smooth, with the children learning new songs and have been exploring finger puppets along with some songs.