

## Koala Room July 2022 Reflection 1



This month we were kindly donated a beautiful wooden large doll house and the children have really been enjoying it. They are using their imagination and working together while playing setting up the areas of the lounge room and kitchen. It has really benefited their language skills using the dolls to talk to each other or even them speaking to the dolls about what they need to do. The aboriginal culture is embedded in our centre so to celebrate NAIDOC week this month from the 3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> of July we decided to read "The Rainbow Serpent" and do some pastings with black, red and yellow paint with some natural materials. The children enjoyed doing the painting at the table and adding leaves and sticks onto their art work. We spoke about what the colours resembled, black resembles the Aboriginal people, red resembles the earth and yellow the sun. To extend on our reading we decided to make our own Rainbow Serpent using clay, googly eyes and sticks. The texture of the clay is wet and hard and although some children were hesitant at first after a few minutes of touching they went for it and started to use both hands. Some children needed some help to make the shape of a snake but once we started doing it together, they would take over and continue. Once they are dry the children will paint their own snake and then we will display them in the hallway. We also listened to some aboriginal music the songs were Inanay, Pitgantjatjara 123 and Taba Naba which actually went along with a dance which was a bit tricky to follow. The children enjoyed these songs so much that we later looked up the sound of a didgeridoo and used some clapping sticks to go along with the music. We have also added some new experiences to the tables magnets, small world play with a train track and some new puzzles. The magnets seemed to attract the most attention picking up lots of small magnets then trying to take them off. They also enjoyed filling up the small cars with the magnets and then taking them out and sticking them to the leg of the table.